

Colombian Caribbean

07 nights / 08 days

Cartagena, Barranquilla and Santa Marta.



Itinerary:

Day 1. Cartagena: Sunset by the Bay (Shared Service): Arrival in the city of Cartagena Rafael Núñez International Airport, and transfer to the hotel for check-in. Accommodation.

In the afternoon, assistance at the hotel for transfer to the pier to take a tour of the bay of Cartagena de Indias to enjoy the sunset. At the end, return to the hotel. Accommodation.

Duration: 90 minutes.

This day includes: Hotel – pier – hotel transfer, open bar with Cuba Libre, rum punch, lemonade, water, soda, accommodation, and medical assistance card.

This day does not include: Premium drinks and snacks on board (additional charge), pier tax of \$5 USD per person, lunch, and dinner.

Operation days: Wednesday to Monday.

Day 2. Cartagena: City Tour (Private Service): Breakfast at the hotel. At the agreed time, start the panoramic tour in a private air-conditioned vehicle. Discover the magical history of Cartagena de Indias on a climate-controlled transportation tour. Accompanied by a bilingual professional guide, our tour includes a panoramic visit to the bay of Cartagena, Pegasos Pier, the public clock tower, and the Manga neighborhood to appreciate its Moorish and Republican architecture. You will also visit the impressive San Felipe de Barajas Fortress. Immerse yourself in the charm of the city's historic and walled center, with stops for shopping for crafts and a walk through streets and squares full of history, including the San Pedro Claver Church and the Santo Domingo bastion. Return to the hotel. Accommodation.


Duration: 4 Hours

This day includes: Private transportation, English-speaking guide, entrance to the Monastery of La Popa, Castillo de San Felipe de Barajas, refreshments, accommodation, and medical assistance card.




Does not include: Lunch and dinner.

Day 3. Cartagena: Rosario Islands (Island of Enchantment) (Shared Service): Breakfast at the hotel. At the specified time, assistance at the hotel and transfer to the Bodeguita pier to take a speedboat to the Rosario Islands (approx. 45 minutes). During the trip, enjoy a panoramic view of Cartagena Bay and Bocachica, and an additional beautiful view with the

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San Fernando and San José forts. Following the coastline of Baru Island, you will reach the base island in the Rosario Islands to enjoy its crystal-clear waters. You can dive with tanks or snorkel (additional cost). Free time to enjoy the sea and the facilities. In the afternoon, return to Cartagena. Transfer to the hotel. Accommodation.

Duration: 8 hours.

This day includes: Hotel – dock – hotel transfer, speedboat round trip (speedboats), use of the beach, swimming pool for adults and children, buffet lunch (with three grilled protein options, a variety of salads, hot or cold vegetables, coconut rice or white rice, patacones or pasta, fruit portion, typical regional sweet, and one non-alcoholic drink), accommodation, and medical assistance card.

This day does not include: Departure taxes (\$28.500 per person) subject to change by Corpoturismo Cartagena, and dinner.

Day 4. Cartagena: Departure for Barranquilla & City Tour (Private Service): Breakfast at the hotel. At the agreed time, transfer by land to the city of Barranquilla. Arrival and check-in at the hotel. Approximate duration: 2.5 hours.

At the indicated time, pick-up at the hotel and begin a tour to learn about the history behind traditional places such as the El Prado neighborhood and its charming architecture, mansions, houses, streets, and iconic hotel, with more than 90 years of history, a place that has hosted prestigious international figures. Learn why Barranquilla was nicknamed the 'Golden Gate' of Colombia, a pioneer in aviation, and the history behind the Parque de los Fundadores. You will pass by the Casa del Carnaval, the official headquarters of the country's most important festival, and visit the Carnaval Museum to see its different collections with elements related to this great celebration. Continue to the Amira de la Rosa Theatre, the outdoor graffiti exhibition, and recognize the 'Edgar Rentería' Baseball Stadium, one of the most important sports venues in the city. You will also visit the Plaza de la Aduana complex, made up of the Plaza de la Locomotora, Montoya Station, and the Tram Station; pass by the Intendencia Fluvial, Barranquilla's cultural heritage, and finally finish with a panoramic view of the Ventana al Mundo and the Ventana de Campeones until the Grand Malecón del Río to enjoy the best front-row view of the Magdalena River.

Duration: 4 hours


This day includes: Air-conditioned private transportation, English-speaking guide entrance to the Carnaval Museum, accommodation, and medical assistance card.

This day does not include: Lunch and dinner.




Operation days: Every day.


Day 5. Barranquilla: Gabriel García Márquez Tour in Barranquilla (Private Service): Breakfast at the hotel. At the agreed time, we will begin the tour where you will learn about how Gabo lived in 1950, the places that were part of his daily routine such as the famous "skyscraper" New York (where he spent his nights) and the area where Mundo bookstore and Café Colombia were located, while walking through the lively Bolívar promenade in the center of Barranquilla. You will also visit the most emblematic places of the city such as the San Nicolás Church, the Church of Perpetual Help

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(where he married his wife Mercedes Barcha), the Intendencia Fluvial, and the García Márquez statue located in the Parque Cultural del Caribe. Additionally, we will take a tour of El Prado neighborhood, one of the areas with the most tradition and home to the famous Hotel El Prado, recognized for its architectural splendor and being the venue for romantic dates between Gabo and Mercedes. Later, we will visit the former headquarters of Bellas Artes, founded by Pedro Biava, an Italian who arrived in Barranquilla and inspired the character Pietro Crespi in his book 'One Hundred Years of Solitude', not before visiting the La Cueva restaurant, a tribute to our Nobel Laureate and the culinary richness of the Colombian Caribbean.

