



Embark on an unforgettable cruise adventure from New York City to San Francisco aboard the luxurious *Norwegian Bliss*. Begin with two pre-cruise nights in a 4.5-star Marriott Hotel in New York before sailing south to explore the vibrant cultures of South America and the Mexican Riviera. Visit Cartagena, Colombia with its historic walled city, then journey through the iconic Panama Canal — one of the world’s greatest engineering feats — and explore Panama City. Continue to Costa Rica’s Puerto Caldera, home to stunning beaches and diverse wildlife, and then to Puerto Quetzal, Guatemala, gateway to the charming colonial town of Antigua.

Sail on to Mexico’s sun-soaked Pacific coast, stopping in Puerto Vallarta with its cobblestone streets and markets, and Cabo San Lucas, famous for its striking sea arch, *El Arco*.

The cruise concludes in San Francisco, followed by a post-cruise stay in the “Golden City” with a city tour to cap off this bucket-list journey filled with history, natural beauty, and adventure.

-Sincerely, Greg Collins - President & CEO

Day 1: Wednesday, April 7 – Flight from Canada to New York – Marriott Marquis Hotel, Times Square (Welcome Reception)

- For those who purchased Collins Tours Inclusive Air & Transfers Package, you will depart the Maritimes on your scheduled flight, en route to Toronto, where you will meet your tour manager. The group will pre-clear US Customs in Toronto before boarding Air Canada flight for New York. (Airfare + 1st piece of checked luggage + 1 carry-on bag included with package).
- Once we have collected our luggage in New York, we board our coach and transfer to our hotel (Transfer fee included).
- The tour manager will check the group into the Times Square Marriott Marquis Hotel, distribute room keys and have bags sent to your room (bag handling fee included).
- This evening, join your tour manager and fellow travellers for a Welcome Cocktail reception (**included**). Here you will have an opportunity to discuss the exciting tour ahead.
- Following our reception, feel free to enjoy the city and dinner at your leisure (not included).



Day 2: Thursday, April 8 – New York (B, Welcome Dinner)

- Rise and shine in beautiful New York for the first full day of our tour. Enjoy a delicious breakfast at the hotel before we embark on a guided tour of this fine city and its landmarks.
- Our local professional guide takes us on a New York City Highlights tour! Features: Central Park, 5th Avenue with stop at Rockefeller Plaza, Grand Central Terminal, and more. We are including a ticket to the Top of the Rock Observatory, perched high above Rockefeller Center for breathtaking 360° views of New York City!
- This evening, join your tour manager and fellow travellers for a Welcome Group Dinner (**included**). Here you will have an opportunity to discuss the exciting tour ahead.
- Following our dinner, feel free to enjoy the city and dinner at your leisure.

Day 3: Friday, April 9 – Embarkation aboard the Norwegian Bliss (B, L, D)

- Enjoy another tasty breakfast at the hotel before we board our private transfer to the pier to board the Norwegian Bliss! At the cruise pier we begin our embarkation process for the Panama Canal Cruise.
- You have already completed your online NCL cruise check-in process prior to today, so relax while your bags are sent to your assigned stateroom (bag handling fees included).
- All cabins will not be ready upon boarding, but lunch is! Enjoy your first meal aboard the Bliss at your leisure while waiting for all cabins to be cleaned and ready for your stay **(included)**.
- All meals are included during your cruise, with endless options to satisfy any craving!
- Our ship sets sail this afternoon. Make plans to find your way out on the top deck to bid Bon Voyage to New York as you set sails on an unforgettable experience on one of the newest ships at sea today!

Day 4: Saturday, April 10 – At Sea (B, L, Cocktail Reception, D)

- Relax during your first day at sea, exploring the Bliss at your leisure.
- Check out the ship's daily program for featured shows and entertainment while cruising.
- This evening, meet your fellow Collins Tours travellers for a Collins Tours Welcome Aboard Cocktail Reception at Sea, **(included)** for 1 hour of complimentary alcoholic beverages and dry snacks. Following our cocktail reception, we will have our welcome dinner in one of the ship's dining rooms **(Price included)**.
- Dinner this evening will be on your own with many choices to choose from, enjoy!

