

Wonders of Colombia

NOVEMBER 12 – NOVEMBER 27, 2026



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Dear Alumni and Friends,

Embark on a journey through South America like never before—combining luxury with the discovery of Colombia's rich history, vibrant cultures, and breathtaking landscapes. This exclusive tour invites you to experience Colombia from both land and water, revealing its treasures in comfort and style.

Wander through iconic colonial towns where five centuries of history come alive, indulge in the finest cocoa and coffee, and immerse yourself in vibrant wildlife. This is more than a tour—it's an opportunity to experience Colombia's biodiversity, traditions, and landscapes in a way only the most discerning travellers can. Throughout this unforgettable journey, encounter sights and sounds that captivate the soul, offering an escape from the everyday. Participate in cherished local traditions and vibrant festivals. Marvel at a stunning massive lake, home to colourful tropical flora and fauna.

Set sail along the Magdalena River aboard the AmaMelodia, the pioneer of luxury river cruising in Colombia. Designed for elegance, this vessel offers a serene atmosphere, ideal for relaxing with a rejuvenating massage or soaking in the heated pool as the river drifts by below. Enjoy gourmet dining, luxurious accommodations, and activities that bring Colombia's beauty to life.

Space for this incredible journey is limited. Don't miss the chance to discover Colombia in unparalleled comfort and style. To learn more or reserve your spot, please contact GLP Worldwide at 1-866-760-1987 or alumni@glpworldwide.com

Sincerely,



Dawn Warren
University of Saskatchewan Alumni Travel Program



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WONDERS OF COLOMBIA

November 12 – November 27, 2026



Medellín, Colombia. Adobe Stock 357674904

DAY 1 | NOV 12 | DEPART CANADA

Board your overnight flight to Medellín, Colombia.

DAY 2 | NOV 13 | ARRIVE MEDELLÍN, COLOMBIA (L, D)

Upon early morning arrival in Medellín, you will meet and transfer to hotel to drop off your bags before beginning your exploration of this vibrant city. Start with a visit to Botero Plaza followed by a guided walking tour of downtown Medellín. Ride the city's iconic tram and cable car system, and afterwards, visit a local market to sample an array of fresh fruits and authentic street food.

Accommodation: York Luxury Hotel or similar (3 nights)



DAY 3 | NOV 14 | MEDELLÍN (B, L, D)

Today, we journey to the colourful town of Guatapé, located approximately two hours from Medellín. Marvel at the breathtaking landscapes before climbing El Peñol Rock, a striking 220-metre-high monolith with 740 steps to the top. Enjoy panoramic views as your reward. Following the climb, unwind with a short boat trip on the reservoir.



Guatapé, Medellín. Adobe Stock 267918083

DAY 4 | NOV 15 | MEDELLÍN (B, L, D)

Discover Medellín's remarkable urban transformation at Comuna 13. Stroll through the celebrated graffiti art district, savour a refreshing mango popsicle, and experience the innovative outdoor escalators that have revitalized this neighbourhood. A local guide will explain the significance of the art and the community's inspiring story. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. Later, visit a coffee farm within the city limits to learn about the bean-to-brew process behind Colombia's world-renowned coffee. Dinner at local restaurant featuring lively ambiance, live music, and fine cuisine.



Comuna 13, Medellín. Adobe Stock 251408089

DAY 5 | NOV 16 | MEDELLÍN - CARTAGENA (B, L, D)

This morning, visit Colombia's largest private orchid collection, home to over 5,000 varieties of flowers. After lunch near the airport, board your flight to Cartagena. Upon arrival, you will transfer to your hotel and check in. In the late afternoon, enjoy a sunset stroll and a guided walking tour of Cartagena's enchanting walled city. Dinner at a local restaurant.

Accommodation: Intercontinental Hotel or similar (2 nights)

DAY 6 | NOV 17 | CARTAGENA (B, L, D)

Visit the impressive San Felipe Castle, the "Old Shoes" monument, and the serene La Popa Monastery. After a short walk, enjoy your lunch. Spend the afternoon exploring the vibrant neighbourhood of Getsemaní and Trinidad Square, a key site in Colombia's independence movement. Enjoy a rum and chocolate tasting experience led by an expert, showcasing the harmonious pairing of these Colombian specialties.



San Felipe Castle, Cartagena. Adobe Stock 978896249

DAY 7 | NOV 18 | CARTAGENA – EMBARKATION (B, D)

Spend the morning at your leisure before being transferred to the pier in the afternoon to embark on your river cruise.