Duration: 4 hours

This day includes: Air-conditioned private transportation, English-speaking guide, visit to historical sites in Gabo's life, hydration, lunch, accommodation, and medical assistance card.

This day does not include: Dinner.

Operation days: Every day.

Day 6. Barranquilla: Departure for Santa Marta & City Tour (Private Service): Breakfast at the hotel. At the agreed time, transfer by land to the city of Santa Marta. Arrival and check-in at the hotel. Approximate duration: 2.5 hours.

In the afternoon, the tour will begin, discovering Santa Marta, the oldest city in South America, on a journey filled with history, culture, and Caribbean landscapes. Visit its main attractions, including the historic center, the Quinta de San Pedro Alejandrino, the Gold Museum, the Monument to the Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta, a walk through the city's historical center, visit to the Santa Marta Cathedral, and a stop at the Taganga viewpoint. Return to the hotel and accommodation.

Duration: 4 hours


This day includes: Private transportation, English-speaking guide, entrance to the Quinta de San Pedro Alejandrino, accommodation, and medical assistance card.

This day does not include: Lunch and dinner.




Day 7. Santa Marta: Visit to Playa Cristal (PNNT Sector) (Shared Service): At the agreed time, we will start early in the morning from Santa Marta. We will travel by bus towards Tayrona National Park, heading east to the entrance of Neguanje. After checking in at the park entrance, we will continue by vehicle until we reach the 7 Waves viewpoint, where we will have time to capture the beauty of the beach in our photos. From there, we will continue by transport until we reach Neguanje beach, where, after receiving instructions from the guide, we will board a boat to Playa Cristal; this transfer takes about 10 minutes. Upon arrival, we will have free beach time before lunch (Not Included). Lunch will be served at Playa Cristal. The return journey starts around 2:30 pm, and our arrival in the city will be approximately at 5:30 pm. Arrival at the hotel and accommodation.

Duration: 8 hours.

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Departure time: 6:00 am (from the hotel).

Completion time: 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm (at the hotel).

This day includes: Pick-up at the hotel, entrance to PNN Tayrona, boat transfer to Playa Cristal, Spanish-speaking guide, accommodation, and medical assistance card.

This day does not include: Lunch and dinner.

Day 8. Santa Marta: Next Destination / Departure City: Breakfast at the hotel. At the agreed time, transfer to Simón Bolívar International Airport to take a flight (not included) to the next destination.

This day includes: Private transportation and medical assistance card.

This day does not include: Lunch and dinner.

****End of services.**



Rate per person expressed in US Dollars

Hotels:

Cartagena: Dann Cartagena

Barranquilla: Radisson Diamond Barranquilla

Santa Marta: Best Western Plus Santa Marta

Price SGL: 2370 **LINK:** <https://tri.ps/JZTnX>

Price DBL: 1370 x2 = 2740 **LINK:** <https://tri.ps/hHlnK>

Note:


- ❖ If availability is not found in the planned hotels, services will be confirmed in a hotel of similar category.



Plan Includes:

- ✓ Airport – hotel – airport transfer.
- ✓ Internal transfers for activities.
- ✓ Accommodation
 - 03 nights in Cartagena
 - 02 nights in Barranquilla
 - 02 nights in Santa Marta
- ✓ Meals
 - 7 daily breakfasts.
 - 2 lunches.
- ✓ Experiences:
 - Ctg: Sunset by the Bay.
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- Ctg: Visit to Rosario Islands (Island of Enchantment).
- Baq: Private City Tour.
- Baq: Gabriel Garcia Márquez Tour.
- Smr: Private City Tour.
- Smr: Visit to Playa Cristal (PNNT Zone)
- ✓ Land transfer from Cartagena to Barranquilla.
- ✓ Land transfer from Barranquilla to Santa Marta.
- ✓ English-speaking guide
- ✓ Local medical assistance card.

Not included:

- χ Services not specified in the program.
- χ Meals not specified
- χ Voluntary tips (Guides, drivers).
- χ Personal expenses, such as: telephone calls, laundry, room service, among others.
- χ Visa processing or consular fees (when required).
- χ Pier taxes and unspecified taxes.
- χ International and/or domestic air tickets.

Tayrona National Park Closure Dates 2025:

- ✚ From February 1 to 15: This is the period of KUGKUI SHIKASA, the time when the land is renewed.
- ✚ From June 1 to 15: This is the period of SAKA JUSO, the time when the land is menstruating.
- ✚ From October 19 to November 2: This is the period of NABBATASHI, the time when animals perform rituals for the land.

Travel Recommendations:

We kindly ask you to keep the following recommendations in mind:

- We suggest supporting local communities by purchasing their crafts and local products. Please do not buy items made from hunted animals.
- Do not leave trash in the area of the different parks or in the places visited. Please take it back to the city and dispose of it in the proper place.
- If you are taking any medication, undergoing medical treatment, or have any known allergies, please inform us in advance of your trip.

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