



Panama City, Panama Trip Outline for April 25- 28/29, 2017

THEME: Attorneys Wearing Business Shoes

Tuesday, April 25 (DAY 1): Travel Day

Approximate Travel Times to Panama City:

Texas Region	Approx. Flight Duration
Houston	4hrs, 10min
+Dallas	6hrs, 15min
Austin/San Antonio	6hrs, 10min
West Texas (Lubbock, El Paso)	7 to 9hrs
South Texas (Corpus, Laredo)	6 to 8hrs

By 6:00pm: Arrive in Panama City (PTY) & check-in to Hilton Panamá

Hilton Panamá

\$143/night (Embassy Rate)- Breakfast and Wi-fi included

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<http://www3.hilton.com/en/hotels/panama/hilton-panama-PTYHFHH/index.html>

8:00pm: Dinner

Restaurant Options Include:

- Ruth's Chris Steakhouse at Hilton Panamá
- Nearby restaurants (Market)
- El Cangrejo neighborhood (El Trapiche- traditional Panamanian cuisine) [15min drive]

Wednesday, April 26 (DAY 2): Panama Canal & Casco Viejo Historic Center
Sub-theme: Market Overview / Rule of Law / Investing in Panama

8:00-9:30am: Embassy Briefing at Hilton Panamá Conference Room

Presentations

- John Coronado, U.S. Embassy, Foreign Commercial Service (FCS), Dept. of Commerce: Discussion on bilateral relationship, how FCS promotes business opportunities in Panama, U.S.- Panama Free Trade Agreement
- U.S. Embassy Official, International Narcotics and Law Enforcement (INL), Dept. of State: Discussion on how INL works with Panama Government to build effective law enforcement institutions that counter transnational crime—everything from money laundering, cybercrime, and intellectual property theft to trafficking in goods, people, weapons, drugs, or endangered wildlife. Discussion on how INL helps Panamanian court and legal systems more fair and transparent & training programs to develop judges, prosecutors, and investigators who are highly skilled and accountable.
- Local Panamanian Commercial Attorney: Discussion on Panamanian legal system re commercial and investment law.

9:30-10:00am Meet in Hilton Panamá lobby for travel to Panama Canal, Miraflores Locks.

10:30-12:00 Panama Canal Tour of Miraflores Locks by Canal Authority Tour Guides

12:00-2:00pm Lunch in Casco Viejo Neighborhood

Restaurant Options Include:

- Manolo Caracol
- Capital Bistro
- The Dining Room at AMERICAN TRADE HOTEL

2:00-3:30pm Walk to Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Calle 3a Este- CascoViejo)

Presentations

- Ministry Official from Panama Ministry of Foreign Affairs: Discussions on bilateral relationship with U.S.
- Ministry Official from Panama Ministry of Commerce and Industries: Discussions on Proinvex program promoting Panamanian investment climate, industrial strategies, and investment trends.

3:30-5:00pm: Walking tour of Casco Viejo with discussion on local gang/youth rehabilitation programs, corporate responsibility.

5:00-5:30pm: Travel back to Hilton Panamá or Dinner in Casco Viejo Neighborhood

7:30/8:00pm: Dinner

Restaurant Options Include:

- Ruth's Chris Steakhouse at Hilton Panamá
- Nearby restaurants (Market)
- Casco Viejo Neighborhood
- El Cangrejo neighborhood (El Trapiche- traditional Panamanian cuisine) [15min drive]

Thursday, April 27 (DAY 3): Colon Free Trade Zone
Sub-theme: Seeing International Trade in Action

****NOTE:** The Colón Free Trade Zone (FTZ) is the second-largest in the world, and is located on the Caribbean side of Panama (north end of the Panama Canal).**

By 6:45am Arrive at Corozal Passenger Station, Panama Rail Company. (www.panarail.com)

7:15-8:15 am Travel to Colon Free Trade Zone by Train. Train ride follows Canal system.

8:30-3:30pm: Colon Free Trade Zone Tour

Tour and Presentations

1. Visit to AES Construction Site for Power Plant (www.aespanama.com): Facility Tour with Managers and discussion on growing Panamanian energy profile/grid, how investment is fueling Panama.
2. Visit to J. Cain & Co- Third-Party Logistics Provider (www.jcain.com): Facility Warehouse Tour with Facility Managers. Discussions on how Panama serves a logistics hub for world trade via Colon FTZ (Logistics Services representing over 25% of Panama's GDP).
3. Visit to Manzanillo International Terminal Ports (www.mitpan.com): Discussion with MIT executive on why Panama is so important for world trade. Viewing loading and unloading of shipping containers from ships at facility.
4. Visit to Agua Clara Locks and Visitor Center (www.acp.gob.pa/eng): Tour of the newest locks in the Panama Canal system. Viewing the Panama Canal from Caribbean side.

3:30-4:45 pm: Travel back to Panama City by coach

5:00-6:30pm: Down time/prepare for Reception

6:30-7:00pm: Travel to Reception Venue

7:00pm: Reception at Venue (Location TBD)

Friday, April 28 (DAY 4): Morning Meeting with Morgan & Morgan, Panama Law Firm/Travel Day (if desired)

10:30-12:00pm Meetings with Morgan & Morgan, Panama law firm (<https://www.morimor.com/>). Travel to law firm is approximately 15-20 mins. Discussions include exchange of practice areas

By 1:00pm: Check-out from Hotel; Transportation to Tocumen International Airport (PTY) for travel to Texas. Approximate travel time to PTY Airport is 25-30mins.