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Cartagena**
a different way of traveling



Welcome to Alternative Travel Cartagena

Alternative Travel Cartagena was founded based on our love for the city of Cartagena de Indias. We are different because of our extraordinary tours. Every single service is of our utmost concern. We customize our tours according to your budget, your time, your requirements and your interests. Our special tours are perfect for travelers who want to be more than just tourists. We invite you to get to know the city and its inhabitants in a particular kind of way.

Tours around the city

Our wide variety of specialized tours is one of our main characteristics. We always strive for innovation and new concepts. Our tours will lead you away from traditional tourist sites and give you the possibility to discover this extraordinary city. With us, you will have the opportunity to have social and environmental experiences such as, fishing with locals, participating in a Caribbean cooking class, mountain biking on off-beaten tracks or to go horseback riding in the sunset.

With us your stay in Cartagena will be a unique experience!



Nina Helena Schlieper
General Manager

Discover one of the most beautiful cities of the Colombian Caribbean

Cartagena de Indias is one of Latin America's most popular colonial cities. The historical center was declared National Heritage in 1959 and became UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1984. The historical center features Spanish colonial architecture and republican style. Besides the cultural and gastronomic delights, Cartagena offers beautiful landscapes and the possibility to practice various types of water sports. Also, The Natural National Park Corales del Rosario is located right in front of the bay of Cartagena.



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CITY TOURS

1) City Tour

Our City Tour starts with the transfer from the city center to the La Popa Convent. From the convent you will have a great view over the whole city.

From there, we will proceed to the biggest fortress built by the Spaniards in South America, the San Felipe de Barajas Fortress. We will visit the whole fortress including some of its tunnels, as well as the statue of Don Blas de Lezo.

Afterwards, we will go back to the city center and visit the most important landmarks, such as the official entrance to the walled city with the Clock Tower (Torre del Reloj). Behind it, we will find the Monument of Don Pedro de Heredia, the founder of Cartagena de Indias (1533). The guide will tell us about the story of Cartagena's founding and will share interesting stories full of legends and pirates.



INCLUDED

- Entrance fees (La Popa Convent (or San Pedro Claver) and San Felipe Fortress)
- Transfer: Center – La Popa – San Felipe Fortress – Center
- Bilingual tour guide



NOT INCLUDED

- Travel or accident insurance
- Drinks
- Personal expenses
- Tips

IMPORTANT



For groups larger than 15 people the monastery La Popa can only be visited by vehicles with a maximum capacity of 15 seats. For larger groups, the group can either be divided into different vehicles or we can offer to visit the monastery of San Pedro Claver in the city center. *oople se reemplaza la Popa por San Pedro Claver.*

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2) Walkingtour

The colorful streets of Cartagena are made for a walk, explore the walled city with your personal guide who will tell you about Cartagena's past and present when visiting monuments such as the Clock Tower or Don Pedro de Heredia's statue, the city's founder as well as other less visited parts of the historic center.

During the walk, you may notice many influences – Romanesque, Moorish, colonial, military, Arabic, Spanish and North American that have given shape to Cartagena. You will also cross by Parque Bolivar, facing the Palace of the Inquisition, which is one of the most beautiful buildings in the city and San Pedro Claver square, dedicated to the Spanish-born monk known as "Slave of the Slaves" for his life spent ministering African slaves brought to the Spanish colonies. Also the Getsemani district, named by Forbes Magazine as one of the coolest neighborhoods in the world, will not be missed on this city tour.



INCLUDED

- Bilingual Guide
- Guided walking around the city



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3) Kayak City Tour

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With this tour you will experience Cartagena from a different point of view, visiting sights such as the Clock Tower, the Pegasus Pier, the Virgin of the Bay and the Roman Bridge. We will navigate through the San Lazaro lagoon, where we will find mangroves that extend along the only part of the walls that is until today located directly by the water. We will reach the island of birds, a mangrove island inhabited by countless birds that we can observe, always sailing through the Caribbean Sea aboard a kayak in which you discover a face unknown to many in the city.



TOUR CHARACTERISTICS

- Paddling level: Basic
- Approximate distance to paddle: 3 Kilometers
- Departure: Fortress Fuerte San Sebastián de Pastelillo in Manga
- Duration: 1 – 1.5 hours



INCLUDED

- Equipment (kayak, paddle and life jacket)
- Basic ground instruction
- Bilingual Guide
- Hydration Pack
- Personal insurance



ITINERARY

- Departures: 8am, 10am, 2.30pm & 4.30pm (recommended to be there 10 minutes before departure time)
- Preparation and basic instructions for kayaking
- Departure: Fortress Fuerte San Sebastián de Pastelillo in Manga
- Return to Fortress Fuerte San Sebastián de Pastelillo in Manga



WHAT TO BRING

- Sun-Blocker and Sunglasses
- Cap or hat, swimsuit, replacement clothing
- Repellent, wet shoes
- Rash guard with UV filter



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4) Graffiti Tour

Our Street Art & Graffiti tour gives you deeper insight towards Cartagena focused on the alternative and cultural quarter and coolest barrio: Getsemani. The stories are told with present graffiti paintings with images of tropical scenes, palenqueras, and local flora and fauna. In Getsemani the individuality and spirit of the neighborhood remains intact. You can come as a tourist but you leave as a local understanding what makes the barrio so special engaging with the people to ensure that it preserves its particular charm. This neighborhood has shaken off the gritty reputation, and turned to street-art as a way of incorporating the voice of local residents and artists into the fabric and the narrative of the city streets. Graffitis transformed this neighborhood in the last years, after the first Graffiti Festival in Getsemani that took place in December 2013

Our fully qualified guide offers a complete knowledge of the impressive history of Getsemani starting at the clock tower, from there, we go to the street of La Sierpe (where all the murals are) and Trinidad plaza, which has an historical, cultural and national value. We will also walk on top of the city wall.



INCLUDED

- Historical, social and cultural information
- Pick at the hotel if the hotel is in the city center (by foot)
- Graffiti tour in Getsemani
- Bilingual guide
- Drop off at the hotel (by foot)

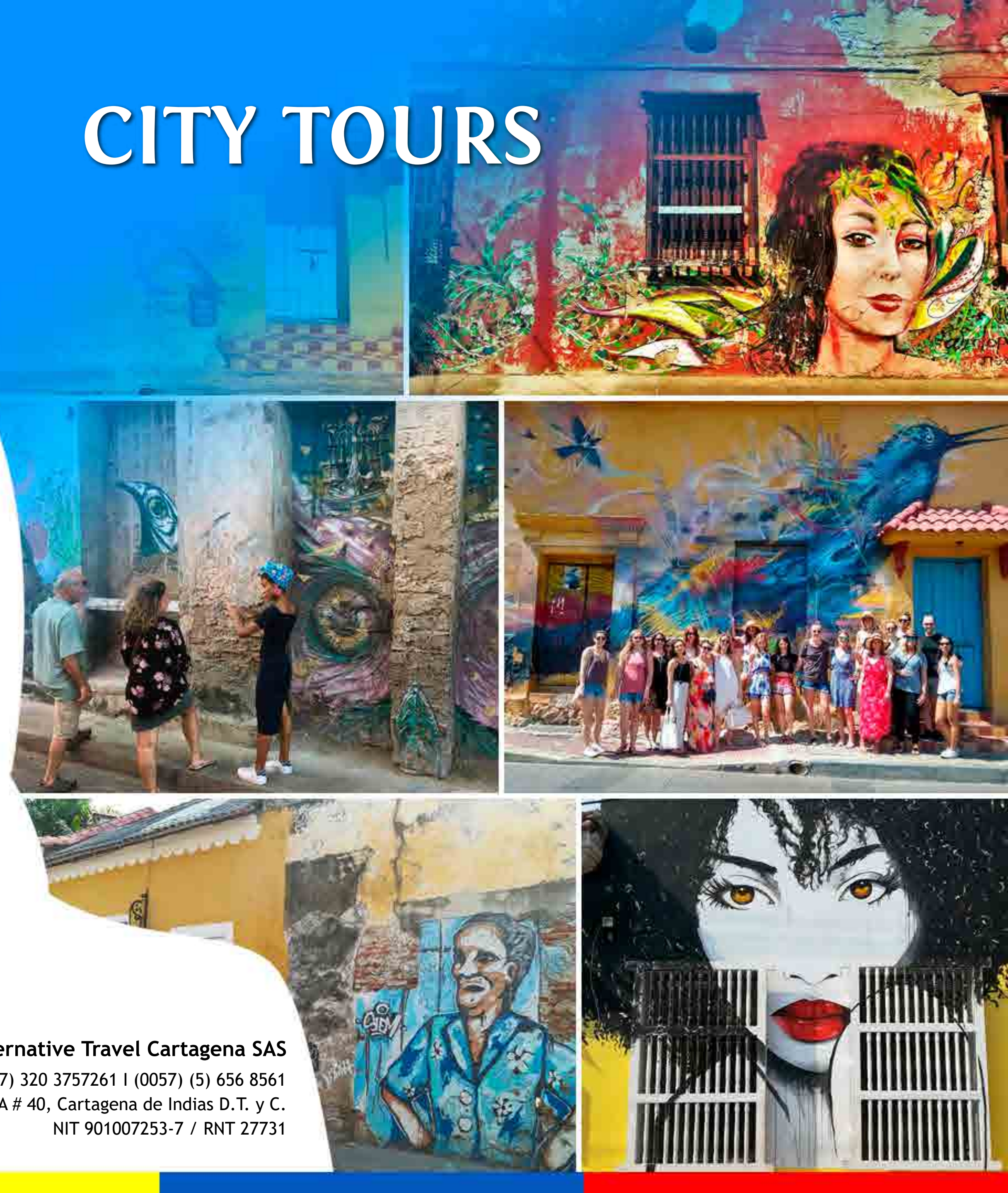


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5) SPECIAL City tours

+ On the track of Gabriel García Márquez (2 hours)