After settling into your stateroom, enjoy a guided tour of the Getsemaní neighbourhood, known for its vibrant street art, colourful architecture, and delightful local cuisine.

Afterwards, return to the ship and begin your magical journey along the Magdalena River.

Accommodation: onboard AMA Melodia or similar (7 nights)



Cartagena, Colombia. Adobe Stock 524746795

DAY 8 | NOV 19 | GAMBOTE (PALENQUE) – CALAMAR (B, L, D)

This morning, experience the historic town of Palenque, recognized as the first "free town" in the Americas. Founded by those who escaped slavery during colonial times, Palenque has preserved its powerful spirit and traditions over centuries. In 1713, the Spanish crown issued a Royal Decree officially granting freedom to its inhabitants. Immerse yourself in the town's vibrant culture, so unique that UNESCO has declared Palenque a Masterpiece of the Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity. A highlight of your visit will be a special musical performance celebrating Palenque's distinctive rhythms. Later in the day, visit the charming town of Calamar, located at the entrance to the Canal del Dique. First settled in 1840, Calamar is rich in history. Tour its beautiful streets by paola (a traditional bicycle taxi for two) and visit landmarks such as the Iglesia de la Inmaculada Concepción.



Santa Bárbara Church, Adobe Stock 380824622

DAY 9 | NOV 20 | SANTA BÁRBARA DE PINTO - MOMPOX (B, L, D)

Spend the morning in Santa Bárbara de Pinto, situated along the banks of the Mompox arm of the Magdalena River. Stroll through this traditional town, visit the Santa Bárbara Church, and admire the region's fine hand-crafted goods.

In the afternoon, cruise onward to the island town of Mompox. Upon arrival, be welcomed with open arms and the soulful sounds of an exclusive live jazz performance by local musicians.

DAY 10 | NOV 21 | MOMPOX (B, L, D)

Often described as a town frozen in time, Mompox offers a glimpse into the colonial past of Colombia. Founded in 1540 as an important Spanish trading post, Mompox became a refuge for treasure and gold, safely guarded against pirate raids on the coast. Spanish artisans left a legacy of intricate craftsmanship, and the town is now renowned for its exquisite filigree jewelry. Journey into the surrounding Ciénaga Pijiño wetlands, exploring a vast ecological reserve home to rich flora and fauna. In the afternoon, take a guided walking tour through Mompox's stunning colonial churches, vibrant streets, and enjoy local culinary specialties such as capa cheese and butifarra. Mompox is sure to be one of the highlights of your journey along the Magdalena River.



Mompox, Adobe Stock 572131819

DAY 11 | NOV 22 | MOMPOX (B, L, D)

Say goodbye to Mompox and cruise through the stunning La Mojana region of the Magdalena River. Discover the rich history of cumbia, a global music and dance born from African roots and enriched by American and European influences. End the day with a special cumbia performance by local artists.



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DAY 12 | NOV 23 | MAGANGUÉ (B, L, D)

Spend the day near Magangué, surrounded by nature, as you enjoy a birdwatching tour featuring species found only in this part of Colombia.



Magangué, Colombia. Adobe Stock 1351582663

DAY 13 | NOV 24 | NUEVA VENECIA – BARRANQUILLA (B, L, D)

In the morning, visit the Floating Village of Nueva Venecia, a community accessible only by boat. With its colourful colonial houses, vibrant architecture, and a protected natural sanctuary, Nueva Venecia offers an unforgettable glimpse into a unique way of life. Tour the village, meet local artisans, learn traditional fishing techniques, and sample local delicacies.

Later, continue to the seaside city of Barranquilla, a lively cultural centre known for its musicians, writers, and artists. Visit notable landmarks such as the Bocas de Cenizas, where the Magdalena River meets the Caribbean Sea, and the Carnaval Museum, showcasing the region's rich festive traditions. In the evening, enjoy an exclusive private Carnaval celebration created especially for AmaWaterways guests.



Nueva Venecia. Adobe Stock 436757368

DAY 14 | NOV 25 | BARRANQUILLA – DISEMBARKATION – BOGOTÁ (B, L)

Bid farewell to your ship and crew as you disembark and transfer to the airport for your flight to Bogotá. Upon arrival, you will transfer to your hotel for check-in. After settling in, enjoy lunch near Mount Monserrate. In the afternoon, visit the renowned Gold Museum and explore the charming Candelaria colonial neighbourhood. Return to the hotel for an evening at your leisure.

