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Cartagena de Indias is a vibrant city, rich in culture and color. As intelligent as it is irreverent, Cartagena is the birthplace of personalities from culture, fashion, gastronomy, music and art; Therefore, there is always someone interesting to meet and something unforgettable to try.



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Under the sun and next to the Caribbean Sea, its sensual tropical setting combines history, modern art and one of the most authentic cuisines in Latin America.

A UNESCO World Heritage Site, Cartagena is one of the best-preserved historic centers on the continent and inspired the famous Colombian writer Gabriel García Márquez and is home to many world-class cultural festivals.

La ciudad amurallada



It is called a walled city or old city because of the walls built by the Spanish between the 16th and 18th centuries to defend the city from pirate attacks. There are 11 kilometers of imposing stone walls with fortifications and bastions.

Adolfo Mejía Theater, old Heredia Theater, the house of the Marquis of Valdehoyos, the Plaza de La Proclamación, the Santa Catalina de Alejandría cathedral, the Bolívar Park, the Palace of the Inquisition (where the Historical Museum is located), the church of Santo Domingo, the patio of the Spanish Cooperation Center, the Plaza Fernández in Madrid, the church of San Pedro Claver, the Naval Museum of the Caribbean, the Plaza de la Torre del Reloj, the Centenario Park and the old Government building are some of the places that you can enjoy in the heart of the Historic Center.

Discover more about the heroic and **fantastic** *Cartagena de Indias*

Getsemaní



With a bohemian and cultural atmosphere, this old neighborhood, where the independence of Cartagena was conceived more than two hundred years ago, is full of history. Its colorful houses preserve colonial architecture, and its streets have become expressions of street art with murals and graffiti created by national and international urban artists.



Trinity Square in Getsemaní

The ideal place to people watch in the area. In memory of Pedro Romero, who commanded the Lancers of Getsemaní, artisans who participated in the first independence marches of the Heroic City of Cartagena in 1811, there is a monument with three statues.

The Church of the Holy Trinity

Inspired by the Cartagena cathedral, it is considered the second most important temple in the city. Its collateral chapels form a cross on which rests a pilaster that supports the triumphal arch.



Church of the Third Order

It is located on the corner of Calle Larga. Its construction in the 18th century is simple, it has significant details such as the floor and interior made of crystallized marble, the ceiling has a beautiful mosaic design, the benches are made of redwood wood, it has two bowls of holy water made of black basalt, and a image of Our Lady of Sorrows.



Alley Narrow

Gethsemane has a street decorated with colorful umbrellas that has become iconic. The Callejón Angosto joins Calles del Pozo and Espíritu Santo, where street art and bougainvillea make it a beautiful photographic meeting point.

Small square from the well

Formerly, the inhabitants of Gethsemane held popular festivals in this square. Today this small square is an excellent place to rest and admire the original sculptures of Edgardo Carmona.



Hermitage of San Roque

It is on Espíritu Santo Street, its façade and interior are simple, which is not surprising since it is believed that the reason for its foundation was a plague epidemic in the 17th century.



Castle of San Felipe de Barajas

Built in 1657, it is a spectacular fortress that was built during the Spanish colonization. It is considered the largest military complex of all those built, at that time, in America. Such is its historical and cultural importance that this San Felipe Castle was declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1984. And not only this building, but also the other fortifications that we can find in Cartagena de Indias. It is possible to walk the entire route, including the tunnels.

Monastery de la Popa

Cerro de La Popa is the highest geographical feature in the city of Cartagena de Indias, in Colombia. At its top A convent, in the highest part of Cartagena, means that you have the city at your feet, with an excellent view, the convent full of history, the cloister with its central well, the chapel with its splendorous altarpiece and its exhibitions is a wonderful place.



Park Centenario

Magnificent gardens, fountains and pleasant shades. It is an approach to the life of the neighborhood and a recreational place for locals and visitors. In addition, you will find a diversity of local fauna, such as turtles, sloths, birds, squirrels, iguanas, monkeys, among others.

Camelon The Martyrs

The strip that connects the Historic Center with Getsemaní was created as a monument to several independence fighters murdered here under the Spanish administration of Pablo Morillo. Today, it is a bohemian retreat where you can stroll or sit on marble seats.



Convention Center Julio César Turbay Ayala

It is a modern and adaptable event hall with capacity for 2,000 people with a beautiful view of historic Cartagena and Las Animas Bay. It serves as a venue for plays, musical performances, film screenings, weddings, and large conventions.



Dock of the Pegasus

It is named after two sculptures of majestic winged horses, and is near the Convention Center. It's a lovely walk, especially after sunset when you can admire the city lights. Located right in front of the Clock Tower.

Tower Clock

This beautiful monument, considered one of the five most beautiful public clocks in the world, keeps within itself the history of a city that was once protected by its gates. Built on a wall canvas, the Cartagena Clock Tower is one of the obligatory steps to get to know the Historic Center of the city. Its first foundations were laid in 1601, when it was called La Puerta del Puente, after the wooden viaduct that connected the island of Getsemaní with the Center, then known as Calamarí. This is how it became the main gate of the city since 1631, when the walled fence was completed.