Gabriel García Márquez (1927–2014), affectionately known as Gabo, is one of the most important authors of the 20th century. In 1982, he was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature for his novel *One Hundred Years of Solitude*. When he died in April 2014, the President of Colombia, Juan Manuel Santos, described him as the “greatest Colombian that has ever lived”. Gabriel García Márquez invented a literary style that is called magic realism and many of his novels are set in Cartagena. During our walking tour through the city center, the tour guide will show us the places where some of his novels took place. Furthermore, the biography of the Colombian journalist and author will be explained in details.

+ Tour with an art expert (2-5 hours)

Tour with an art expert (2-5 hours): With our art expert, Rosana Lombana (daughter of Hector Lombana, one of the most famous artist of Cartagena that made a number of impressive sculptures) we will visit the modern Museum of Arts of Cartagena, as well as different art galleries, where you will have the possibility to acquire art pieces. Moreover, we will visit the workshop of a local Artist, where you can appreciate technique, creativity, style and artwork.

+ Tour about literature and history with the poet Pedro Blas (1,5 hour)

Together with the famous poet Pedro Blas, we will discover the city center and the Getsemaní neighborhood. We will focus on the history of the city, as well as its literature and poetry. Pedro Blas was born in 1949 in the Getsemaní neighborhood, which had been an example of social struggle for centuries. He was awarded with the national Poetry Prize Jorge Artel for his book *Rumbos* in 1993. Discover Cartagena's poetry and literature and, above all, get to know Pedro Blas, a really extraordinary person.

+ Tour with an architect (1,5 hours)

Cartagena's architecture is known all over the world. It is characterized by two architectural styles: the colonial style with balconies made of wood and cassette windows and the republican style with columns and round arches made of stone. The architect who leads us through the narrow and colorful alleys, will explain all of the special characteristics of the monuments, churches, convents and private houses, and he will call our attention to small details of the Romanic, Moorish, colonial, military and international style that we would have never distinguished otherwise.

+ Tour with an anthropologist (1,5 hours)

An anthropologist will explain the socio-geographic and socio-demographic backgrounds of the country. We will learn more about the geography, politics, history, infrastructure, culture and sociology of Colombia, as well as their connection and interplay so that we can understand why Colombia has been experiencing a huge boom lately.

+ Tour with a professional photographer (1, 5-3 hours)

- There are two different options for this tour:
- **Option 1:** You are the photographer and a professional photographer will advise you. He knows Cartagena very well and is professional in shooting sights, streets and buildings. We recommend this tour between 4-6 pm, the blue hour. You will take pictures with your own camera.
- **Option 2:** You are the model and the professional photographer will shoot pictures of you (and your partner or family) using the best backgrounds in the best light. The photographer will use his camera and you will receive a DVD with all the pictures the following day.

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6) Walking tour with pirate surprise

This is the best way to explore the old city of Cartagena while wandering around its colorful streets. History is present in every corner and in the old buildings surrounded by walls and guarded by cannons. It is a city of legends and pirates with an interesting background. Since you are in a city of pirates and treasures, there is no better way to engage your children, than surprising them with a pirate visit and treasures!

A real pirate will join you to discover Cartagena's charming streets while you receive from his hands funny pirate treasures and also meet a real Pirate Galleon... come on board family! Let's take the city!



INCLUDED

- Bilingual Guide
- Walking tour
- Piratesurprise with treasures
- Visit of the Piratship „El Galeon“



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7) Bay Tour of Cartagena (Group Tour)

Savor the warm, calm waters of the Bay of Cartagena and enjoy the breathtaking sunset in the Caribbean ocean and the beautiful night view over the downtown area and the historic center of the city. With a cocktail in your hand and the fresh breeze in your hair you can enjoy the Caribbean atmosphere at its best.

Note: Place of departure: Pier "Muelle de Los Pegasus", in front of the clock tower.
Time of departure: 5pm (please be there at 4:45 pm)



INCLUDED

- 90 minutes cruise on the Sibarita Express yacht
- Open bar with Cuba Libre and soft drinks



NOT INCLUDED

- Private service (if you want we can offer other options in private service)
- Harbor taxes (approximately COP \$8.000 per person)
- Transfers from the bay/hotel
- Additional consumptions



OPTIONAL

- Bay tour with dinner
- Starter
- Main course
- Dessert and a glass of housewine
- Guide in other languages



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8) Horse carriage

A romantic carriage ride through the historical city centre of Cartagena de Indias. The carriage will be ready waiting for us at the Bolivar Square. We will ride through the historical city center passing by all the important squares, churches and streets with colorful houses and balconies that are decorated typically with Bougainville flowers. The driver will tell us more about the history and legends of Cartagena.

This tour ends at the Bóvedas, a former storage space for munitions, weaponry and supplies for the Spanish military. Nowadays, they are housing 23 souvenir and craft shops.

+ INCLUDED

- Spanish speaking carriage driver
- Carriage ride (30 to 60 minutes) in the historical city centre

+ OPCIONAL

- Pickup from the hotel
- Guide in other languages

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9) City tour by bicycle

We offer a guided city tour by bicycle through the historical center (the walled city), Getsemaní. The tour starts in the historical center: We will ride you by all the main attractions and landmarks and we will stop several times in order to take photos and listen to our guide's stories about Cartagena.

The tour goes on to Getsemaní, the neighborhood where Florentino Ariza lived. He's the main character in the worldwide known novel Love in the time of Cholera that is written by Colombian Nobel Prize winner Gabriel García Márquez.

Subject to change: The itinerary of this tour can vary depending on the condition of the participants.

+ INCLUDED

- Rental bicycles
- Bilingual tour guide

+ OPTIONAL

- You can also choose a electric bike (scooter) for your tour
- Guide in other languages

+ NOT INCLUDED

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10) Coconut workshop

Craft your own souvenir and support a good purpose. Coconuts are not only used for drinks but also to create accessories or decoration. The project DAMARTES (Damas y Madres del Arte – ‘Women and Mothers of Art’) began with the name Madres – Cabeza de Familia y sus Cocos (‘Mothers – head of the family and their coconuts’) and is an association composed of seven women. In 2008, they took part in a craft class sponsored by the foundation ProBoquilla. Nowadays, they produce jewelry, containers, vases, belts and accessories and are the first women of La Boquilla that purchase their own income. Producing an object out of a coconut, requires above all enthusiasm and patience.

The life of the DAMARTES is very impressive. All of them are mothers and most of them already grandmothers with interesting life stories that they like to share with us. The association is a working group of great women that are able to craft amazing things out of simple objects.

We will go to La Boquilla, where the ladies will invite us to a very special workshop. Every participant can make his own souvenir out of coconut. It is possible to craft bracelets, keychains, earrings or necklaces. The workshop will take place in a nice rustic restaurant right on the beach of La Boquilla.



INCLUDED

- Bilingual tour guide
- Transfer city center – La Boquilla – city center
- Introduction to the World of the Coconut
- Presentation of the DAMARTES
- Coconut Workshop
- Welcome Drink
- Hand made coconut souvenir



OPTIONAL

- Lunch
- Guide in other languages
- African dreadlock workshop on request



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11) Fishing with the locals of La Boquilla

Every morning, 365 days a year, the people of the village La Boquilla, get up to go fishing. La Boquilla is the home to many families with African origins whose principal source of income is fishing.

There are two big lagoons: the Ciénaga de Juan Polo and the Ciénaga de la Virgen. Different species of fish can be caught in these lagoons and the fishermen use their own traditional technique of fishing. They catch sea bass (róbalo), shad (sábalo), common two-banded sea bream (mojarra), ocean-bass (pargo negro), mullet (lebranche), as well as sea snails, clams, shrimp, crawfish and lobster. Three common techniques are generally used: fishing line, nets and traps.

