



Bogotá and Cartagena



Colonial Church in Bogotá

This Colombia tour begins in Bogotá, a capital city, set high in the Andes (at more than 8,000 feet) and replete with cultural, intellectual and social draws and rich colonial heritage. After you've explored Bogotá, you'll head to Cartagena, an archetypal Colombian city (and a UNESCO World Heritage site) filled with historic streets, alley ways and stories. Take in the old, walled city's tiled roofs, balconies and courtyard gardens (and be sure to pack your camera); words don't seem to do Cartagena justice.

You'll spend 3 days in Bogotá (where you'll visit the Museo del Oro, Monserrate, Plaza Bolívar, La Candelaria and Zipaquirá's Underground Salt Cathedral), 3 days in Cartagena (where you'll tour the walled city of Old Cartagena, explore the Rosario Islands and visit the Totumo Volcano). You may also choose to add a few nights in another Caribbean Island or to escape to a remote beach in one of Tayrona National Park's jungles.

We offer a choice of 3-, 4-, 5-Star and deluxe hotels. In Cartagena the deluxe option is the Casa del Arzobispado or the Cuadrifolio Hotel. Cartagena has more than a few fine hotels in the old section of the city; please inquire about these options with one of our travel consultants.

This tour includes international airfare from Miami (US), on non-holiday dates. You do not need to fly via Miami; Yampu will fly you the most direct way to your city of destination. Depending on your travel dates and proximity of travel, we will quote you the most economical surcharge from your city or country of origin.

Pricing

Occupancy Type	3-Star	4-Star	5-Star	Deluxe
Double	\$ 2698	\$ 2990	\$ 3456	\$ 3821
Single	\$ 3867	\$ 4723	\$ 5507	\$ 6330

Prices shown above are per person, in US Dollars (\$).



Cartagena



Rosario Coast

Itinerary

Day 1

Bogotá

Upon arrival transfer to your hotel. Bogotá is a modern capital city with stand-out cultural, intellectual and social draws as well as rich colonial heritage.

Day 2

City tour of Bogotá with Monserrate

First you'll visit the Museo del Oro (whose collection features nearly 34,000 gold objects and 20,000 in stone, ceramic, textiles and precious stones from the Quimbaya, Calima, Tayrona, Sinu, Muisca, Tolima, Tumaco and Magdalena cultures). The Museo de Oro's collection is considered one of the most meaningful and substantial collections of its kind—worldwide. Then you'll head to the historic center known as La Candelaria. Old "casonas" (grand houses marked Spanish influence) with iron windows, thick wooden doors, balconies and internal patios and gardens line the ancient streets. La Candelaria unfolds around the Plaza Bolívar, named after Simón Bolívar, El Libertador. Originally called Plaza Mayor, it was used for civil and military events and as a marketplace, bull ring and execution platform.

Once you leave this area, you'll continue on to la Quinta de Bolívar, the country house of Simon Bolívar. Set at the foot of Cerro de Monserrate surrounded by impressive gardens, the museum is filled with documents, letters, maps, uniforms and personal possessions.

Notes: We travel by cable car up to 10,500 feet to the top of the Mountain that looks over Bogotá; museums closed on Monday.

Day 3

Zipaquirá's Underground Salt Cathedral

As you head to the Salt Cathedral, you'll see the central region of the savanna and pass typical Colombian villages as well as greenhouses (in the Flower Region). The structure of the Salt Cathedral is impressive, to say the least. Our visit there begins in a tunnel that exhibits the fourteen stations of the Way of the Cross and leads to the dome from which you can observe the great cross sculpted in low relief. We then arrive at the three naves of the cathedral joined by openings that represent the birth and death of Christ. The central nave houses the main altar; a 16-meter cross; and the Creation of Man, a marble statue sculpted by Carlos Enrique Rodríguez.

Day 4

Bogotá – Cartagena

Transfer to the airport to take the flight to Cartagena. Upon arrival transfer to you hotel. Cartagena is the fifth largest city in Colombia and a pivotal, Caribbean port. After numerous pirate attacks in the colonial era, a wall was built to surround the historic city center and protect its inhabitants. Cartagena is now a popular tourist destination that retains its colonial architecture and charm.

Afternoon Old Town Walk

Guided walk along the walled old town. (The walled, colonial city center of Cartagena was named a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1980.) You'll see churches; colonial houses (their balconies and other architectural nuances); the Museum that was the residence of the five-time president of the Republic, Rafael Nuñez; the Santa Catalina bastion; and Las Bovedas (The Dungeons), where you'll find hand-crafted souvenirs.

Day 5

Islas del Rosario

Cruise to Rosario Islands (to the south of the Bay of Cartagena). These Islands constitute a National Natural Park on account of their 23 coral islands and marine fauna. The coral islands were formed by volcano activity that raised the seabed and created ideal conditions for the development of coral reefs. You'll have the chance to swim and snorkel. Lunch Included. Return to Cartagena.

Day 6

Totumo Volcano

Tour the Totumo Volcano, where you can take a mud bath (known for its medicinal properties) followed by a regular bath at El Totumo Lagoon.

Note: Totumo Volcano is just 50 minutes from Cartagena.

Day 7

Cartagena – Bogotá

Transfer to the airport to take the flight to Bogotá and connect with your international flight back home (driver only).

Price includes:

Prices include: international air transportation from Miami to Bogotá, domestic air transportation from Bogotá to Cartagena, private airport transfers including one piece of luggage, hotel accommodation including breakfast, meals where specified, group tours with bilingual guide and entrance fees. Local airport taxes that are payable in the country of destination are not included. You may have to pay a surcharge if you book a trip during late December, early January or Easter.