

Favorite ports of call

Every cruise has a highlight — that one day that stands out in your memory above all others. These ports of call are among our favorites, but the list is meant to start arguments rather than end them, to jog memories of journeys past and to inspire future voyages to parts unknown.

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Favorite Panama Canal Port of Call: San Juan del Sur, Nicaragua

Before the Panama Canal, [this Pacific port](#) was a gateway across Central America. It remains a magnet for travelers because they can sample the best of Nicaragua in one place. The bay and its pristine beaches are ideal for horseback riding, surfing lessons, ziplining or just relaxing on the sands. Granada, one of the best-preserved colonial cities in the Americas, is a popular shore excursion just 90 minutes away.

[Bing: Enjoy photos of San Juan del Sur, Nicaragua](#)



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