



**SEA KAYAKING
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PANAMA SEA KAYAKING ADVENTURE

9-Day San Blas Kayaking and Cultural Experience

START OF YOUR ITINERARY

DESCRIPTION/ACTIVITY	LODGING & MEALS
DAY 1. A REP WILL MEET YOU AT PTY AIRPORT	Radisson Panama Canal Hotel (or similar) No meals included on this day
Today is designated as your International Travel Day. A Sea Kayaking Costa Rica Representative will greet you at the international airport and take your hotel. Upon your arrival, you'll have the chance to relax and unwind from your international travels. Either in the late afternoon or early evening, you will be meeting your guide who will take you to a nice restaurant for a local dish and the trip briefing.	
DAY 2. SEA KAYAKING ORIENTATION AND PADDLE	Digirdup Island Tent Camping Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Early this morning right after breakfast, we'll leave the city and cross the Continental Divide to San Blas (a 2.5-hour drive). You are now in the Kuna people's semi-autonomous territory; the location's remoteness and authentic culture will give you the feel of a National Geographic expedition. From there we will hop into our support boat for a drive to our first island. The remainder of the day, you will become familiarized with your kayak by paddling along the rainforest mainland, and perhaps we'll enter a cute little river if time and water level allow. This way we get the opportunity to test and adjust our boats and make sure we feel comfortable before we commit to any long stretches of paddling in the days to come. In the later afternoon, we'll walk into the Kuna village for an introduction to their culture and get to meet the women who will be showing their traditional outfits called 'Molas'. During our walk, we'll be greeted by the many cute, ever-smiling Kuna kids. In the evening we'll	



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have our first Kuna dish where after they'll perform a local dance in the moonlight. Surely, you'll all be ready for our first night's sleep in your cozy tents.

DAY 3. CROSSING TO REACH DIADUP ISLAND

This morning after packing our camp, we begin a 4-5 hour paddle to the uninhabited island of Diadup. The paddling includes two open-channel crossings. Our motorized support boat will carry our dry bags (luggage) and camping equipment, so our kayaks will be light and maneuverable. Additionally, our support boat can assist paddlers in need or if tired. We'll stop on a lovely island somewhere along the way for lunch and after we'll continue to today's destination: a marvelous little island with just a local family living on it. The afternoon will be at leisure to relax in your hammock or play in the ocean. We provide a hammock for each of the participants.

**Diadup Island
Tent Camping**

Meals included:
Breakfast, Lunch &
Dinner

DAY 4. PADDLE ALONG CAYS TO REACH SICHIRDUP ISLAND

Today we break camp and paddle along sand cays and across open channels to the magical uninhabited white sand island of Sichirdup. This small island will be our home for the next 2 nights. The coral reef surrounding the island offers amazing snorkeling opportunities. Be sure to bring your snorkel and mask! (We have masks and snorkel available, however, we encourage you to bring your own).

**Sichirdup Island
Tent Camping**

Meals included:
Breakfast, Lunch &
Dinner

DAY 5. LAYOVER AT SICHIRDUP ISLAND

Layovers are great!! This morning sleep-in, you do not need to pack your tent and your belongings, instead relax! At mid-morning, we are taking a day trip to the nearby mainland, where we will paddle our kayaks upstream through the gentle Rio Paloma looking for wildlife and the best swimming holes. This is a wonderful opportunity to bathe in the fresh clean river water. Once we can't paddle any further upstream, we will continue our exploration on foot on the trails parallel to the river. On our way back we

**Sichirdup Island
Tent Camping**

Meals included:
Breakfast, Lunch &
Dinner



will stop for a picnic lunch at the shore of the river! After lunch we'll paddle back to Sichirdup for an afternoon snorkeling session along the 'wall'; a drop outside the reef offering spectacular marine life sightings!