Day 5: Sunday, April 11 – At Sea (B, L, Group D)

- Refer to the ship's itinerary for today's events.
- It is another day in free-style cruising heaven, so live like the Norwegians... smile bigger, explore further, and relax longer!
- This evening join your tour manager for group dinner to discuss our first port of call and opportunities ahead.

Day 6: Monday, April 12 – Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic (B, L, D)

- Optional Collins Tours Excursion will be offered today – a panoramic city tour Price TBA
- This morning, we dock in Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic from 10:00 am until 6:00 pm this afternoon.
- Puerto Plata (or officially known as San Felipe de Puerto Plata) is the ninth largest city in the Dominican Republic and the capital of the province of Puerto Plata. For spectacular city views, take a ride up the Pico Isabel de Torres mountain which stands over 2,600 feet high. History buff? Visit Fortaleza San Felipe, which was built in the 16th century and served as a prison under the dictatorship of Rafael Trujillo. Or head to the Amber Museum, a museum filled with a unique collection of valuable Dominican amber which is semiprecious tree sap that has hardened for millions of years capturing many fossils of plant and insect life.



- Refer to the ship's itinerary for today's events.
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Day 7: Tuesday, April 13 – At Sea (B, L, Group D)

- Refer to the ship's itinerary for today's events.
- It is another day in free-style cruising heaven, so live like the Norwegians... smile bigger, explore further, and relax longer!
- This evening meet your fellow travellers for another group dinner and discuss the opportunities for Colombia!

Day 8: Wednesday, April 14 – Cartagena, Colombia (B, L, D) *****Optional Excursion**

- This morning, we dock in Cartagena, Colombia from 12:00 pm until 7:00 pm this afternoon.
- Meet your Tour Manager and fellow travellers as we discover the vibrant history and rich culture of Cartagena on this **optional** captivating 3-hour walking tour through the city's most iconic landmarks. Explore the historic Walled City, starting with the Torre del Reloj (Clock Tower), La Plaza de La Aduana (old Slave Market) to learn about the city's colonial past, then see the Murallas (Walls) that once protected Cartagena from pirates. Discover beautiful colonial squares like Plaza de Bolívar & Plaza Santo Domingo, and stroll along the scenic Camellón de los Mártires. Continue through the vibrant Getsemaní neighbourhood, where colourful streets and artistic energy await. By the end of this unforgettable tour, you will return to the ship with lasting memories of Cartagena's rich history, culture, and transformation over the centuries, just in time for lunch. This excursion includes return transportation from the pier to the Clock Tower and from Getsemani back to the pier and a local English-narrating guide. **(Price \$TBA CAD per person including tax. Please book by TBA TIME by contacting Collins Tours staff by email getaway@collinstours.ca or dial 1-888-636-8080).**
- The Bliss sets sail again today at 4:00 pm, so plan your day accordingly.
- Prepare yourself for a thrilling trek through the Panama Canal tomorrow.

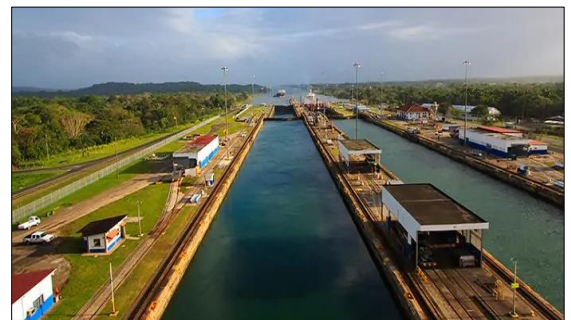


Day 9: Thursday, April 15 – Colon, Panama (B, L, D)

- Sail into the Caribbean seaport of Colón, Panama. Your ship is docked from 11:30 am to 10:00 pm today. This is where you will see the Atlantic Ocean entrance to the famous Panama Canal, born from a desire to get to California (and its Gold Rush) as fast as possible, this industrious town was the last stop on the 19th-century Panama Railroad. It's now home to Canal Zones, U.S. military bases and of course, a jumping point to see beautiful scenery and the option of seeing the canals and lakes at different vantage points.