The fishermen will wait for us in La Boquilla to take us to the lagoon in their canoes. The tour guide will help us communicate with the fishermen. For about 2-3 hours, we will fish in the lagoon (don't forget to bring a hat, sunscreen and mosquito repellent!). The fishermen will explain how to use the fishing line, how to throw the fishing net and how to position the traps in order to catch shrimp and crawfish. If you wish to eat the fish and crabs you have caught, keep your catch because we go to one of the fishermen's house to cook and have lunch together!

+ INCLUDED

- Transfer city center – La Boquilla – city center
- Bilingual tour guide
- Fishing gear: decoy, net, trap for crawfish, fishing line
- Introduction by a local fisherman to the world of fishing
- Canoe tour with the fishermen through the mangroves of the lagoon
- Water, lunch
- Cooking class in the house of a fisherman family (including lunch)

+ NOT INCLUDED

- Travel or accident insurance
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+ OPTIONAL

- African dreadlock workshop on request

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12) San Basilio de Palenque

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A corner of Africa in America! Benkos Bioho, a runaway slave who, accompanied by 36 other male and female slaves, hid in the area found what is now known as San Basilio de Palenque, the first slavery-free town in Colombia. Their palenquera language and traditions and rituals remained intact since they had no connection with the main road and the city and remained isolated until the seventies when the famous boxer “Kid Pambelé” placed this settlement on the map and brought with him access roads to the village.

Located an hour and a half’s drive from Cartagena by road, this African corner, declared by UNESCO as intangible cultural heritage of humanity, offers to visitors a window on Afro-descendant history in Colombia and America.

A guide and private vehicle will pick you up at your hotel and take you comfortably to San Basilio de Palenque, where a local guide will receive us and we will learn a little of the Palenquero dialect, history and culture of this great town. Through craft arts such as the work of the Spinners, who with their strong movement prepare the corn to feed their families, and the beautiful art of weaving through the hands of artisans who tell their stories through their handicraft we get even closer to the culture. After exploring the village and its surroundings we will enjoy a delicious typical lunch in the palenquera way.

INCLUDED

- Private transfer hotel - Palenque - hotel
- Bilingual tour guide
- Local Palenquero Guide
- Spinners (pilanderas) and weavers demonstration, Palenque language class
- Guided tour through San Basilio de Palenque
- Typical Palenquero lunch with a drink

OPTIONAL

- African Dance Showcase, Drum Show, Cooking class
- Palenquera, African hairstyles workshop.
- Guide in other languages

NOT INCLUDED

- Tips and Personal expenses
- Additional drinks
- Accident insurance

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13) Route of Peace to the Montes de Maria

Day trip to San Jacinto and Cerro Maco: On this day trip, you'll have the opportunity to get to know the real and authentic Colombia!. We are taking you to one of the most magical spots in the Bolívar Department, where ancient traditions and customs are still alive and carefully preserved. As part of the mountain range "Montes de María", "Cerro de Maco" is located just 14 km out of San Jacinto town. It represents a wonderful natural 900 m high look-out point which is the highest point of the Bolívar Department, from where you can enjoy incredible views over the complete surroundings. If you like physically demanding sports or activities, on this day trip you can practice mountain biking or trekking. But if you prefer to take it a little bit easier, you can enjoy bird watching, exotic animal observation or visit a coffee plantation. It is the perfect opportunity to taste one of the best organic coffee in the country.

This tour will be quoted with all elements you with to include.

One of the highlights of this day trip is a visit to a local weaving workshop where artisans produce the colorful hammocks and bags ("mochilas") from which Colombia is known for. You will not only have the chance to look behind the scenes of the production process but also you can get in contact with the locals and have a chat with them about their traditions and history.

Alternative Travel Cartagena invites you to visit a magnificent and magical place that so far is left aside by the tourist crowds. Here you can still experience pristine and authentic encounters with the local community which is happy to introduce you to their homeland and show you their daily activities. On this day trip, you will immerse yourself in an intact nature, far away from all the excesses of the modern cities, where you can re connect with nature and let your adventurer spirit free.



CARACTERÍSTICAS DEL TOUR

- Transfer Cartagena – San Jacinto – Cartagena.
- A visit to Museo Comunitario San Jacinto.
- 30 minutes ride in a traditional Jeep to get higher into the mountains.
- Trekking to a traditional Coffee Hacienda.
- Lunch (typical regional dish).
- A visit to a weaving workshop y coffee tasting.

Duration: 8-9 hours: Remote and rural environment; ideal for travelers that are craving for close contact to nature and nature activities; the opportunity to visit a mountain range not far from Cartagena which provides exclusive nature highlights and at the same time you can get a historical and gastronomical experience.

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14) Drum Workshop

La Boquilla is an afro descendant fishermen village that for more than 200 years until today they still continue in a heroic struggle of cultural resistance to preserve their ancestral traditions, where drums play a leading role.

Today we invite you to an exciting tour to observe and play these Afro Colombian wild drums in their habitat, for this reason: Play it even if you don't play, dance even if you don't dance, sing even if you don't sing. Together We can!

Our Drum Workshop of about an hour duration, is a unique opportunity to connect yourself with the typical rhythms of Afro Colombian folk music such as Cumbia, Mapalé and Champeta, through immersion by playing traditional drums.

The team of Batambora Drum Workshop School invites you to live an extraordinary experience; first a little theory, then the presentation and interaction: execution of Drums.

BATAMBORA is a project led by a group of pushing young people from the Afro descendant community of La Boquilla, who are committed to human and economic development that is aimed at rescuing and preserving the cultural traditions of the African heritage. We love to support young people who make a difference, we invite you to live it!. (Minimum 2 people).



+ INCLUDED

- Bilingual Guide
- Transportation
- Play Caribbean drums to the different rhythms
- Minimum 2 Persons

+ NOT INCLUDED

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15) Salsa Tour

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A complete guidance through the salsa history in the traditional Salsa Bar Quiebra Canto. Benefit from the exclusive music collection from our host, Lácides Patrón, in the popular Salsa Bar Quiebra Canto. Lácides Patrón, who is originally from Cartagena, has more than eighteen years of experience in administrating this magic place. Discover with him the secrets of the salsa world. Lácides' music collection is one of the biggest in Colombia. He has more than five thousand CDs and three thousand LPs, that summarize the development and history of salsa throughout the years. During the speech about salsa you have the opportunity, to learn and practice the different salsa rhythms. During the event you can enjoy a refreshing cocktail.

+ INCLUDED

- Bilingual guide
- One drink

+ NOT INCLUDED

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16) Champetour with Charles King

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Do you know what Champeta is? It's the music of Cartagena! That has lived and suffered like the city different revolutions during the history so moved of the city of Cartagena de Indias.

This musical genre was born in the afrodescendant zones of Cartagena, influenced by African and Antillean rhythms, linked to the tradition and cultural heritage of San Basilio de Palenque, which in its beginnings was marginalized and frowned upon among the highest social strata of the city; as a lifestyle, it has transcended borders and has become a musical, social and cultural phenomenon that every day gains more followers from the poorest and most popular communities to the most famous. If you like music and dance, come and enjoy a day in which you can learn about the origins of the champeta and its history, because La Champeta was not allowed in Colombia for a time, walking with the icon of this music Charles King, through the passages of the typical and popular market of Bazurto where he saw his first steps to fame, learn to move with the flow champetuo with one of the most famous singers of Cartagena and champeta dancers 100% Cartagena! Following in the footsteps of this joyful and rhythmic Caribbean rhythm that invites you to have fun and live the music!



INCLUDED

- Bilingual Guide
- Chat and Singing with Charles King, champeta singer.
- Vehicle, Visit to the Bazurto market and transfer by public vehicle to Paseo Bolívar.
- Champeta class with professional dancers.
- Drinks.



NOT INCLUDED

- Travel or accident insurance
- Additional drinks
- Personal expenses
- Tips



OPTIONAL

- Lunch at Picotera - Vacile Food: Optional and Recommended!

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17) Visit the NGO “Pescador de letras”

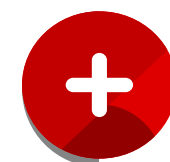
FUNDACIÓN PESCADOR DE LETRAS is a non-profit organization. It’s purpose is to provide quality education to the children of La Boquilla, which is a fishermen village outside of the City of Cartagena. The main objective is to impulse education and nursing for children. Additional to regular education, the foundation tries to develop different skills of the children, which allows them to improve their quality of life, physical and intellectual development, the conditions in which they relate to their environment as well as the way to face life after school. As they have observed certain difficulties in the learning process because their hunger, a feeding plan was developed which covers most of their daily nutrition needs.

The children are between 3 and 12 years old and they study between the preschool and elementary courses. At the moment there are 126 children assisting 7 courses which will be organized in 5 classrooms.