DAY 6. ANOTHER STRETCH OF AMAZING KAYAKING

Today we set off on another amazing stretch of tropical sea kayaking to reach the amazing Island of Bidirdup. The 3-4-hour paddle necessary to get there will have us initially island hopping and eventually making one open crossing. Bidirdup is a small island, with the acreage of a football field, and with only one native family being the only inhabitants and caretakers of the island, so the fine white sands, turquoise water, and picture-perfect setting will likely be yours, and yours alone during your visit.

Great snorkeling here too!

Bidirdup
Tent Camping

Meals included:
Breakfast, Lunch &
Dinner

DAY 7. PADDLE TO REACH DOVE ISLAND

This morning we will jump in our kayaks and head west with the predominant wind and current, for approximately 3 hours, island hopping our way to Nube Sibudup (or Dove Island), another tropical atoll paradise. This beautiful island evidences our transition from the remote areas of the Guna Yala Archipelago to the areas slightly tainted by the recent growth of tourism spurred by the paving of the road leading to the area. Formerly a footpath, and for many years a 4x4 challenge, this paved road provides the only vehicle access to Guna Yala.

Nube Sibudup
Tent Camping

Meals included:
Breakfast, Lunch &
Dinner

DAY. 8 MOTORBOAT & DRIVE BACK TO THE BIG CITY

Early morning, we will leave our kayaks and hop on a motorboat and motor to the road access to meet our comfortable 4x4 vehicle, which will drive us back to Civilization (a.k.a. Panama City), where we should arrive by midafternoon. Once we get to your hotel, you will check in and say goodbye to your guide! You have the option to

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Meals included:
Breakfast



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enjoy one last dinner with your guide in the old city of Casco Viejo, which we highly recommend you visit.

DAY 9. DEPARTURE DAY

All good things must come to an end, and this day we have arranged for your transportation to the international airport in Panama City to catch your flight home. You will leave Panama with a new understanding of the tropics and with a unique insight into the simple lifestyle and worldview of the Kuna People. To you we say "nu-edí," or thank you in the Kuna language.

N/A

Meals included:
Breakfast

END OF YOUR ITINERARY

- Pick up times and other details confirmed by guide upon arrival briefing -

Our **Panama Sea Kayaking Adventure 9-Day San Blas Kayaking and Cultural Experience** is priced at US\$ 3099 per person (based on double occupancy) These prices include all taxes and fees; a single supplement is US\$250.

If you are a single traveler or prefer not to share accommodation, a single supplement fee of USD \$250 is charged with the final balance. For bookings, please be sure to contact our office this way we can check availability.

Prices are final and include all taxes and fees.

Included in Trip Cost

- Bilingual Sea Kayaking Guide
- Kuna Sea Kayaking Guide
- Local support staff including professional cooks preparing meals on location
- Support boat with licensed captain and mariner
- All transportation from arrival on day 1 through departure from Panama City on day 9
- 2 nights hotel in Panama City with breakfast included
- 6 nights camping in Kuna Yala
- Meals as outlined in the itinerary
- All activities and equipment as outlined in the itinerary



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- All transportation from arrival on day 1 through departure from Panama City on day 9
- Detailed Packing List
- Sea Kayaking Costa Rica provides wine at select meals

Not Included in Your Trip Cost

- International flights to and from Panama
- Single supplement (\$250)
- Insurance of any kind, including travel or mandatory medical evacuation insurance
- Alcohol (except wine at select meals) and personal items (an equipment list will be provided)
- Guide gratuities – the standard is 10-15%, and the trip leader will gladly distribute this amongst the support staff
- Sleeping pads

Reservations A down payment is required at the time of reservation. We charge a down payment of \$500 per person and the balance **45 days** prior to your arrival date. We accept all major Credit Cards, International Bank Wire Transfers, and *PayPal* payments. **Once a participant is ready to submit their payment, they can contact us directly so we can send them a secure payment link.**

We offer a 5% discount for bank wire payments. If so, we will send you our bank details by email.

Upon receiving your deposit, your booking is secured. You will receive a booking confirmation email as well as a *San Blas Panama: Travel Tips & Useful Information (Including suggest packing list) Document*. You also receive a link to our **Survey Form** for you to complete and submit online.

