

CULTURAL AND SUN 2019

6 Days Bogota - Cartagena

The program is valid for the period of 11 Jan/ 2019 to 11 Jan /2020 (except Easter Week or Christmas Season or Events)

Day 1. Bogotá

Arrival at El Dorado Airport and transfer to the hotel. Check in at the hotel.

Bogotá is the capital district of Colombia and the country's most populated city. It is the most important political, financial, educational, cultural city in the country. It is located at an altitude of 2640masl on a plateau known as the Savanna of Bogotá on the eastern range of the Andean Mountains. It was founded on August 6, 1538 originally named Santa Fe by the 'Conquistador' Gonzalo Jimenez de Quesada who arrived in pursuit of 'El Dorado' gold legend and defeated the native Chibcha in Bacatá, which meant capital of the Zipa confederation. In 1717 the kingdom of New Granada was established here, and in 1819 Simon Bolivar chose it as the capital of the Grand Colombia. Today, Bogotá is a modern city with a bubbling cultural scene and vibrant social life.

Day 2. Bogotá

Breakfast in the hotel.

At the agreed time you will enjoy a sightseeing half day tour to the historic center known as La Candelaria. This antiquated barrio is of great architectural and cultural heritage and is made up of old "stately homes" or large Spanish colonial buildings with iron windows, thick and sturdy wooden doors, balconies and internal patios with beautiful yet hidden gardens. Visit the Plaza de Bolivar, the Cathedral, on the eastern side of the plaza, is constructed on the remains of the first church built in Bogotá in 1539 and houses an important collection of religious artefacts such as textiles and artwork that has built over four centuries. The Capilla del Sagrario is located just beside the Cathedral and is a gem of religious architecture and which houses valuable pieces of colonial religious art by Gregorio Vasquez de Arce y Ceballos. The Capitol, built between 1847 and 1926, shows its renaissance and neoclassical influences with its carved stonework and tall columns and, it is the first republican piece of civil architecture. The central area of the Capitol, known as the Salon Eliptico, is where congress meets and is the actual chamber for politicians and the Senate. In the internal plazas are busts of former presidents such as General Tomás Cipriano Mosquera, president on four occasions, and Rafael Núñez, the composer of the Colombian national anthem. Around the Plaza de Bolivar are the Palacio de Justicia, the Mayor of Bogotá's offices called the Edificio Liévano, the oldest school in the county called San Bartolome and the Casa de los Comuneros who participated towards the end of the XVII Century in some of the first movements towards independence from Spain and the formation of the Republic. The visit continues with the Museo del Oro (closed on Mondays) which has a permanent exhibition of some 32,000 pieces of gold, 20,000 stones, ceramics and textiles all precious to the Quimbaya, Calima, Tayrona, Sinu, Muisca, Tolima, Tumaco and Magdalena cultures. The Museo del Oro is considered as one of the most important museums of its type internationally and it has been functioning since 1939. End the visit in the Santuario de Monserrate, a symbol of Bogotá.

Return to the hotel.

Day 3: Bogotá

Free day for more activities in Bogotá. Enjoy your time!

Day 4: Bogotá – Cartagena

Breakfast in the hotel. Transfer from the hotel to the airport for your flight to Cartagena. Arrival and transfer to the hotel.

CARTAGENA Colombia's most popular city Cartagena de Indias was declared by UNESCO a World Heritage Site because of its colonial walled city; and just walking through to its cozy narrow streets is

enough to understand why. It is divided into three sightseeing zones: the Historic Centre with Clock Gate, Carriage Square, San Peter Square, Palace of the Inquisition, The Cathedral, dating back to the 16th century, Santo Domingo Square, the Heredia Theatre and masterpiece San Felipe de Barajas Castle, built between 1639 and 1762 which is the greatest fortress ever built by the Spanish. The San Diego zone, with its enchanting Hotel Santa Clara, formerly Convent of the Saint Claire Order and Las BóvedasThe Vaults by the Santa Catalina Fortress and Getsemaní; the zone used to be a slave neighborhood and now hosts Cartagena's Convention Center and popular nightlife clubs. The real joy of Cartagena is exploring it's exhilarating narrow streets by foot or on a horse-carriage, an experience that awakens all senses with the flavors and warm breeze of its sunset, making it an incredibly romantic destination and the most fascinating Caribbean hidden treasure.

Day 5: Cartagena

Breakfast in the hotel.

In the afternoon we are going to the sightseeing Shuttle Tour.

The tour begins with panoramic view from 'La Popa' Monastery and Church. Continue to "San Felipe" castle-fortress built on "San Lázaro" hill to defend the city from pirate attacks. Walk-around the fortress and see the castle tunnels, underground galleries and passageways. Continue to Walled City, go to 'the Vaults', archways built within the walled-city used until late 1700s to store armament and later as prison in the XIX century. Nowadays, it's an artisans' center to appreciate local handcrafts.

Return to the hotel.

Day 6:

Breakfast in the hotel. Transfer to the airport for your flight home.

The Price of the program for 1 pax in \$USD:

CATEGORY	HOTEL	CITY	SGL	DBL	TPL
Tourist	NH Royal Metrotel	Bogotá	852	453	406
	Corales de Indias	Cartagena			
Superior Tourist	Estelar Windsor House	Bogotá	1109	586	476
	Capilla del Mar	Cartagena			
Superior	Estelar La Fontana	Bogotá	1546	797	N/A

The price of the program includes:

- ✓ Lodging 03 nights in Bogota
- ✓ Lodging 02 nights in Cartagena
- ✓ Transfer Airport-Hotel-Airport in each city
- ✓ Daily breakfast
- ✓ Excursions according to the program
- ✓ Specialized guide during the tour

The price of the program does not include:

- Air ticket
- Unspecified services

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