Accommodation: Sofitel Victoria Regia Bogotá or similar (2 nights)

Domestic Flight: Barranquilla to Bogotá



Mount Monserrate, Bogota. Adobe Stock 394733418



Zipaquirá, Bogotá. Adobe Stock 328911659

DAY 15 | NOV 26 | BOGOTÁ (B, L, D)

Following breakfast, visit the spectacular Salt Cathedral of Zipaquirá, an engineering marvel constructed by miners deep within a salt mine. This awe-inspiring place of worship was built in honour of the Virgin of the Rosary of Guasá, protector of miners. Afterwards, enjoy lunch in Zipaquirá before continuing to the Guatavita Lagoon. This sacred place for indigenous people is home to the mythic El Dorado legend, where the chief swam in waters full of gold and precious stones.

Farewell dinner at one of Bogotá's famous restaurants.



Bogotá

DAY 16 | NOV 27 | BOGOTÁ – DEPARTURE (B)

Transfer to airport this morning for your return flight home.

***** END OF TOUR *****

*B – breakfast, L – lunch, D – dinner
For navigational safety reasons, the cruise company and the captain are the only authorized persons who can modify the cruise itinerary.*

SHIP INFORMATION

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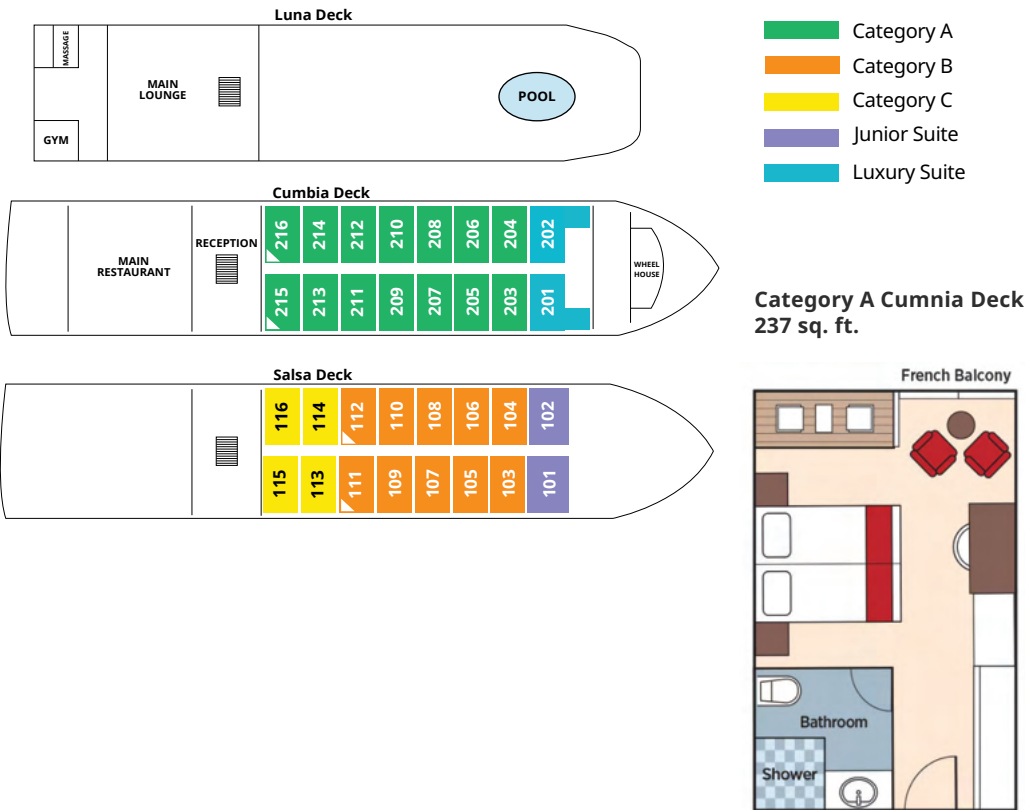
The newly designed AmaMelodia, an intimate 64-passenger ship designed to maximize your views along this special waterway. Take in spectacular views from the twin balconies (Frnech balcony and outside balcony) within your spacious stateroom, where accommodations range from 237 sq. ft to 306 sq. ft. in our luxury suites.

