

African Heritage in Cartagena de Indias
6 days – 5 nights
Cartagena Boquilla
Heritage, Culture, Discovery, History

Tour highlights:

- Explore Cartagena de Indias' African origins and influences
- Interact with the Palenqueros at San Basilio de Palenque
- Learn champeta a dance that incorporated salsa, gibber and reggae moves
- Visit La Boquilla. a community of local fishermen decedents of former enslaved Africans
- Explore Cartagena's old city on a walking tour,
- Savor the famous sweets sold by the Palenqueras

Day 1: Welcome to Colombia

Your guide will meet you upon your arrival and provide you transfer to your hotel.

Day 2: Cartagena (City tour)

Visit the city's colonial district, starting in Parque Bolivar which is shaded by large trees, four fountains with a statue of the great Liberator in the center. Around the square is the Museo del Oro, which exhibits its fine collection of archeological objects dating back to the pre-Hispanic period; and the Palacio de la Inquisition, recognizable for its large baroque door. The Inquisition held its meetings in the palace here and it was also the site of the prison and torture chambers for presumed heretics, opponents of the Catholic Church. Then visit the Convert and Church of the San Pedro Claver compound which was built in the middle of the XVII century and owes its name to the "apóstol de los esclavos". Return to the hotel. During the city tour, the guests will stop to be greeted by some "Palenqueras", typical women of San Basilio de Palenque, a town protected by UNESCO as humanity's heritage. They will offer you, homemade Colombian sweets At Night Dinner: Palenqueras restaurant. Meet with the Palenqueras and taste the traditional dishes inherited from their African ancestors. [B/D]

Day 3: Cartagena (Traditional Drums among Native People, Boquilla Community and Mangroves Canoe tour)

Cartagena de Indias, Havana twin and Sevilla little sister, is a symbolic city for all Colombia due to colonial port wealth and prosperity, triangular business pole also independence of the Spanish crown. La Boquilla is located at 15 min from Cartagena's historic center, is an authentic little popular village home to a fishermen colony. Not that far, we will find the mangrove, populated by colonies of migratory birds that fly away at sunset. The ride in pirogue is a typical and passionate activity due to the privileged ecosystem and natural tunnels. Next, go to music school in the village for a percussion lesson. Maracas, Bongo, Alegre. After choosing an instrument and receiving instructions, you will have full immersion on the Caribbean Colombian culture with this happy young group of musicians Return to Cartagena & Accommodation [B]

Day 4: Cartagena (Palenque Secrets & Local flavors Experience)

In the morning, leave from Cartagena to "San Basilio de Palenque", a town located at approximately one hour's drive along "Cordiality Road" to Barranquilla. The town's name comes from Palenque's communities of runaway slaves from the colonial period. This community has survived in San Basilio with their practices, customs and traditions intact. They retain heavy African influence in their daily routines, as their tongue which blends Spanish with African Bantu dialects. Listen to the music, try the fresh fruits and mingle with the community and Visit a local farm to learn about seasonal crops, Meet & Greet with leader palenquera to know their traditional hairstyles and understand the importance that the hair for their ancestors in the construction of their recipes and the path to freedom. Enjoy lunch prepared by local hosts a delicious recipe taken from the book. Later in the day, return to Cartagena. [B/L]

Day 5: Cartagena (Land of Sabrosura)

Breakfast at the hotel. Learn to dance to the rhythm of the Caribbean! Enjoy a class full of music, flavor and of course, all the “Sabrosura” that identifies the music of Colombia. This afternoon we go rum tasting at the Arsenal, located in the Getsemani neighborhood. During the tasting you will learn to identify the rum through its aroma while learning about the history and distilling process. At night Dinner: La Mulata -An adorable dining place that, since it was reviewed from Lonely Planet, is hence often filled with tourists, but it hasn’t lost touch with its mission: cheap good food. [B/D]

Day 6: Cartagena, USA

Breakfast at the hotel. Your Travel adventure in the land of Sabrosura comes to an end today. At the scheduled time transfer to Cartagena airport and fly home. [B]

[B] = Breakfast | [D] = Dinner | [B/L] = Breakfast and Lunch | [B/D] = Breakfast and Dinner

Your Tour Includes:

- Private round-trip transfers
- 5 night’ accommodation at hotel Santa Catalina in Cartagena
- Walking Tour Cartagena with Gastronomic tasting Colombian sweets
- Meals
 - o Breakfast daily
 - o Lunch in the Palenque neighborhood
 - o Dinner at El Inferno Restaurant without transfer
 - o Dinner at La Mulata Restaurant without transfer

- Boquilla African Community & Mangroves tour
- Day Tour Palenque Secrets & Local flavors Experience with Native Lunch
- Champeta Dancing lesson
- Rum tasting with bilingual guide
- All services with English-speaking guide

Tour does not include:

- Any air portion (available upon request)
- Tips for guides, drivers, restaurants, hotels,
- Extras and personal expenses
- Travel insurance
- Early check-in, late check out



Hotels on your Tour:

Category	Hotel Name	Room Type	Tripadvisor
First Class			
Cartagena	Hotel Santa Catalina	Standard	4.5

Hotel will be confirmed at time of booking

Tour Prices

Category	Double
First class	\$1,465

Price per person in double or single room staying in first-class hotel in the walled city.

Rates are minimum per person sharing a room and may change without notice.

Rates may change depending on the date of travel.

Prices for 3 passengers sharing one room are available on request

Valid through 20 December 2020. Not valid for holidays and during big conventions.

Other blackout dates may apply.

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