Caribe Jewelry Museum & Factory

Immerse yourself in the fascinating world of Colombian emeralds.

Museum dedicated exclusively to the exhibition of these stones in various colors, as well as emeralds brought from different parts of the world. This room intends to contextualize visitors in the generic and significant aspects of the world of beryls and their differentiation from other stones.



Historic museum from Cartagena de Indias

The Historical Museum of Cartagena de Indias is an institution with 92 years of presence in the cultural life of the Colombian Caribbean. Its mission is to show locals and visitors the contribution of this city to the formation of our nationality and the culture of the Greater Caribbean. It operates in the Houses that in the colonial period served as headquarters of the Court of the Inquisition.

Gold Museum Zenu

It is part of the Gold Museum network of the Bank of the Republic of Colombia. It preserves and exhibits the goldsmithing and ceramic works of the ancient Zenúes, who lived two millennia ago on the plains of the Colombian Caribbean through colossal works of hydraulic engineering.



Museum Naval

The Caribbean Naval Museum opened its doors in 1988, with the mission of preserving, studying and disseminating the history of Cartagena de Indias as the main port of the Caribbean Sea and the maritime history of Colombia, from the perspective of its National Navy. The tour offers experiences through educational modules that combine historical objects with models, sounds, videos and interactive simulators.



Museum of Modern Art from Cartagena de Indias



It houses some of the most relevant works by some of the best Latin American painters of the 20th century, as well as a continuous program of activities.

The Museum of Modern Art of Cartagena de Indias has an art collection that began with a donation from the OAS, on Latin American painting from the 50's

House Museum Rafael Nuñez

It is responsible for preserving and disseminating the historical legacy of the thought of the former Colombian president, and seeks to promote permanent dialogue with its public by generating collective memory, as well as the sense of identity and belonging to the heritage of the region. Rafael Núñez, an illustrious man from Cartagena who held the presidency four times, lived and died at the museum headquarters.



chiva rumber

We have for you the best night rumba while you tour the WALLED and modern city of Cartagena in your chiva rumbera Cartagena. This Chiva Rumbera party bus makes it easy to have fun and make new friends. You will be picked up at a meeting point or your hotel and taken around the city. Enjoy music on board and continue the fun at a nightclub.

There are 3 strategic stops for photos: Castillo de San Felipe, Botas Viejas and Letras de Cartagena. During the tour they will have live entertainment, crossover music and a few drinks of brandy or national rum, as well as water and soda. The tour lasts 2 hours. Each Chiva has capacity for up to 40 people and can be rented privately or collectively.

Tour las Chambaculeras



It is a unique tourist experience in the city of Cartagena, where nature and culture are the protagonists. Aboard the boats called Las Chambaculeras, you can learn about beautiful stories of the city, enjoy the landscape provided by the mangroves and different birds that adorn the route and recognize several icons of the city seen from water, already in the Barrio Torices, the community will be the hosts and with them you will be able to immerse yourself in the music, dances, cultural narratives and typical gastronomy, giving you a distinctly Cartagena experience.

Tour of the Mangroves



Escape the hustle and bustle of the city of Cartagena with a canoe excursion through the mangrove forest. Travel to the town of Boquilla and board a canoe to glide through the dense foliage of the mangrove forest, home to a wide variety of bird species. Visit a pre-Columbian archaeological park and see ancient sculptures. Learn about local history and wildlife from your guide. Experience the natural beauty near Cartagena with a canoe tour. See many species of birds during a boat trip in the mangrove forest.

In the Ciénega de la Virgen or Tesca you can enjoy a mangrove ecosystem, where you can observe a series of species for which this place serves as a refuge:

- We will board a boat to the Mangrove in the company of our guides.
- You will enjoy a tour exploring the fishing community where we will take a rowing canoe that will take us through the Ciénega de la Virgen.
- Demonstration and practice of artisanal fishing with cast nets.
- Bird watching
- Approach to the gates of the dam channel.

This will be a very special experience, because not only are you going to take a tour of the area, but you will also be able to practice fishing in the mangroves.



Rosario Island



DISCOVER PARADISE WITH A ROSARIO ISLANDS TOUR

One of the most charming attractions in Colombia is undoubtedly the archipelago of the Rosario Islands. By opting for an “All Inclusive Passage”, you will discover a true corner of paradise, offering a sublime spectacle of crystal clear waters and vibrant coral reefs. This all-inclusive offer allows for a stress-free getaway where everything is taken care of: transportation, food, activities. Enrich your travel experience with our unique excursions and marvel at the natural beauty of the Rosario Islands.

A highlight of Colombia's Caribbean coast, the Rosario Islands are famous for their vibrant marine life, pristine white beaches and sun-drenched beach resorts. A group of 28 idyllic islands dot the coast of the port city of Cartagena, forming an archipelago that sits on the third largest barrier reef in the world and constitutes the Rosario Islands National Park.

Wide variety of options to choose from, whether you want a private plan or collective day trip, or an atmosphere of tranquility or a party in the middle of the sea.





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