

South America - Wonders of Colombia Cruise | AmaMelodia

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Introduction

Experience the magic of Colombia, the "Land of a Thousand Rhythms," as you travel along the stunning Magdalena River. Stroll through Palenque, Colombia's first free city, where the beats of cumbia and vallenato fill the air. Wander the colourful streets of Getseman  in Cartagena, a lively artistic hub. Explore the fusion of Spanish and precolonial influences that have shaped Colombia's music, culture, and identity. Let these captivating destinations and the warmth of the locals immerse you in the soul of this remarkable river.

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

DAY 1: Arrive Cartagena & Embarkation

Arrive in Cartagena, the beautiful capital of the Bolivar region located on Colombia's Caribbean coast. After settling into your stateroom, enjoy a tour through the breathtaking Getseman  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. Upon returning to your ship, embark on your journey along the magical Magdalena River.



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8 Days: Gambote - Palenque

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In the morning, experience the town of Palenque, the first “free town” in the Americas. Founded by those who fled a life of slavery during colonial times, the spirit and appearance of this town has been preserved through time. In 1713, the Spanish crown issued a Royal Decree that officially freed the people of Palenque from slavery. Immerse yourself in the town’s deeply rooted culture and traditions, which are so distinct that UNESCO declared Palenque to be a Masterpiece of the Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity. An important piece of their heritage is the music and rhythmic style that was developed in this city, which you will enjoy during a special performance by local musicians. 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 Concepcion as you tour this beautiful destination by paola (a bicycle taxi for two).



DAY 3: Santa Barbara de Pinto

Spend your morning in Santa Barbara de Pinto, located on the banks of the Mompox arm 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 crafts created in the town. In the afternoon, arrive at the island town of Mompox, where you will be welcomed with open arms and lively music during an exclusive jazz performance played by local musicians.



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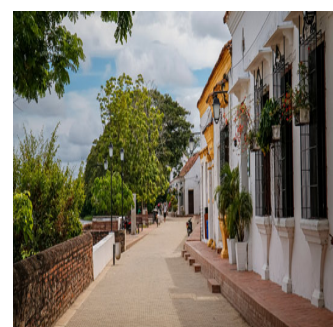
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A town frozen in time, Mompox embodies the appearance of what many villages looked like during colonial times. Founded in 1540, this remote village became an important Spanish trading post. Some Spaniards found Mompox to be a haven for keeping gold 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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Day 5: Mompox

Embark in Mompox, a scenic cruise down one of the most

breath-taking stretches of the Magdalena

River - a picturesque part of the La Mojana

region - and reaching the town of El Banco,

nestled at the intersection of the Magdalena

and César rivers. Founded in a strategic

location 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 venerated in this

region. Embark on a guided walking tour 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

Witness the sights, hear the bird calls, and

watch the wildlife around you as spend the

day docked near Magangué. Immerse

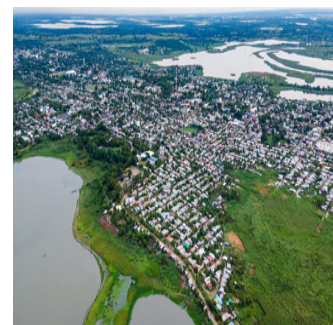
yourself in the presence of Colombian

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.



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In the morning, visit the Floating Village of Nueva Venecia. A charming town filled with Colombian 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. Witness its splendor as you tour the village. 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. Later in the day, venture to the beautiful seaside city of Barranquilla, a vibrant destination home to notable musicians, writers and artists. Immerse yourself in the warmth and culture of the city's atmosphere as you venture through this magnificent location, where you may visit famous landmarks such as the bocas de cenizas, the point at which the magical Magdalena River meets the breathtaking Caribbean Sea, and the "Carnaval" Museum, which showcases the unique history of this incredible festival. In the evening, enjoy an exclusive "Carnaval" celebration just for AmaWaterways guests as we bring the full traditional experience to our guests all year round.



DAY 8: Disembark in Barranquilla

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



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Cabin On Board Ship

INCLUSIONS

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

1 (Easy)

Difficulty Rating

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).

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

Notes

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