INCLUDED

- Presentacion of the NGO
- Educational speech about the education system in Colombia
- Visit of the institution
- Interaction with the children



NOT INCLUDED

- Travel or accident insurance
- Additional drinks
- Personal expenses
- Tips



OPTIONAL

- African dreadlock workshop on request

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18) Emerald jewelry workshop

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This workshop offers us the unique experience of learning how to make silver jewelry with Colombian emeralds. Additionally, we will get information about mining, transforming and the jewelry making process.

This tour is divided into three different activities:

Workshop (90-120 minutes) Including: Sterling silver material – raw Colombian emeralds – tools – written instructions with pictures, where all steps are explained clearly – personal instructor – guided visit through the school labs where different manufacturing techniques are shown – diploma

Guided visit to the Emerald Museum (25-45 minutes): There, we will learn everything about emeralds, their magic, their historic relevance and the scientific characteristics. Thanks to its actual size replicas, we will experience being in a real emerald tunnel and watch the miners at work. This museum also keeps the legendary 260 pounds PETRA. It is the largest emerald that has ever been found in Colombia. It has more than sixty crystals and more than two thousand carats in total.

Visit of the Joyería Caribe Factory and Showroom (25-45 minutes) : We can visit the jewelry factory, where we can observe craftsmen producing silver and gold jewelry decorated with emeralds. We can also visit the showroom of this family owned business. It is the only Jewelry Store in Colombia with a Quality Management System Certificate and international guarantee.

+ INCLUDED

- Material as mentioned (Sterling silver and an unpolished emerald piece)
- Diploma
- Bilingual tour guide
- Drinks (water, coffee, soft drinks, national beer)

+ NOT INCLUDED

- Personal expenses
- Tips

+ OPTIONAL

- Material out of gold to manufacture your own jewelry
- Transfer hotel – Emerald Museum – hotel
- Guide in other languages

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19) Mountainbike Tour in Turbaco

We will be picked up by our driver directly at the hotel. He brings us to the starting point of the tour, which is located near the town of Turbaco. Here we climb on our professional mountain bikes. We will ride on paths and gravel roads, up- and downhill. The entire trip is between 14 or 23 kilometers (depending on the condition of the participants). We arrive to the village of Turbaco (La Granja), where we take a 30-minute break and then head towards the mud volcanoes. There we can take a bath. Afterwards we drive (mud covered) by bike to the nearby river, where we can wash ourselves and the bike from the mud and take a refreshing break in the cool water.

As soon as we are ready to leave, we go back to the starting point passing through Turbaco and our drivers bring us back to Cartagena.



INCLUDED

- Transfer Hotel – Turbaco – Hotel
- Rented mountain bikes
- Bilingual tour guide
- Water as needed



NOT INCLUDED

- Travel or accident insurance
- Personal expenses
- Tips



OPTIONAL

- Lunch
- Guide in other languages

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20) Mountainbike tour on the Island Tierra Bomba

We will start our tour in the early morning at 7 am. A Van will bring us to the beach of Castillo Grande, where our professional Mountain Bikes are waiting for us, as well as the boat which will bring us to Tierrabomba Island (Duration: 15 min.). The adventure begins ... Have you ever been on a small motorboat with your bicycles?

After arriving on the island we will start our 3 to 4 hours bike tour across the undulating countryside, up – and downhill included!

The whole distance is about 30 km, but we will adjust, change or shorten the distance according to your physical conditions. There are easy and challenging paths. We can have breaks and photo stops as you like. We highly recommend a break at the Mirador. This tour is very demanding and only suitable for fit people. When the sun reaches the peak at midday, we will go to the beach Punta Arena, where we will have lunch. During our leisure time, until 3 pm and 4 pm, we will get the chance to cool down in the ocean or to relax at the beach. After that, we will take the boat back to Cartagena and the transportation by Van to our hotel.



INCLUDED

- Transfer Hotel – Tierrabomba – Hotel
- Rented mountain bicycles
- Bilingual tour guide
- Water as needed
- Lunch



NOT INCLUDED

- Travel or accident insurance
- Drinks
- Personal expenses

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21) Kayak Adventure to Tierra Bomba Island

With this adventure you will live the experience of navigating through the bay of Cartagena on board of a kayak, starting from the beaches of Castillogrande until reaching the central area of the island Tierra Bomba. On board of our kayaks we have a view over beautiful landscapes and different parts of the city. This beaches on the island Tierrabomba are still calmer than the ones in Cartagena so this tour combines perfectly a small adventure, exercise and relaxing at the beach.

+ CHARACTERISTICS OF THE ADVENTURE

- Paddling level: Medium
- Approximate travel: 7 Kilometers
- Departure Playa Castillo Grande
- Return to Playa Castillo Grande
- Duration: 3 hours

+ ITINERARY

- 8:00 am Equipment delivery
- 8:30 am Departure Castillo Grande beach
- 11:30 am Cartagena

+ INCLUDED

- Equipment (SOT or SI kayak, accessories, paddle and life jacket) - Basic ground instruction
- Guide
- 1 Bottle of water + snacks
- Personal insurance

+ WHAT TO TAKE

- Sunblocker and Sunglasses
- Cap or hat
- Swimsuit
- Replacement clothing
- Repellent
- Wet shoes
- Rash guard with UV filter

+ OPTIONAL

- The tour is also possible in SUP (Stand-UP-Paddle).
- Guide in other languages

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22) Dancing Class

Music is one of the most important element of Colombian culture. People live and love music. In Cartagena you will hear Salsa, Merengue, Vallenato and Champeta in every corner. We invite you to learn some basic steps of traditional dances. A young team of dancers and dancing teachers will be waiting for you.

The dancing teachers speak Spanish and English. A translator for other languages can be booked additionally. You can choose how many dancing classes you want to book and if you want them to be private or in a group. After dancing to hot rhythms, you can practice the learned steps in local bars or clubs.



INCLUDED

- English and Spanish speaking dancing teachers



NOT INCLUDED

- Travel or accident insurance
- Drinks
- Personal expenses
- Tips



OPTIONAL

- Dancing show – different styles (salsa, cumbia, champeta, merengue, vallenato, champeta, bachata, kizomba etc.)
- Guide in other languages

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23) Tour to the Mud Volcano Totumo

Mud Bath: Pick up in a private vehicle with an english speaking tour guide to go to the Volcano of Totumo. The cone shaped volcano is located on the coast of the fresh water lagoon El Totumo. We will have this opportunity once in a lifetime, taking a bath in the warm mud pool that is 500 meters deep. Do not worry, the mud is so thick that it is impossible to sink. Afterwards, we will be rinsed by local women in the lagoon nearby. They also offer massages in the mud pool. When we finish the washing in the lagoon we stay for a moment to enjoy the unique atmosphere at this place before we head back to Cartagena.

Important: The locals are used to ask for tips for all kind of services, (take pictures, save your belongings like cámara, shoes, towel, to help with the steps etc), please accept these services of the natives only in case that you carry small change in pesos with you. Remember, you have a guide that will assist you and a private vehicle to keep your personal things!

Optional: Lunch (additional cost), there a many rustic restaurants at the beach close to the volcano, or you can have lunch at a grill restaurant on the road. The tour can be done in the morning or in the afternoon, we recommend to do it in the afternoon as there are usually less people.



INCLUDED

- Vehículo Privado y Guía (Español)
- Entrada al volcán y Masaje de lodo (No profesional, se incluye propina a los lugareños)
- Baño para quitarse el lodo en una laguna (se incluye propina a las lavanderas)



NOT INCLUDED

- Propinas adicionales
- Seguro de viaje o accidente
- Alimentación y bebidas
- Gastos personales

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24) Galerazamba

Are you ready to live the experience?

Our agency contributes to the help the natives of this village, who neglected the state, to improve their quality of life, to be kind to them!

This town is a trend in the Colombian Caribbean because of the reactivation of the salt mines and because it has a spectacular Pink Sea where everyone wants to take a picture with that incredible natural background, you will live closely as they extract sea salt in a very artisanal way. You will also get to know the history of the most important woman in the history of Cartagena, the famous India Catalina, here she was born and raised!. But the adventure does not end, you'll get to know a unique restaurant built with recycled wood extracted from the sea located at the Cienega La Redonda, where you'll enjoy a fresh meal with natural products. In this Beach Club you will have the opportunity to enjoy a unspoiled beach in a totally private environment, do kayak tours with the natives, bicycle tours or ecological walks.

+ INCLUDED

- Visit to the salt flats with a brief tour of the village
- Welcome Cocktail and Gourmet Lunch
- Private Wild Beach (kayak or boat ride included)
- Bilingual guide and Private vehicle

+ WHAT TO BRING

- Blocker, Cap or hat, Glasses, Comfortable clothing, Bathing suit and towel and Repellent.

