

South America - Magic of Colombia Cruise | AmaMelodia

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Introduction

Embark on an unforgettable journey through the heart of Colombia with the Magic of Colombia river cruise, an immersive voyage along the majestic Magdalena River. This enchanting itinerary blends rich cultural traditions, vibrant music, and breath taking landscapes, offering a deeper connection to the soul of this captivating country. Discover colonial treasures like Cartagena and Mompox, both steeped in history and charm, while engaging with the rhythms of cumbia and vallenato in lively riverside towns. Experience the warmth of local communities, from the stilted village of Nueva Venecia to the historic streets of Palenque, the first free town in the Americas. Along the way, indulge in regional cuisine, witness stunning natural beauty, and celebrate Colombia's dynamic spirit with exclusive performances and authentic encounters. Let the Magic of Colombia cruise transport you to a world of wonder, where every moment is infused with history, adventure, and cultural richness.

On this all-encompassing cruise, Chimu Adventures will provide travel logistics for your travel party for the duration of your journey, plus expert guides for all the major sightseeing as per itinerary.

Please [contact us](#) for more information and available dates.

Itinerary

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8 Days in Barranquilla and settle into your

Locations as you prepare for your journey

Colombia along the Magdalena River. In the evening,

enjoy a special Carnaval celebration,

bringing the full traditional experience

exclusively to AmaWaterways' guests all-

year round. Widely considered one of

Colombia's most important folkloric

celebrations, the Carnaval of Barranquilla

has also been declared a UNESCO

Masterpiece of Oral and Intangible Heritage

of Humanity, and you will get to revel in this

truly authentic experience as you learn the

Carnaval's motto: Quien lo vive, es quien lo

goza (Those who live it are those who enjoy

it).



DAY 2: Nueva Venecia

Visit the Floating Village of Nueva Venecia.

A charming town filled with inviting locals,

Nueva Venecia, or "New Venice," can only

be navigated by boat. With its beautiful

colonial houses, vivid architecture and local

sanctuary protecting the native flora and

fauna, this town highlights the beauty and

warmth of Colombia. While here, explore

this village and learn more about the lives of

its people during a guided tour. Enjoy the

traditional crafts and art that is on display,

learn about the techniques the fishermen of

Nueva Venecia use, and taste the local

delicacies as you embrace this village and

its unique culture.



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Spends your morning in Santa Barbara de

the banks of the Mompox

of the Magdalena River. Enjoy a

walking tour through this traditional town,

where you may see local landmarks such as

the Santa Barbara Church and enjoy

intricate handmade craft created in the

town. In the afternoon, arrive in the island

town of Mompox, where you will be

welcomed with open arms and lively music

as local musicians treat you to an exclusive

jazz performance.



DAY 4: Mompox

A town frozen in time, Mompox embodies the appearance of what many villages looked like during colonial times. Founded in 1540, this remote village became an important Spanish trading post. Some Spaniards found Mompox to be a haven for keeping gold and other treasure protected from the pirates that pillaged coastal cities like Cartagena, and with this precious metal and the work of skilled artisans from Spain came beautifully crafted artifacts. Since then, the town has become famous for its incredible filigree jewelry, which you can learn more about during your tour of this town. While visiting the largest inland island in Latin America, journey through the beautiful wetlands, exploring the massive lake that is home to a variety of flora and fauna native to the region, with

opportunities to birdwatch at sunrise, early morning and sunset. In either the morning or the afternoon, you can choose to take a stroll through this storied town on a guided walking tour. With stunning colonial churches, breathtaking nature surrounding the town, and delicious local delights such as capa cheese and butifarra, Mompox is sure to be a highlight of your journey along the magnificent Magdalena River.



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Magdalena River - La Mojana Region - and

reaching the town of El Banco, nestled at

the intersection of the Magdalena and César

ivers. Founded in a location strategic for

both the native people and the Spaniards,

the town was repeatedly destroyed in their

struggles and then rebuilt atop its ashes. In

1749, a freed black slave named José

Domingo Ortiz led a group of settlers to this

special location, carrying with him a statue

of the Virgin Mary, staking this place as

their new home. Because of this connection,

the Virgin of Candelaria, a special

invocation of the Virgin Mary, is specially

revered in this region. Embark on a

guided walking of this incredible destination

and learn more about its history as the

birthplace of cumbia, an iconic genre of

music and dance that has now been

popularized around the world. What began

as a courtship dance practiced by African

slaves later incorporated American steps

and European and African instruments has

become a worldwide sensation, which is

especially popular in the Andean region of

Colombia. In the evening, enjoy an exclusive

cumbia performance by locals.



DAY 6: Magangué - Calamar

Witness the sights, hear the bird calls, and

watch the wildlife around you as you spend

the day in Magangué. Immerse yourself in

the presence of Colombian nature

surrounding this city on a birdwatching

tour, giving you a unique opportunity to see

birds only found in this specific part of the

country. Later in the day, visit Calamar.

Located at the entrance of the Canal del

Dique, this town was first settled in 1840.

Witness historic sites such as the Iglesia de

la Inmaculada Concepción as you tour this

beautiful destination by paolo (a bicycle taxi

for two).



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Take the day to delight in the beautiful coastal city of Cartagena. Many Spaniards flocked to this location when they heard tales of gold found in the tombs of indigenous leaders, expanding this small port into a thriving city. Start your day with a tour the city, you may witness iconic landmarks such as the Catedral de Cartagena or the stone walls built to protect the city from the plundering of pirates. In the afternoon, witness the incredible UNESCO designated San Felipe Castle, the fortress that defended Cartagena from French and British attacks. You will also enjoy a tour through the breathtaking Getsemaní neighborhood. With the vibrant colors of the homes and street art as well as the mouthwatering local delicacies that can be found throughout the area, this historic neighborhood will delight all your senses.



DAY 8: Depart Cartagena

Bid your ship and crew farewell as you disembark and prepare for your flight home.



Inclusions & Details

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All meals on board, plus a special dinner on shore in El Banco

Wine, beer and soft drinks with lunch and dinner

Sip & Sail cocktail hour with complimentary wine, beer, spirits and soft drinks

24/7 Colombian coffee and tea station

Fresh water replenished daily

Immersive excursions in every destination

A knowledgeable guide who will accompany you along your river cruise journey

Nightly entertainment including cultural performances

High-quality Wi-Fi

Port charges

Inclusions

EXCLUSIONS

International or domestic flights

Airport transfers unless specified

Visa fees and reciprocity fees (if applicable)

Travel insurance

Personal expenses

Gratuities for guides and crew

Any additional bar consumption

Any meals not mentioned

Any items not mentioned as included

Difficulty Rating

1 (Easy)

Single Surcharge

A single supplement surcharge applies and is subject to availability. Please [contact us](#) for more information.

Prices are based on per person, twin share (unless otherwise stated).

Notes

Prices are correct at time of publishing but are subject to change at any time.

Itinerary is subject to change depending on weather conditions, river conditions and/or government regulations.

Price Dependent upon Seasonality, fuel surcharges, currency fluctuations and availability at time of booking.

Sustainability