Meeting Place & Time: For travelers arriving on day 1, a Sea Kayaking Costa Rica representative will meet you at the Tocumen Airport in Panama City (PTY) and provide a transfer to our hotel.

After Your Trip: On the final day of your trip, you will be transferred to the international airport of PTY 3 hours before your outbound flight departure time. Travelers who wish to continue their journey in Panama can have their transfer to their next destination arranged by Sea Kayaking Costa Rica for an additional cost.

Pre- and Post-Trip Accommodations: This trip includes hotel accommodations and camping for each of the 8 nights. If you plan to arrive early or stay late, please contact our office to book pre- or post-trip accommodation. We recommend you make reservations well in advance in order to guarantee lodging.



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Guest Cancellations

- The time of cancellation will be the date upon which we receive notice from you. We only accept cancellations in writing, by email.
- In case of a cancellation of the trip requested 2 weeks or more prior to your official start date, Sea Kayaking Costa Rica will refund the entire amount minus a 5% refund fee.
- In the event of a cancellation of the trip requested less than 2 weeks prior to your official trip start date, Sea Kayaking Costa Rica will refund the entire amount minus the down payment(s).
- If you cancel, the amounts paid, minus cancellation fees and nonrefundable amounts will be promptly refunded.
- No refund on cancellations within 1 week of trip's start.
- No refunds will be made in the event of interruption or cancellation by you after the vacation start date.
- All appropriate refunds will be made in U.S. dollars to your credit card, PayPal or via wire (each is handled in a case by case basis), or through your travel agent (if applicable). We will not be responsible for the receipt of refund monies by you from your travel agent, some of whom may withhold an agency cancellation fee.

Name Changes

Reservations and package components are non-transferable. We will make a reasonable effort to accommodate changes to Guest names prior to departure provided that at least one member of the originally-booked party travels; however, we reserve the right to pass on to you any third-party costs (such as from Airlines or Suppliers (as defined herein) we incur in so doing.

Itinerary changes and Cancellation by us

We will make every reasonable effort to operate the vacations as advertised; however, we and the tour operator reserve the right to curtail or modify the itinerary, or to substitute activities, hotels, meals, or transportation as we deem necessary. Please also note that during certain holidays and peak periods, or due to repairs or renovations, some activities may be disrupted or unavailable.

Deviations from planned vacation package itineraries or any aspects of the travel may occur. If for sea kayaking, river trips, domestic flights, and other package elements conditions make routes unsafe for navigation or in other respects or raise sufficient doubt about safety, we and the tour operator reserve the right to modify or provide alternate services, which may include but are not limited to, providing accommodation elsewhere and/or substituting ground transportation for domestic flights. None of these modifications or changes shall affect the vacation package price or entitle you to any credit or refund.



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Guests needing Special Assistance

Certain itineraries may include activities that present challenges to or are not suitable for guests with special needs. We strongly recommend that Guests requiring assistance be accompanied by a companion who is capable of, and totally responsible for, providing assistance. Neither we nor our Suppliers may physically lift or assist Guests onto transportation vehicles or otherwise. Please contact Sea Kayaking Costa Rica to discuss your specific needs.

Special Requests

We will make a reasonable effort to accommodate special requests, such as smoking, adjacent or connecting rooms, bed size, and dietary needs; however, we cannot guarantee that these requests will be accommodated.

Medical

Under most circumstances, if you are of an adventurous spirit and in reasonably good health, you should have no problem enjoying a S.K.C.R. trip. People with medical conditions, including pregnancy, should have a physician's approval before taking an adventure travel trip.

Insurance:

We advise you purchase emergency medical evacuation insurance when participating in this expedition. Check that the plan you choose includes the required emergency medical evacuation coverage mentioned above. Evacuations can be prolonged, difficult, and expensive. Personal belongings and cameras are carried entirely at the owner's risk, and S.K.C.R. accepts no responsibility for lost, damaged, delayed, or stolen property.



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