+ NOT INCLUDED

- Travel or accident insurance, Beverages, Personal expenses, Gratuities

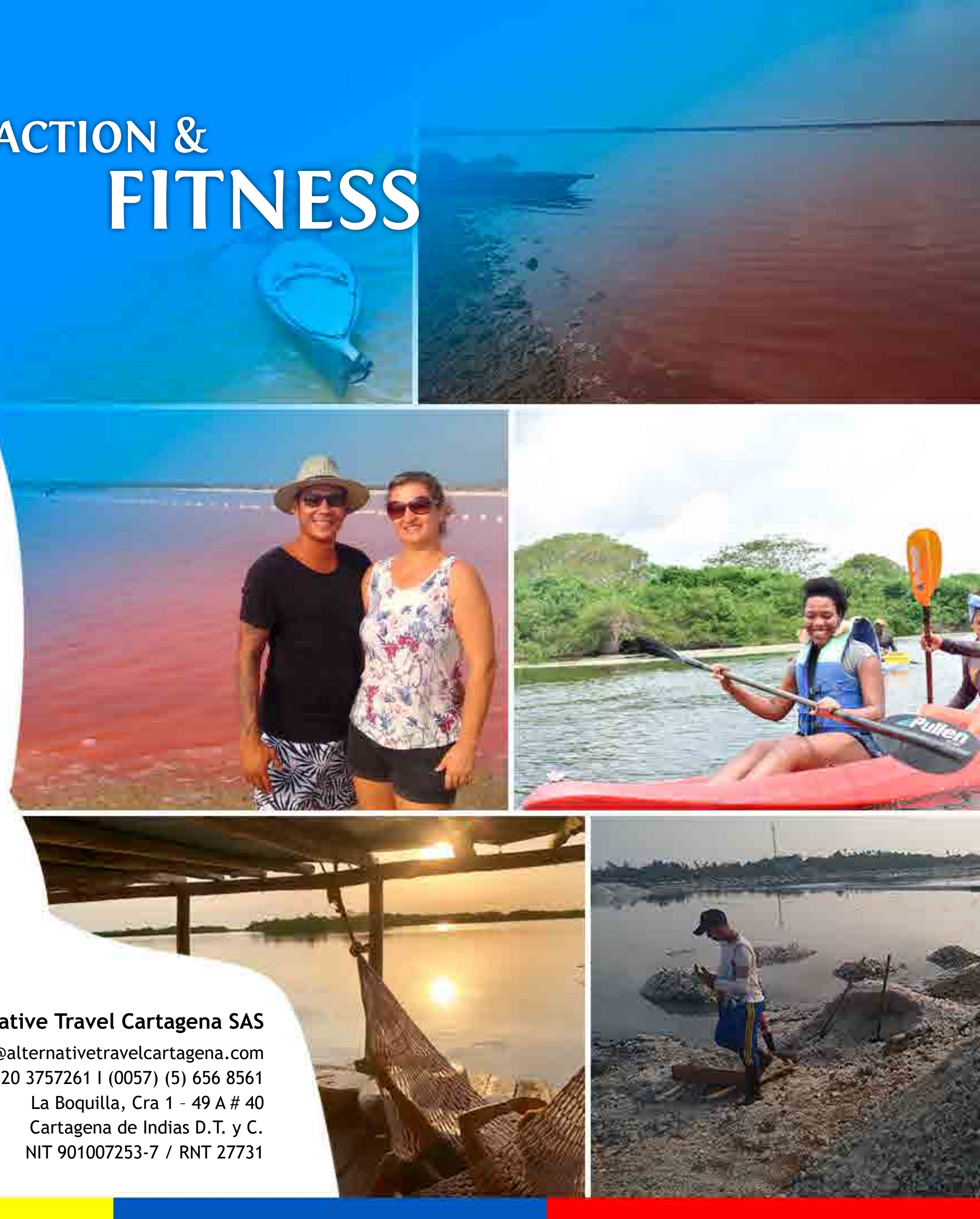
+ OPTIONAL

- Kayak tour to Los Olivos Volcano
- Bicycle tour
- Eco-walks

Notes: Reservations for 5 people or less only available on weekends and holidays. The Pink Sea can only be seen in the dry months (October to May) the rest of the year could be affected by rain. The sea is extremely salty in this region, it is not possible to take a bath in it. Program the rest of your activities, this is a full day tour and the town is located 1 hour from Cartagena.

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25) Zumba

Everyday is Zumba-time in Cartagena. While dancing and laughing, you will burn calories like never before! Following steps given by licensed Zumba teachers, you will move to the tune of Latin, tropical and international music. Zumba is a full body work out, but it is so much fun that you will hardly feel the effort. Costs and dates will be communicated upon request.

+ INCLUDED

- 1 hour Zumba class
- Licensed Zumba Instructor (Spanish-English) AFAA certified

+ NOT INCLUDED

- Travel or accident insurance
- Towels
- Drinks
- Personal expenses

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26) Kitesurf

On the Kite Beach, our kite school staff will be waiting to teach us the basics of one of the coolest and funniest water sports in the world. Kite, SUP, windsurfing and surf lessons are offered. The courses take place in private lessons or in a group. If you already know how to kite, surf or SUP, you can borrow the equipment at the school.



INCLUDED

- Kitesurf-, SUP-, Windsurf- or Surf courses (Englisch, Spanisch)
- Equipment



NOT INCLUDED

- Travel or accident insurance
- Drinks
- Personal expenses
- Tips



OPTIONAL

- Guide in other languages

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27) Street Food Tour

Bring your appetites and an adventurous attitude. We hit the streets to experience food the way Cartageneros do. Whether you are searching a stopover snack or something more substantial, a healthy start or a sweet dessert, Cartagena's streets provide everything! One of the very best ways to gain an insight into the daily lives and culture of the locals is to experience their culinary culture.

The 2 hour tour will get you up close and personal with the real Cartagena as the street sellers fill our bellies with their delicacies and warm our hearts with their hospitality.



EXAMPLES FOR THE TASTING

- Exotic tropical fruits like lulo, granadilla, nispero, papaya and guayabana
- Fried arepas, papas rellenas, empanadas, caribañolas
- Bollo de mazorca
- Agua de coco
- Raspao, Cocadas, arequipe and enyucado
- and much more!



NOT INCLUDED

- Travel or accident insurance
- Additional drinks
- Personal expenses
- Tips



INCLUDED

- Samples of food for tasting
- Walk through the old town

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28) Visit to the Bazarto Market

The Bazarto market is a traditional market offering fish, meat, fruit, clothing and is as important in Cartagena as the La Popa Convent or the Castle of San Felipe. It is a very traditional market, barely visited by tourists. We can buy food or traditionally prepared Colombian dishes or just enjoy the local market of Cartagena in the early hours. Let this “underground” part of Cartagena enchant you; it is ideal for an adventure. We will walk through a maze of alleys, where the tour guide will introduce you to all kind of fruit, herbs, vegetables, fish, seafood and meat. There are also a spice market and natural healing pharmacies. At the end of the tour, we will arrive at the comedor (the Market cafeteria) where you can have breakfast (not included).



INCLUDED

- Bilingual tour guide
- Transfer: hotel – Bazarto Market – hotel (by bus or taxi)
- Guided tour through the market
- Fruit tasting



NOT INCLUDED

- Travel or accident insurance
- Drinks
- Personal expenses
- Tips

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29) Cooking class

Gastronomy is an important part of the local culture and the Cartageneros are proud of their Caribbean cuisine. Apart from tasting it, what would be better than learning how to prepare seafood, coconut rice and other specialties of Cartagena's cuisine? The cooking class takes place in a colonial house in the city center or in Getsemaní. The Chef will give us a presentation about the ingredients before showing us how to prepare typical dishes. The class takes about three hours. Afterwards, we will eat together.



INCLUDED

- Bilingual tour guide
- Cooking class: about 3 hours, with Mercado Bazurto: 5 hours



LUNCH OR DINNER

- Ceviche / fish soup, seafood rice or fried fish with plantain and coconut rice and salad, mango or passion fruit mousse as dessert
- Fresh juice of the season



OPTIONAL

- Visit to the local Barzurto Market. We can also buy the ingredients for the cooking class at the local Bazurto market together with our chef or we can send the chef on his own to buy everything.
- Guide in other languages



NOT INCLUDED

- Travel or accident insurance
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- Tips

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30) Fruit tasting

The warm and splendid coastal climate give us countless fruits of exquisite flavor and bright colors that make part of the sweetest traditions of the Caribbean. In this one hour adventure, you will meet, savor and learn how to eat common fruits and enter into the world of exotic and unusual fruits cultivated only in this area. So open your palate and your senses to this sweet and refreshing experience.



