

GENERAL

our tour san blas to cartagena will take 4 days 3 nights. the cost is 450usd(470usd from june 2012) wich includes all immigration works, food (min 3 meals per day) and drinks (ex alcoholic beverages and sodas). we are very famous for our good food (vegetarians get vegi-food)! the crossing cartagena to san blas over open sea is max 30 hours sailing and all the rest of the time we spend in san blas islands on one of the most beautiful spots, anchored in between several little uninhabited palm-tree-covered islands with white beaches and surrounded by wonderful coral reefs. we provide good snorkeling gear, there is fishing equipment on board as well as a floating bar and lots of "noodles" to hang around in the water and you will do the very famous ropeswing and we do a beachparty with BBQ

nobody has to bring any food or drinking water on board! there is no limits for shower and drinking water as we do produce our own water by a seawater-desalinator. we have a stock of beer, sodas and rum on board (beers and sodas 1us per can, rum 12us bottle)

everybody on board helps with cooking and cleaning and sail-maneuvres.

HOW TO GET TO STAHLRATTE IN SAN BLAS

by 4WD from panama city (that takes 3 hours and costs 34usd including the 6usd kuna tax and 5usd for the 20 min canoa-ride from carti river down to where the ship is anchored).

we do organize the jeeps so we only need to know in wich hostel you are to send the driver there in the same morning of tour beginning at about 05:00am

TOUR SCHEDULE

1st day: you will get on board in carti/san blas at about 10am where we will be already waiting for you with one of famous stahlrattes breakfast. while you eat we will do the immigration with the panamanian immigration officer or in carti or we have to move on to "el porvenir" island wich is a 45 minutes away from carti. after the immigration we head for "cayos coco bandero" wich will take us about 3.5 to 4 hours. in coco bandero cays you will have time to go for a snorkel or relax until we organize the beach BBQ at about 4:30pm than....partytime with big bonfire

2nd day: eat well, snorkel at the fabulous reefs around, relax, ropeswing, enjoy the most beautiful beaches of the caribbean sea, eat well again and again....maybe more party....

3rd day: we will lift anchor at about 5:30am and sail out to the open sea and take course to cartagena. we will try to catch some tuna or kingfish on the way....

4th day: we arrive to cartagena inner harbour at about 11am. packing your stuff while we wait for immigration, eat well and about 2pm after lunch we will drop you on shore a 5 minutes taxidrive from getsemani the centre of town where all the hostels are

HOW MANY PERSONS ON BOARD/ACCOMODATION/SPACE

the max persons on board can be 22 including the crew of 4-5. everybody gets her/his own bed inside the ship (no bed-sharing) and additional we have several sunchairs and hammocks and deck-matresses for relaxing or sleeping outside. all the sleeping accomodations are equipped with ventilators. we have 5 double cabins and 8 single berths with high quality mattresses and reading lights and space for your backpack/personal luggage for our guests.

there is so much space and different rooms and deckspace on this ship that you will always find a quiet spot to relax even when we are full booked.

we have constantly 220/110volt electricity for charging your electronic devices.

in cases of emergency there is the possibility to send emails or make phonecalls via satellite-phone. we have plenty space on board for carrying motorbikes (price for motorcycle+driver=820usd (900usd from june2012), bicycles(50usd extra)

WHAT DO I NEED FROM YOU FOR THE BOOKING

your passport details: full name, date and place of birth, nationality, passport number wich you please send to info.steelrat@les-raisting.de

when booking is made in advance more than 10days before tour, i need you to reconfirm your booking a 5 days before tour beginning by email so i can be sure your plans have not changed.

PAYMENT

you can pay in cash on board (us-dollars, euro, peso colombiano) exchange rates are the daily official rates. you also can pay via bank-transfer to our associations bank-account in germany (ask for the bank details if you wish to do this)

DISCOUNTS

for every person you bring=20usd discount,

every person+pushbike=30usd discount

every person+motorcycle=50usd discount

OUR PROJECT/COMPARE WITH OTHER BOATS

its allmost impossible to compare what we do offer you and our ship with any other service and other boats in this area. stahlratte is at least 15 times bigger than the next largest boat on this route wich takes the same amount of passengers. we buy and cook best food because we like to keep a high level of life-quality and not try to feed as much people as possible with less costs.

the real difference is that:

SV "Stahlratte" is not a commercial sailingvessel and the owner is a foundation wich was founded in 1984 as a commune and the ships purpose was/is to be a travelling platform for group life/experience. the project is run without any profits and issue is the surviving and maintenance of this historic ship and keep it sailing for many people to have fun and good experiences.

the crew is composed out of volunteers (also backpackers) who work in a rotation system for 3-6 month without being payed. all money earned with guests sailing on "Stahlratte" is exclusively for the maintenance of this vessel and for the living of the 4-5 crewmembers as long as they stay on board.

THE SHIP

STAHLRATTE is a traditional saingship built 1903 in holland and its very well maintained and equipped for worldwide highsea sailing. the ships dimensions are: 40 meters/120feet length over all, 6,6 meters beam ,3 meters draft and 235tons of weight. safety equipment is allways in legal order for max 28 persons and checked every year after the international safety regulations SOLAS for professional operating vessels. liferafts for 28 persons, lifejackets for 28 persons, 2 epirb, 1 radartransponder, inmarsat satellite phone, 2 gps navigation systems, radar, vhf radio and ssb radio.

the ship is equipped with a saltwaterdesalination system to produce 120liters of high quality fresh water per hour.

CREWING ON STAHLRATTE

we are allways interested in new crewmembers as we have a rotation system. the crewing time is between 3 month and 6 month. if you have that time and you are interested ask and we will send you detailed infos.

you can find a lot of infos on our webpage www.stahlratte.de and plenty reviews searching "stahlratte" and "backpacker" in www (google)

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