Day 10: Friday, April 16 – Transit Panama Canal Day (B, L, Group D)

- Behold the canal itself as we enter on the Atlantic Ocean (Caribbean Sea) entrance before transiting the lakes and lock system that make this one of the greatest feats of modern-day engineering
- Be sure you are up bright and early today to get the full experience of the 48-mile passage
- Taking “the world’s best shortcut,” you travel from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean in about 10 hours!
- Refer to the ship’s itinerary for today’s other special activities.
- This is where that balcony stateroom is worth every penny and the first cabin selection that sells out on all Panama Canal Cruises.
- Join your tour manager and fellow travellers in one of the ship’s main dining rooms this evening **(included)** – a great opportunity to exchange stories on what you’ve seen in the canal today.



Day 11: Saturday, April 17 – At Sea (B, L, D)

- Warm breezes welcome you to the Pacific Ocean today!
- Free day to relax and enjoy the Norwegian Bliss and take advantage of the amenities of your ship: only an elevator ride away!

- Tonight, enjoy your dinner in the ship's main dining room at your own pace.

Day 12: Sunday, April 18 – Puerto Caldera, (Puntarenas), Costa Rica (B, L, D)

***Optional Excursion – Price TBA

- The ship is scheduled to dock in Puntarenas, Costa Rica from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm.
- Today is your chance to do a Collins Tours Optional Excursion- this will be a 5 hour tour with highlights of the Puntarenas and its famed culture.
- Just a few miles from Puerto Caldera is Puntarenas, where stunning beaches, an array of wildlife, and streets lined with restaurants, bars and cafés await. Carrara National Park is a must for nature lovers and features ancestral trees and secondary forests, perfect for spotting wildlife such as crocodiles and 400-plus species of birds, including colourful scarlet macaws or switch gears and party with the locals at Jaco, about 30 miles south. There, find sun, fun and sand with plenty of bars and places to grab a bite.



Day 13: Monday, April 19 – At Sea (B, L, D)

- Enjoy another beautiful day sailing in the Pacific Ocean!
- Free day to relax and enjoy the Norwegian Bliss and enjoy the amenities of your ship.
- It is another day in free-style cruising heaven, so live like the Norwegians... smile bigger, explore further, and relax longer!
- Tomorrow we will awake in Puerto Quetzal, Guatemala!

Day 14: Tuesday, April 20 – Puerto Quetzal, Guatemala (B, L, D) ***Optional Excursion

- The ship is scheduled to dock in Puerto Quetzal, Guatemala from 7:00 am until 6:00 pm today.
- Join your Tour Manager and fellow travellers for this full day **optional** excursion to Antigua, where 17th-century Spanish Baroque facades beckon and Guatemala's history, charm and colours come alive.
- Be driven inland before arriving in Antigua, where we will begin our walking tour (please note that total walking will be around 2 kilometers with several stops and time for lunch—on your own—and shopping). Our journey by foot begins at the vibrant local market, where the colours, scents, and sounds of Antigua's culture come to life as we browse handmade crafts, textiles, and fresh produce while engaging with local vendors. Next, we will admire the iconic Santa Catalina Arch, a historic gateway to the city, and learn about its significance. We will then visit Central Park, the heart of Antigua, surrounded by colonial buildings and street performers, offering a peaceful atmosphere to reflect on the day.
- After having free time for lunch (**on own**) and shopping, we will enjoy a delightful chocolate-making workshop where you will dive into the fascinating history and process of cacao! Observe the stages of chocolate-making, taste cacao and chocolate at different stages of production, and the option to craft your own personalized chocolate bar to take home. This hands-on workshop promises a delicious educational and cultural experience! Finally, before returning to the ship, we will visit the Jade Museum, where you will discover the ancient significance of jade in Guatemala, explore impressive collections, and learn about its use by the Maya civilization. This excursion includes private transportation, providing a smooth and comfortable journey to and from Antigua with English-narrated local guide. **(Price \$TBA CAD per person including tax. Please book by TBA DATE by contacting Collins Tours staff by email getaway@collinstours.ca or dial 1-888-636-8080).**