WELCOME

- At the entrance of the restaurant you will receive a delicious cold coconut served in a traditional multicolor trolley.
- Served in dishes, taste exquisite brochettes with fruits like, pineapple golden honey, melon, papaya and mango.
- You will find a beautiful centerpiece decorated with unusual and exotic fruits such as Zapote, Nispero, pocket banana, peach palm fruit, Caimito, carob tree.
- You will learn about the costumes and ways to eat these fruits, their properties and benefits.
- Fruits like Mango green and guava will be served the traditional way with salt, pepper and lemon.
- At the end you will receive a souvenir containing traditional sweets from Cartagena, made with fruits like tamarind and green papaya.



INCLUDED

- Bilingual guide
- Fruit tasting



NOT INCLUDED

- Personal expenses
- Tips
- Travel or accident insurance

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31) Ceviche Workshops with maracuyá lemonade

Fusion of passion: Cartagena, where you can feel the magic of the caribbean on a plate of food, transmitted from generation to generation. During our Ceviche Workshop you will learn every single step of preparation and the receipts of our Ceviche Treasures accompanied with patacones (fried cook plantain) or banano chips. The variety of Ceviches is unlimited, you can prepare it with mango or fish or seafood, according to your favorite flavours, and you will also learn how to prepare a maracuya lemonade to surprise your friends at home.

As the duration is only one hour, this tour can be combined with other experiences of our portafolio.



INCLUDED

- Ingredients and materials for our experience
- Cheff Instructor (bilingual)



NOT INCLUDED

- Travel or accident insurance
- Drinks, Personal expenses, Tips
- Additional food and drinks

Notes: This activity can be done any time during the day but the best time is during the morning or in the afternoon (duration: 1 hour). Meetingpoint: location in the neighbourhood Getsemani. This experience does not replace a meal, but you should bring appetite. Please let us know any kinds of allergies or restrictions in advance.

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32) Coffee San Alberto

San Alberto is an upper premium coffee cultivated on the blessed soil of Buenavista, Colombia. It's a single estate coffee which is carefully produced under the trade marked process "Quintuple Selection Process"; a series of difficult and labor intensive selections that yield a unique product with an unparalleled flavor and an amazing aroma, which will delight your palate.

San Alberto Coffee is a family company which dedicates itself to coffee culture for more than 40 years. San Alberto Coffee is 100% home-made and is harvested on a plantation of Buenavista finca in the state Quindío.

We offer you the unique opportunity to experience the exquisite coffee culture in the coastal area. This way, you will learn about the recognition factor of the worldwide famous Colombian coffee. We will make an one-hour tour that will be a sensorial experience, where we will learn more about Colombian coffee, its production with all the important little details and of course we will learn more about the various smells of the coffee beans and the taste of San Alberto selection.

+ INCLUDED

- Introduction to the world of coffee
- Presentation of the coffee-making process of San Alberto
- Coffee tasting
- Apron and brochure
- Certificate as an official coffee taster

+ NOT INCLUDED

- Additional drinks
- Tips
- Coffee offered for purchase

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33) Coffee workshop and ice-cream tasting (indigenous recipe and preparation) at Café del Mural

Love, like Coffee, should be strong, hot and daily!

In the historical and legendary center of Cartagena de Indias, also called El Coralito de Piedras, you can find a small neighborhood Getsemani, and there is a very special place, full of flavors, experiences and unique tastings to enjoy, just sitting at this place with a cup of coffee. The name of this place is Café del Mural, and it is THE PLACE TO BE to enjoy the history and exotic of coffee, with extraordinary company: a traditional ice-cream, made in a copper bowl as the indigenous prepared it in a manual way. This changes the texture and the flavor.

We invite you to enjoy this amazing and relaxing experience learning all about the fruit of coffee and the tradition of indigenous ice-cream, it is a journey through time with several tastings and a variety of coffee, as an ancient drink.

INCLUDED

- Introduction to the world of coffee
- Introduction to the world of handcraft icecream
- Presentation of the coffee-making and icecream process
- Coffee tasting
- Icecream tasting

NOT INCLUDED

- Additional drinks
- Tips
- Coffee offered for purchase

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34) Choco-Museum

You always wanted to know how the chocolate production process works?, Since some of the finest cocoa types in the world can be found in Colombia, the Choco Museum decided to open a branch office in the Pearl of the Caribbean – Cartagena de Indias.

The program of the Choco Museum is called Del Árbol al Chocolatillo (‘From the tree to Chocolate’). In their workshop, we will learn in 2 hours every single step of the chocolate production process – from the cocoa tree in the Colombian jungle to the production of our own chocolate bar. They will tell us the history of chocolate and will give you molds to produce your own chocolate at the end. Moreover, we will prepare three drinks: cocoa tea, drink of the Maya and hot chocolate.

The workshop can be done in Spanish or English and will include other participants. For other languages, you can request a translator. Thirty minutes after the end of the workshop, you will receive your own sample of chocolate (worth 30.000 Colombian Pesos included in the tour price).



INCLUDED

- Entrance fee Choco Museum
- Guide of the Museum
- Your own chocolate
- Three chocolate drinks



NOT INCLUDED

- Travel or accident insurance
- Personal expenses
- Translator
- Tips

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35) Rumtasting

Enjoy a pleasant experience designed for adventurous people who want to discover new flavors and textures, as well as differentiating and distinguishing a good cocktail and our exquisite liquor. Our rum tasting seeks to immerse you in the mythical world of pirates, where your palate will be the only witness of the hidden treasure that Cartagena guards inside.

You will live a wonderful and recreational experience, lead by on of the most important Mixologists in Colombia, who will guide you and show you that the mysterious world of liquor goes way beyond a bottle.

As the main service we offer the rum tasting with chocolate.

The tasting is based on different rums from our Colombian culture accompanied by the best chocolates of our land. The best rums in the world are classified as Colombian artisan rums, by tasting our rums we are able to distinguish thanks to our sensory senses the different notes of Coffee, Caramel, Vanilla and much more.

The tasting consists of Colombian rums, spirits and infused rums and during the tasting you will learn about the origin and the process of making each rum that is presented to you. Our tasting lasts approximately 1.5 hours.

+ INCLUDED

- Presentation and Tasting
- Expert (bilingual: English/Spanish)
- Water

+ NO INCLUDED

- Additional drinks and food

+ OPTIONAL

- Translator
- Guide in other languages

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36) Cocktail Workshop

Come and learn with us how to create delicious cocktails with our professional barman, who is going to teach you how to do three different cocktails in a simple and funny way. In our cocktail workshop we include regional ingredients, which give the drinks a real taste of the Colombian Caribbean's flavor. So join us and surprise your friends and family with a spectacular cocktail made by yourself.

The workshop lasts about one and a half hour and will be conducted in Spanish or English, in a bar, in the neighborhood Getsemani, in the area of the walled city.

This place offers you amazing cocktails made by a recognized bartender and mixologist. If you wish, you can stay there at the end of the workshop and enjoy Cartagena's nightlife.

+ INCLUDED

- Presentation of the different cocktails
- Ingredients
- Preparation of the cocktails

+ OPTIONAL

- Guide in other languages

+ NO INCLUDED

- Other kind of drinks or foods



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CULINARY PLEASURE



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37) Tour through the mangroves

PURE NATURE

This tour leads us to the small fishermen village La Boquilla and we highly recommend it for nature lovers. On the beach of La Boquilla, we will see two very different facets of the city, since this is one of the poorest parts of Cartagena but 5 star hotels and luxurious apartments are built here.

After arriving in La Boquilla (about 30 minutes from the city center), we will get on our canoe and cross the mangrove forest and the lagoon Cienaga de Juan Polo. We go through some natural mangrove tunnels (Tunnel of Friendship, Love and Luck). At the lagoon, we will see fishermen working. The perfect word for describing this gorgeous scenario is peace. The mangrove forest offers great flora and fauna. Among other things, we may see different species of birds and if we are lucky we might see a coon or a green parrot may appear on the riverbanks.

After the canoe tour, we will receive a cold coconut. Then, we will walk a bit through the village and along the beach whereas our guide will tell us more about the daily life of the people that live mainly of fishing.

We will get to a restaurant, where we can have lunch and try the typical local dish: fried fish with coconut rice, plantain and salad. After lunch, we can take a dip in the Caribbean Sea or relax on the beach. Transfer back by taxi.



INCLUDED

- Bilingual tour guide
- Transfer city center - La Boquilla - city center
- Canoe tour (1 hour)
- Walk on the beach (30 minutes)
- Drink (cold coconut)



NOT INCLUDED

- Travel or accident insurance
- Additional drinks
- Personal expenses
- Tips



OPTIONAL

- Visit of the foundation La Vecina including a conversation with psychologists and pedagogues about the Colombian school system and the situation in La Boquilla

- Lunch at the beach
- Guide in other languages
- African dreadlock workshop on request



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38) Bird watching in the mangroves

PURE NATURE

In La Boquilla, a beautiful and authentic fishermen village on the Caribbean coast of Colombia, we will have the opportunity to watch and identify native or migratory birds from a traditional canoe. Moreover, we will learn more about the ecosystem and the flora and fauna of the mangrove forest.