TECHNICAL DATA	
Length	223 feet
Width	43 feet
Crew	30
Staterooms	32
Passengers	64



AmaMelodia

DECKPLAN



PRICING & TERMS

PACKAGE RATE (Cruise & Land, CAD\$, per person):

CABIN CATEGORY	DECK	DOUBLE OCCUPANCY	SINGLE OCCUPANCY
Category C	Salsa Deck	CAD 10,980 per person	CAD 14,720 per person
Category B	Salsa Deck	CAD 11,910 per person	CAD 15,720 per person
Category A	Cumbia Deck	CAD 12,250 per person	CAD 16,260 per person
Category Junior Suite	Salsa Deck	CAD 12,840 per person	CAD 20,380 per person
Category Luxury Suite	Cumbia Deck	CAD 13,300 per person	CAD 21,340 per person

INCLUSIONS:

- 7-night river cruise in an elegantly appointed twin balcony stateroom on AMA Melodia
- Cruise Inclusions Onboard:
 - Fresh water replenished daily
 - The services of one of AmaWaterways' wonderful Cruise Managers throughout your river cruise and land journey
 - Nightly entertainment including cultural performances
 - High-quality Wi-Fi
 - Sun-deck pool
 - Fitness room
 - Main Lounge with panoramic views and bar
 - All fine dining on board, plus a special dinner on shore in El Banco
 - Wine, beer and soft drinks included during lunch and dinner
 - Sip & Sail cocktail hour with complimentary wine, beer, spirits and soft drinks
 - A variety of excursions, including birdwatching and boat tours
 - 24/7 Colombian coffee and tea station
 - Immersive excursions in every destination
 - Exclusive year-round Carnaval Celebration in Barranquilla and cumbia performance in El Banco
 - A knowledgeable guide who will accompany you along your river cruise journey
- Pre & Post cruise land as per itinerary
- 3 nights hotel in Medellín including daily breakfast
- 2 nights hotel in Cartagena including daily breakfast
- 2 nights hotel in Bogotá including daily breakfast
- Domestic flight from Medellín to Cartagena and Barranquilla to Bogotá
- Meals included in the itinerary
- Porterage at hotel
- Gratuities for local guides, driver and cruise director & ship crew and included excursions

EXCLUSIONS:

- International flights
- Meals not included in the itinerary
- Optional cruise shore excursions not mentioned as included
- Optional travel insurance
- Colombia Entry Tax at CAD 85 per person (payable by card only - price is subject to change)

ESTIMATED INTERNATIONAL AIR:

- Roundtrip airfare in economy class from Toronto to Medellín, and return from Bogotá to Toronto including applicable air taxes and fees at approximately CAD 1,500 per person
- Additional cost to be applied for other departure cities
- Please contact us for air deviation, premium economy, or business class upgrade surcharges.

PRICING & TERM

SPECIAL NOTE:

- Names provided at time of booking **MUST** match your passport exactly
- You must have a passport valid for at least 6 months after your return date
- If you wish to purchase optional travel insurance with us, it **MUST** be purchased prior to final payment date. Please contact us for a quotation.

DEPOSIT AND PAYMENT

First Deposit:	CAD 2,500 per each confirmed passenger at the time of booking
Second Deposit:	CAD 2,500 per each confirmed passenger due on Mar 31, 2026
Final Payment:	Due on Jul 15, 2026

CANCELLATION CHARGES

From time of booking to Mar 30, 2026	CAD 2,500 per person
From Mar 31, 2026 – Jul 14, 2026	CAD 5,000 per person
From Jul 15, 2026 – Sep 30, 2026	75% of tour cost
From Oct 1, 2026 – date of departure	100% of tour cost

Air cancellation penalties are subject to airline regulations.

We strongly recommend the purchase of trip cancellation or comprehensive travel insurance at the time of booking. Please contact GLP Worldwide for a quotation. Prices above are in Canadian Dollars. The program and all related travel services described herein are subject to the detailed terms & conditions of GLP Worldwide which are available at any time upon request and which will be provided with your booking confirmation.

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OCT 20 - 26, 2025



**SOUTH KOREA
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MAY 11 - 29, 2026



**BRAZILLIAN AMAZON
ADVENTURE**
APR 25 - MAY 10 2026
MAY 30 - JUN 14 2026



**GOLF CRUISE
ON DANUBE**
MAY 16 - 26, 2026



**KENYA &
TANZANIA**
OCT 23 - NOV 5, 2026



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