Day 15: Wednesday, April 21– At Sea (B, L, Group D)

- Enjoy another beautiful day sailing the Pacific Ocean.

- Join your tour manager and fellow passengers for another dinner together in one of the ship's dining rooms. **(included)**

Day 16: Thursday, April 22 – Acapulco, Mexico (B, L, Group D)

- The ship is scheduled to dock in Acapulco, Mexico from 7:00 am until 5:00 pm today.
- Known as the “**Pearl of the Pacific,**” Acapulco is one of Mexico’s most iconic coastal destinations—famous for its sweeping bay views, golden beaches, and lively energy. When your ship docks at the **NCL port**, you’re right in the heart of the city, surrounded by history, adventure, and vibrant culture.
- Just steps from the pier, you’ll find golden beaches, lively markets, and a taste of authentic Mexican charm. Watch the famous **La Quebrada Cliff Divers** perform their daring jumps into the Pacific or visit the **Fort of San Diego** to learn about the city’s rich maritime history. Stroll through the **Zócalo** to experience local shops and cafés or admire the colorful **Diego Rivera Mural** overlooking the bay. For breathtaking views, take a short drive up to the **Chapel of Peace**, a peaceful hilltop spot offering panoramic vistas of the coastline.
- Join your tour manager and fellow passengers for another dinner together in one of the ship’s dining rooms. **(included)**



Day 17: Friday, April 23 – At Sea (B, L, D)

- Enjoy another sea day, today.
- Relax and take advantage of everything your ship has to offer today. Check the list of scheduled events and perhaps join in on some of the fun!
- Tonight, we set sail towards Puerto Vallarta, Mexico.

Day 18: Saturday, April 24 – Puerto Vallarta, Mexico (B, L, D) ***Optional Excursion

- Today our ship arrives in Puerto Vallarta – a stunning resort city situated in the shadows of a beautiful mountain range. The Norwegian Bliss remains in port from 7:00 am until 3:00 pm.
- Although a large city, Puerto Vallarta has retained a good deal of its small village charm along with 26 miles of spectacular beaches along the Banderas Bay. Today, join your Tour Manager and fellow travellers for an **optional** 4-hour guided tour of beautiful Puerto Vallarta where you will see why this Mexican city is home to many Canadian and American expats. We will stroll along the scenic Malecón (boardwalk) with breathtaking ocean views as we make our way to the iconic Church of Our Lady of Guadalupe, a stunning piece of history built in the early 1900s, surrounded by a charming plaza. Enjoy some time to shop for unique treasures at Isla Cuale, a lively riverside market. Then, immerse yourself in the vibrant atmosphere of Old Town and the Romantic Zone, where colourful streets and local culture come to life. We will visit the beautiful Los Muertos Beach, a perfect spot to appreciate the laid-back vibe of Puerto Vallarta. This optional excursion offers the perfect blend of history, culture, shopping, and scenic beauty. **(Price \$TBA CAD per person including tax and driver's and local guide's gratuities. Please book by TBA DATE by contacting Collins Tours staff by email getaway@collinstours.ca or dial 1-888-636-8080).**
- Tonight, we sail for Cabo Sal Lucas, Mexico.