The tour includes a trip through the mangrove forest, the Lagoon Cienaga de la Virgen, the Lagoon Juan Polo and the Fisherman Island. Then, we will pass through mangrove tunnels (e.g. Tunnel of Love, Friendship, Luck etc.).

+ OPTIONS

- **OPTION NO.1:**
Departure at sunrise: 05.30 am - 08.10 am
- **OPTION NO.2:**
Departure at sunset: 04:00 pm - 06.15 pm

+ INCLUDED

- Bilingual tour guide
- Transfer: city center - La Boquilla - city center
- Cold Coconut
- Trip in canoe through the mangrove forest

+ OPTIONAL

- Guide in other languages
- Lunch with fish or seafood
- African dreadlock workshop on request

+ NOT INCLUDED

- Seguro de viaje o accidente
- Bebi Travel or accident insurance
- Additional drinks
- Personal expenses
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39) Botanic Garden

PURE NATURE

Learn about the flora and fauna of the Caribbean coast. The botanic garden Guillermo Piñeres of Cartagena was founded in 1978 in order to explore and preserve the fauna and flora of the Caribbean coast. It is located 15 km southeast of Cartagena, close to the township Turbaco. On 1600 m², the botanic garden offers a great variety of plants and flowers, vegetation and giant old trees. Also, the park is the home of free living howler monkeys, poison dart frogs, turtles, parrots, sloths, bats, foxes, rabbits, squirrels, birds, iguanas, snakes and insects.

The journey from Cartagena to the Botanic Garden will last about an hour. There, a Colombian botanist will welcome us and will guide us about 1,5 - 2 hours through the garden. The guide will answer all our questions and give us a great insight into the flora and fauna of the Caribbean region. If you want, we will go to a nearby restaurant, where we can take a dip in the pool and have lunch (lunch not included). After lunch, we will go back to Cartagena.

+ INCLUDED

- Transfer hotel – Botanic Garden – hotel
- Bilingual tour guide
- Entrance in the park

+ OPTIONAL

- Guide in other languages
- Lunch in a restaurant with pool

+ NOT INCLUDED

- Travel or accident insurance
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40) Day trip Islabela (Group tour)

Isabela is situated on the Rosario islands and is the perfect place for our visitors to enjoy a spectacular beach, delicious cocktails and a beautiful view.

The private beach is covered with white sand and crystalline water and has a unique infrastructure which makes it perfect for relaxing, having fun and escaping the daily routine. Isabela is an ideal place for those who are dreaming of submerging themselves in a splendid nature and a sunny and vibrant ambience.

The trip includes the transport by speed boat, welcome cocktails and a typical lunch. The collective boat leaves the Bodeguita Pier at 9am and comes back at 4pm. In case of a group the island can be taken exclusively (private).

+ INCLUDED

- Transportation by speedboat
- Welcome cocktail
- Typical lunch (with fish)

+ NOT INCLUDED

- Port taxes (COP 17.500)
- Snorkling
- Watersport
- Tips
- Personal expenses

+ OPTIONAL

- Accompanying guide in different languages
- Transfer from the hotel to the port and back to the hotel
- Guide in other languages

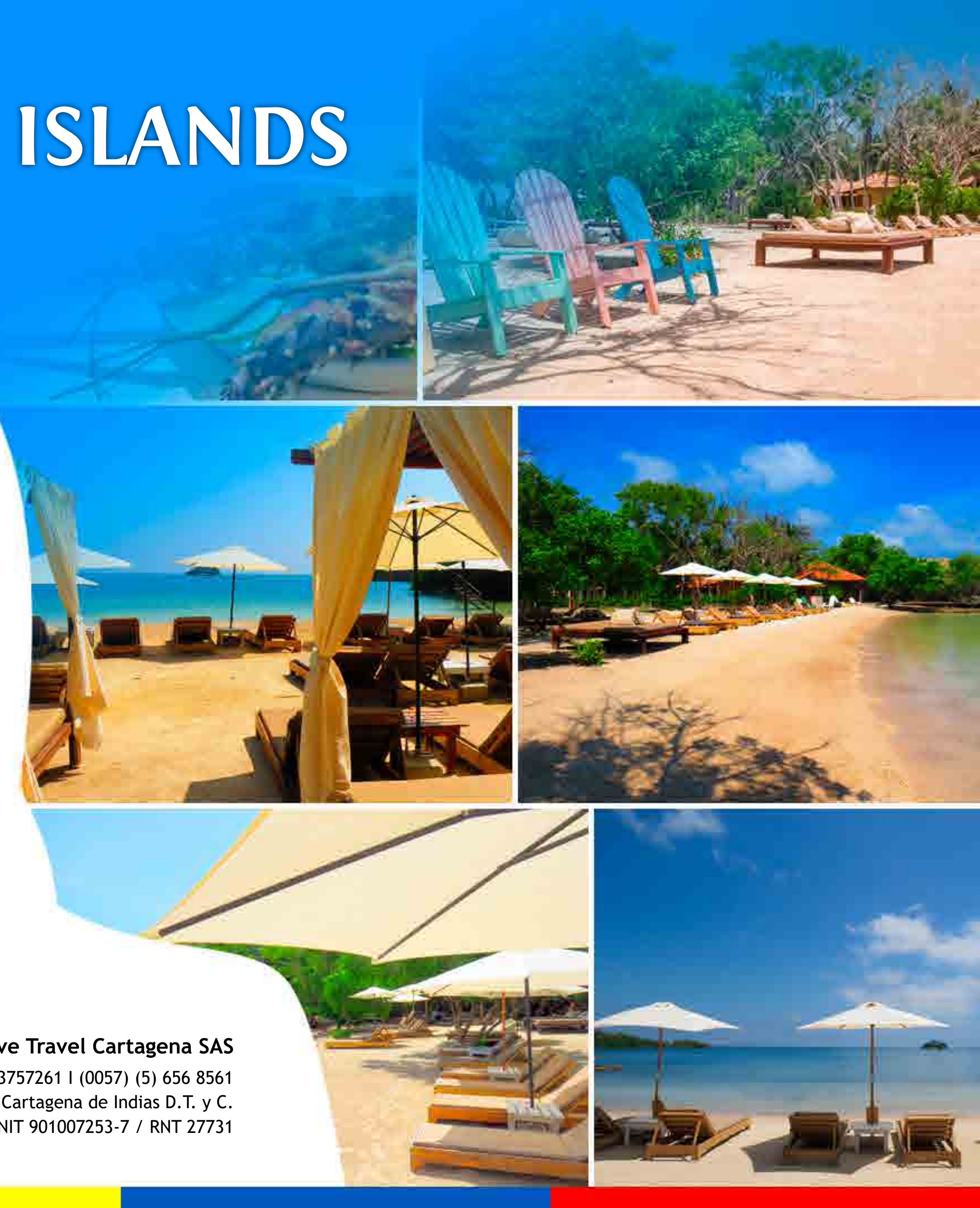
+ TO BRING

- Towels
- Swimming suits
- Sunprotection

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41) Daytrip Bendita Beach (Group Tour)

Welcome to a natural Island!!! Bendita Beach is a totally natural Island with white sandy beaches, where you can enjoy the warm Caribbean laying down on its 3 private beaches with the tranquility and beauty of the sea, making your day an incredible experience.

Located in the Spectacular Archipelago of Nuestra Señora del Rosario, this is the perfect place for a beach day, rest and relaxation away from the noise and movement of the city. The collective boat leaves the Bodeguita Pier at 9am and comes back at 4pm. In case of a group the island can be taken exclusively (private).

+ INCLUDED

- Transportation by speedboat
- Welcome cocktail
- Typical lunch (with fish)

+ OPTIONAL

- Acompañing guide in different languages
- Transfer from the hotel to the port and back to the hotel
- Guide in other languages

+ NOT INCLUDED

- Port taxes (COP 17.500)
- Snorkling
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+ TO BRING

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42) Daytrip to Gente de Mar (Group Tour)

At 9 am we leave the touristic port heading towards the Islas del Rosario by speed boat. The Archipelago Nuestra Señora del Rosario, known as the Islands of Rosario, consists of 28 small islands, which are located about 40 km southwest of Cartagena de Indias in the Caribbean Sea. The journey takes about one hour.

The Resort Gente de Mar has a wonderful location on Isla Grande, which is the national park's largest island. The elegant resort is embedded between two very beautiful beaches. The excellent service invites to have meals, relax and swim – a selected location with gorgeous sandy beaches and turquoise water. At the beach, sunbeds wait for you and if you prefer a little bit more action, you can take one of the kayaks to explore the surroundings. The collective boat leaves the Bodeguita Pier at 9am and comes back at 4pm.

In case of a group the island can be taken exclusively (private).

