



Colombia: Cartagena & Lost City Trek - 8 Days (#20497)

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Overview

Discover two jewels and the most epic cities of Colombia; Cartagena de Indias and The Lost City “Ciudad Perdida.” Explore the narrow streets of Cartagena, the most charming and romantic city in South America. Also, be part of this active adventure and travel through lush jungles and across streams passing by Indigenous villages, learning about one of the undiscovered regions in the hearth of Santa Marta mountain range. Arrive at Teyuna, “The Lost City,” and explore the uncrowded ruins at leisure, marvelling at the thought of what would have been here in the ancient past. With its isolation, imagine that you discovered it first and had the Lost City all to yourself.

Departure on Saturdays.

Trip Highlights

Cartagena-Santa Marta-Camp-Santa Marta-Colombia

Detailed Itinerary



Day 01

Day 01: Arrive Cartagena

Welcome to Colombia and Cartagena! Officially named Cartagena de Indias, and once known as Calamari, this romantic city of Colombia is home to more than one million inhabitants. The city is located on the northern coast of Colombia in the Caribbean coast region. Cartagena offers residents and visitors a wide variety of activities and amenities, combined with the picturesque beauty of its cultural and architectural past. Enjoy colonial churches and pre-colombian art in contrast with the futuristic high-rise buildings of a busy metropolis. There are no planned activities on your arrival day, so check into our hotel and enjoy the city. Your trip expert leader will hold a general briefing in the evening, normally between 7pm and 8pm (a note will be posted in the arrival hotel with details).

Hotel: Hotel Don Pedro de Heredia or similar.

Meal: No Meal

Day 02

Day 02: Cartagena

After breakfast, enjoy a walking tour through the old part of town, visiting key sites throughout the historical center of the city that were the inspiration for Colombia's most famous author, journalist and Nobel Prize winner; Gabriel Garcia Marquez.

Enjoy a beautiful afternoon at leisure exploring the old city by yourselves, particularly the inner walled town, perhaps visit San Felipe de Barajas Castle, the largest of the fortresses, or head out of town for a mud bath at Volcan de Lodo El Totumo. The nearby group of tiny coral islands and stunning expanses of Playa Blanca (White Beach) reveal the hidden beauty of Colombia's Caribbean coast. Maybe choose to end this adventure with people-watching in the heart of Getsemaní, Plaza de la Trinidad, where kids play soccer and singers strum their guitars.

Hotel: Hotel Don Pedro de Heredia or similar.

Meal: Breakfast and Dinner

Day 03

Day 03: Santa Marta

Travel in the morning to Santa Marta for around 5 hours by the coastal shore of the Caribbean Sea. You'll pass by important cities like Barranquilla, among the biggest in Colombia, and also see large sea ports located in the delta of Magdalena River, the largest in the country. Take the afternoon at your leisure to explore the colonial old city of Santa Marta.



Hotel: Hotel Catedral Plaza or similar.

Meal: Breakfast

Day 04

Day 04: Lost City Trek Camp

Start your Lost City adventure with a 2-hour drive on a 4×4, on a small road climbing up to the Santa Marta Range, to reach a small countryside town called Mamey. Here, we will have our lunch and get ready and start our trek to the magical Lost City. After 4 hours (5 mi/8 km), arrive at camp 1 to spend the night in this impressive tropical forest.

The overall climb on the first day is about 520 meters. We will have a hearty, well-earned, and relaxing dinner by candlelight.

Hotel: Camp-1

Meal: Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

Day 05

Day 05: Lost City Trek Camp

Continue the journey and hike for approximately 5 to 7 hours (9.5 mi/15km) on the second day. Along the way, we will stop for lunch and pass camp 2 on our way towards campsite 3 and make a stop at the Indian Kogui's settlements in the valley of the Buritaca River to get a feeling for the local Indigenous cultures and their way of living in these pristine villages; later we will arrive at camp 3 located on the foothills of Teyuna Lost City. You can also take a refreshing dip in the Buritaca River.

Hotel: Camp III

Meal: Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

Day 06

Day 06: Teyuna Sacred City (Lost City)

Finish the remaining climb to the Lost City. We will start early in the morning, climbing up steps for one hour in the last part of the well-designed Tayrona trail that will take us to the monumental city of the royal Tayrona Culture. On the way, we will have magnificent views overlooking the dense jungle and rugged terrain, feeling the weather changing and the ecosystems morphing as we get higher in altitude and closer to the sacred place. Once we arrive, appreciate the magnificent terrain and the beauty of this place along a guided tour around the Lost City for about 3 hours. The local guide will give you a better



understanding of how large and spectacular this place originally was and of the importance of the Tayrona Culture. Afterwards, trek back down hill for about 3 hours to camp 2 where we will spend the night.

Hotel: Camp II

Meal: Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

Day 07

Day 07: Return to Santa Marta

On the last day of our trekking expedition up in the sierra range, we will hike 5 hours back to Mamey town, our starting location. We will enjoy the last lunch provided by our trekking team and then get our transportation to take us back to the hotel in Santa Marta. We'll have a celebration dinner tonight after the accomplishment of our challenging hike.

Hotel: Hotel Catedral Plaza or similar.

Meal: Breakfast and Lunch

Day 08

Day 08: Departure

International departures, end of services. Take with you memories and photos and leave a piece of your heart, as you will want to return to Colombia soon to experience more of this enchanted land. We wish you a "buen viaje"!

Meal: Breakfast

Inclusions

Transportation: Comfortable land transportation, Jeep 4x4, trekking.

Activities: Cartagena Gabriel Garcia Marquez walking tour, Experience dinner at the local women's jail, Salsa lesson in Cartagena, Santa Martha City, Lost City Trek 4 Days / Five nights, Half a day guided tour of Teyuna City (Lost City), Local encounter with the defenders from Tayrona tribe kogui.

Accommodation (based on double occupancy): Comfortable 3 to 4 star Hotels (4 nights) and 3 nights at basic camps along the Lost city trek).

Meals: 7 Breakfasts, 4 lunches & 4 dinner.

Staff & Trip Leader: Certified expert English-speaking adventure leader and local guides.



Exclusions

Entrance fees not listed.
International air (also applied to trans-border flights).
International airport transfers.
Applicable tourist visas.
Incidentals.
Mandatory Travel Insurance.
Airport taxes.
Tips or gratuities
Beverages.
Meals not mentioned above.
Optional tours or optional admissions not listed above.

Note

Departure on Saturday.

Please note that the prices are starting from and that upon sending a new request with specific date we will send the applicable rate and availability.

Program Touring / Guide

Escorted Experience

Periodic Departure

20 Dec, 2024 to 31 Dec, 2025

2 pax

AUD 4,383 P P twin share

AUD 5,181 P P single

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