Day 19: Friday, April 25 – Cabo San Lucas, Mexico (B, L, D)

- Today we visit our final port-of-call in beautiful Cabo San Lucas – vacationland for many of Hollywood’s rich and famous! The Norwegian Bliss is in port today from 7:00 am until 3:00 pm.
- Commonly referred to as simply “Cabo”, this city is located at the southern tip of the Baja California “Lower California” Peninsula surrounded by waters teeming with sea life making Cabo famous for its world-class sportfishing, as well as its high-end resorts and exclusive gated communities that line an area simply called “the Corridor.”
- Cabo’s signature landmark is El Arco (“The Arch”), a rock formation at the tip of “Land’s End.”
- The Norwegian Bliss sets sail at 3:00 pm as we head north to California and our disembarkation port, San Francisco.

Day 20: Saturday, April 26 – At Sea (B, L, D)

- Enjoy a relaxing day at sea aboard the Norwegian Bliss.
- Tonight, join your tour manager for another group dinner in one of the ship’s dining rooms (**Price included**). Dine together and swap stories of your cruising adventure!

Day 21: Sunday, April 27 – At Sea (B, L, Group D)

- Enjoy a relaxing day at sea aboard the Norwegian Bliss.
- Tonight, join your tour manager for another group dinner in one of the ship’s dining rooms (**Price included**). Dine together and swap stories of your cruising adventure!

Day 22: Saturday, April 28 – San Francisco, US (Disembark) -> TBA 4.5 Star Marriott Hotel(B)

- Rise ‘n shine in the golden city – San Francisco, USA! Ship arrives in port at 7:00 am.
- The Bliss docks at the cruise ship terminal in San Francisco this morning where we disembark for the final stage of our memorable tour.
- After clearing Customs & Immigration, board our coach for a 4-hour professionally guided sightseeing tour of San Francisco City Highlights Tour – A great overview including landmarks like the Golden Gate Bridge, Chinatown, Fisherman’s Wharf, and Twin Peaks for panoramic views, and more (**included**).
- We will check into the beautiful TBA 4-5 Star Marriott Hotel late this afternoon allowing you the remainder of the evening to explore this unique part of the city at your leisure, with your hotel located overlooking the marina and just blocks from the beach.

Day 23: Sunday, April 29– San Francisco, US (B, Farewell D)

- Enjoy another buffet breakfast (included) this morning before exploring this beautiful area the way you please during your free day in San Francisco. Maybe you want to head down to the Boudin Bakery, sample seafood at Scoma’s on the wharf, or dine with a view at Fog Harbor Fish House?
- Join us this evening for our “farewell dinner” complete with a glass of wine or beer, just another signature service of Collins Tours. Enjoy a delicious dinner while reflecting on our adventure together and amazing memories shared.
- **Please Note:** For those who purchased Collins Tours Inclusive Airfare, your tour manager will have your pre-checked in for your flights tomorrow allowing for a seamless airport experience.



Day 24: Monday, April 26 – San Francisco, US – Flights Home (B)

- Enjoy breakfast before check-out of the hotel. Your tour manager will handle group check-out.
- For those who purchased Collins Tours Inclusive Air Package or added the airport transfers to their package we will board our private motorcoach for the drive to SFO airport.

- Please refer to our flight letter for more details regarding procedures returning into Canada

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Hotel Information

New York Marriott Marquis - 1535 Broadway, New York, NY 10036, United States PH: 1-305-374-3900

- Norwegian Cruise Lines requires **Valid Passport with at least 3 months validity from your last day in The United States**. It is the traveller's responsibility to ensure all information/ documentation is in good order prior to leaving your destination.
- All prescription medication will need to be labeled in prescribed containers.
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- **Gratuities for your tour manager and driver are not included in your tour price.**
- Tour director tipping guidelines suggest \$7 - \$9 per person per day,
- Bus Driver tipping guidelines suggest \$4 per person for
- Local step on guides tipping guidelines suggest \$3-\$4.00 per person.



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We look forward to serving you your future travel plans!**