+ INCLUDED

- Transportation by speedboat
- Welcome cocktail
- Typical lunch (with fish)

+ OPTIONAL

- Tour guide in diferente languages
- Transfer from the hotel to the port and back to the hotel
- Guide in other languages

+ NOT INCLUDED

- Port taxes (COP 17.500)
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43) Luxury Island - Isla Grande (Group Tour)

In pursuit of happiness, “This is the first step and the start to build an ecologic and sustainable tourism which respects territories and their people and garanties, in the future, a place for the children of our children, healthy, clean and peaceful”, a happy planet!

Luxury Island is great place on Isla Grande – Rosario Island, located in the heart of the Archipiélago of Nuestra Señora del Rosario, the perfect place to relax and enjoy a unforgettable and calm day. The collective boat leaves the Bodeguita Pier at 9am and comes back at 4pm. In case of a group the island can be taken exclusively (private).

+ INCLUDED

- Transportation by speedboat
- Welcome cocktail
- Typical lunch (with fish)

+ OPTIONAL

- Acompañing guide in different languages
- Transfer from the hotel to the port and back to the hotel
- Guide in other languages

+ NOT INCLUDED

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44) Boats

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Experience a unique day on your own boat: The underwater national park “Corales del Rosario y San Bernardo” is located just 45 kilometers southwest of the Bay of Cartagena and around one hour by speedboat. It is the only national park in Colombia mainly consisting of marine area, including unique ecosystems such as coral reefs, wetlands, mangroves, sandy beaches, rocky coastline, sedimentary soils and sea grass areas. The coral reef is home to hundreds of microscopic animals, fishes of different shapes and colors, shellfish, mollusks, anemones, sea urchins, starfishes and many seabirds, including pelicans and seagulls. All this demonstrates the ecological importance of this park, which was created to protect endangered species.

It would be a pleasure for us to find you the perfect boat for a trip to the Rosario Islands, the mangrove forest of Cholon or to Playa Blanca on the island of Barú Island. We also include snorkeling gear and beach towels. If you wish, we can also include a chef who prepares cocktails, fresh smoothies and snacks. Lunch can be served on a Caribbean beach with white sand. We have several speedboats, sailing boats, catamarans and yachts available, so you can choose according to your favors, ideas, budget and number of persons.

It does not matter whether you just want a sunset tour in the bay of Cartagena (2 hours) or a trip to the islands (8 hours) – Alternative Travel Cartagena has the right boat for you with all required services on board (such as music, dance shows, food, drinks, romantic dinner, cocktails, snacks, watersport, etc.). We take care of every single detail, even the smallest ones. Please do not hesitate to contact us. We would be very happy to assist you!



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ADDITIONAL SERVICES

45) Business Trips: MICE

Meetings, incentives, Congress, events: we are more than ready to convert your request in an unique event in one of the most beautiful cities of the caribbean. Cartagena de Indias is well-known for business trips, congresses and international fairs. We are a local tour operator agency and specialized in the not usual, we are pleased to take care of all your needs during your congress, convention, incentive, event or meetings in Cartagena de Indias. The Convention Centre with more than 20.000qm and with the highest international standards of quality is a perfect choice for your event, but we also dispose of smaller locations, colonial venues, authentic and cozy. We take care of every single detail, even the smallest ones and of all services accomplishing your event. We are glad to assist to find the perfect place (spot/venue) and we recommend hotels and help with the reservation process. Many hotels also offer meeting rooms and congress facilities.

Count on us as a local support for all your needs. We have an extraordinary team, with a lot of experience in the MICE sector, waiting for requests! Please do not hesitate to contact us. We would be very happy to assist you!



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ADDITIONAL SERVICES

46) Weddings and Honeymoon in Cartagena

Your wedding and honeymoon in the same destination

Cartagena de indias is known as the most romantic colonial city in latin america. its beautiful bays and fascinating churches make this city the ideal place for your wedding. Cartagena was declared World Heritage Site by the UNESCO thanks to the architectural, historical and cultural legacy. In South America, this town is often chosen by celebrities from politics and media for the most important event of their lives, their wedding.

There is a variety of activities and excursions that we can recommend to your wedding guests. Cartagena has several shopping malls, an airport, an attractive old town, beaches, paradisiac islands, impressive mangroves and many more. Everything is easily accessible for visitors. The national park "Corales del Rosario y San Bernardo" is located directly in front of the bay of Cartagena and invites you to an unforgettable honeymoon - 100% Caribbean atmosphere! The islands are characterized by their white sandy beaches and turquoise, crystal clear waters. Perfect for water sports or simply to relax and enjoy the peaceful atmosphere.

We would be delighted to organize your wedding in Cartagena and make your event an unforgettable day for you and your guests. For the wedding ceremony, you can choose between a variety of churches, colonial houses, hotels and paradisiac beaches. We take care of every single detail, even the smallest ones. Please do not hesitate to contact us. We would be very happy to assist you!

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47) Shore Excursions in Cartagena for Cruiseships

Your cruise ship docks in cartagena and you are looking for a shore excursion during your stay in cartagena: alternative travel cartagena has the perfect solution for you!. Cartagena de Indias' Cruise Ship Terminal serves 30 cruise ship lines and welcomes 97 percent of passengers who arrive in Colombia by sea. Alternative Travel Cartagena adjusts the tour to your stay. Please let us know the name of your cruise ship for your arrival to Cartagena and we will organize a tour within the available time slot. It is also possible to organize a panoramic tour or for example special shopping tours for our cruise ship visitors. Excursions from and to the port can be booked as private or group tours (if there are other interested guests). You can also combine our tours in order to see as much as possible of the sights in Cartagena, p.e. you can do a citytour with:

- a tropical icecream tasting
- an emerald workshop
- a mangrove tour
- a streetfood tasting
- a chocolate workshop
- a coffee tasting
- a dance lesson
- a ron tasting
- a fruit tasting
- a coconut workshop

It does not matter whether you have a 4, 6 or 8 hours stopover in Cartagena. Alternative Travel Cartagena offers the perfect excursion to convert your short stay in an unique experience in this beautiful town.

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ADDITIONAL SERVICES

48) Translation Services

French, Spanish, Italian, Dutch, Portuguese, German, English (any other languages on request)

+ FOR DOCUMENTS

- We translate every kind of document, like certificates, records, testimonials, contracts, marriage or birth certificates.

+ FOR BUSINESS NEGOTIATIONS, MEETINGS, FAMILY UNIONS, WEDDINGS, PRESENTATIONS

- We provide simultaneous interpretation for every kind of event.

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Sustainability Policy

Alternative Travel Cartagena accepts the commitment to work to preserve the environmental sustainability of the planet, at all levels of its operations and services from the environmental, social, cultural and economical point of view.

- Being responsible with the use of natural resources, making our staff and visitors aware of the impact we have on our ecosystem.
- It is important for us that local communities grow and improve, which is why we support responsible companies in our community by buying their products.
- Encourage the visit and natural and cultural wealth through our tourist attractions, making employees, clients and suppliers aware of their conservation through experiential experiences.
- We promote good use of water, power and minimization of waste generation.
- We link at all levels of our operation a staff of local communities in fair conditions without any social, cultural or religious discrimination, with the aim of generating a positive impact on their quality of life.
- We declare our rejection of the commercial sexual exploitation of children, and we also reject all the practice that leads to sex tourism of any kind and the exploitation of children.
- We are responsible for informing, sensitizing, avoiding and denouncing any practices that promote illicit trafficking in cultural property and species of flora and fauna.
- We are a company committed to maintain constant actions that avoid and / or minimize a negative impact and likewise we maintain and generate actions that promote a positive impact on the sociocultural performances that involve our services.
- We are having a policy of dissemination and support regarding artistic performances produced locally.

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In accordance to the law 679 of 2001, 1326 and 1339 of 2009 the travel agency ALTERNATIVE TRAVEL CARTAGENA SAS prevents and works against the commercial sexual exploitation of children and adolescents. (ESCNNA).

ALTERNATIVE TRAVEL CARTAGENA SAS fulfils the regulation of the law 17 of 1981 and the corresponding decision 1367 of 2000 against the commercialisation and trade in species of wild fauna and flora.

ALTERNATIVE TRAVEL CARTAGENA SAS refuses the commercialisation and the illegal trade in cultural or national assets.

Law 103 of 1991 and the corresponding regulation 904 of 1941, law 397 of 1997 and the corresponding regulation 833 of 2002, law 1185 of 2008.

ALTERNATIVE TRAVEL CARTAGENA SAS protects a smoke-free environment, law 1335 of 2009.

ALTERNATIVE TRAVEL CARTAGENA SAS refuses all kinds of racism and racial discrimination against the vulnerable communities. Law 1752 of 2015 and law 1482 of 2011.

Your personal data, which you communicate to us via this channel, will be treated according to the law 1581 of 2012.



ALTERNATIVE TRAVEL CARTAGENA SAS, asks you to consider the responsibility we have vis-a-vis the environment. Please consider before you print.

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