# Wonders of Colombia



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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@qlpworldwide.com

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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)



Guatape, Medellín. Adobe Stock 267918083

#### **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.

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#### **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

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.

After lunch, explore the Walled City's colonial charm with its historic squares, colorful streets, and iconic landmarks. Enjoy a rum and chocolate tasting experience led by an expert, showcasing the harmonious pairing of these Colombian specialties.



San Felope 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 | MAHATES (PALENQUE) - CALAMAR (B, L, D)

In the morning, dock in Mahates, your gateway to the town of Palengue, the first "free town" in the Americas. Immerse yourself in the town's deeply rooted culture and traditions, from symbolic hairstyles to ancestral medicine, which are so distinct that UNESCO declared Palengue to be a Masterpiece of the Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity. You will also visit a local home during this excursion. An important piece of Palengue's heritage is the music and rhythmic style that was developed in this city, which you will enjoy during a special performance that brings the town's spirit to life. Later in the day, cruise to Calamar. Located at the entrance of the Canal del Dique, this town was first settled in 1840. Witness historic sites such as the Iglesia de la Inmaculada Conception as you tour this beautiful destination by paola.



Magangué, Colombia. Adobe Stock 1351582663

## DAY 9 | NOV 20 | MAGANGUÉ REGION - MOMPOX (B, L, D)

Immerse yourself in the vibrant sights and untamed energy of Boca de Tacaloa. Experience this legendary Colombian wonder on an intimate boat tour through the Magangué region. This nature tour offers a rare opportunity to encounter fascinating species, such as beautiful birds that are unique to this region of the country, making for an unforgettable immersion in wildlife. Then, enjoy a scenic cruise to the island town of Mompox, where you'll be greeted by local musicians for an exclusive jazz performance.

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

Step back in time in Mompox, a colonial town founded in 1540. Once a key Spanish trading post protecting treasures from pirates, its legacy lives on through its world-famous filigree jewelry. During your visit to Latin America's largest inland island, explore beautiful wetlands teeming with native flora and fauna, offering excellent birdwatching at sunrise and sunset. You can choose a guided tour of the town's historic landmarks, starting with a tuk-tuk ride,

or visit a workshop to see the intricate artistry of Mompox's renowned jewelers. Featuring stunning churches, breathtaking nature, and local delicacies like capa cheese, Mompox is an unforgettable highlight of your journey on the Magdalena River.

### DAY 11 | NOV 22 | MOMPOX - SCENIC CRUISING (B. L. D)

Bid farewell to Mompox and embark on a scenic cruise. Onboard, you'll be joined by local families from El Banco who are the keepers of La Cumbia. Experience this cultural treasure firsthand with authentic music, stories, and celebration right on the ship.



Magdalena River. Adobe Stock 572131855

## **DAY 12 | NOV 23 | SANTA BARBARA DE PINTO** (*B, L, D*)

Embark on a private boat to Santa Barbara de Pinto, a town on the banks of the Magdalena River. Choose your experience: an immersive town tour to learn traditional fishing net



Santa Bárbara Church, Adobe Stock 380824622



Mompox, Adobe Stock 572131819

weaving, see artisans hand-roll tobacco, visit a historic church, and shop for local crafts amid pastel Spanish architecture. Or, opt for an active adventure with a guided hike through the area's lush landscapes.

## DAY 13 | NOV 24 | SITIO NUEVO - BARRANQUILLA (B, L, D)

In the morning, visit a charming village on a guided tour that highlights the beauty and warmth of Colombia. Later in the day, venture to the beautiful seaside city of Barranguilla, a vibrant destination home to notable musicians, writers and artists. Immerse vourself in the warmth and culture of the city's atmosphere as you venture through this magnificent location, where you may see the bocas de cenizas, the point at which the magical Magdalena River meets the breathtaking Caribbean Sea. In the evening, enjoy an exclusive Carnaval celebration just for AmaWaterways quests as we bring the full traditional experience to our guests all year round.



Barranguilla. Adobe Stock 529682084

## 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.



Mount Monserrate, Bogota. Adobe Stock 394733418

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

Domestic Flight: Barranguilla to Bogotá



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.



Centro de Bogotá. Adobe Stock 583210663

**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

#### **AMA MELODIA**

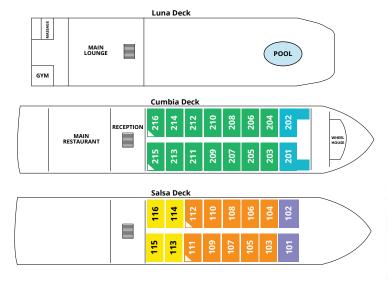
The newly designed AmaMelodia, an intimate 64-passenger ship designed to maximize your views along this special waterway. Take in spectacular views from the twin balconies (French balcony and outside balcony) within your spacious stateroom, where accommodations range from 237 sq. ft to 306 sq. ft. in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

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



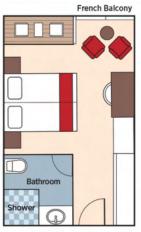
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#### **DECKPLAN**





Category A Cumnia Deck 237 sq. ft.



#### 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 14,270 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
  - · 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 Barranguilla
  - · 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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