



## WONDERS OF COLOMBIA



### **CRUISE FROM : CARTAGENA TO BARRANQUILLA**

Immerse yourself in the wonders that this South American country holds as you journey along the magnificent Magdalena River. Step through the streets of Palenque, the first free city in Colombia, moving to the rhythms of cumbia and vallenato, world-renown musical styles. Delight in the colorful neighborhood of Getsemaní in Cartagena, drinking in the vivid colors and culture displayed so artfully on the walls of homes, cafes and family-owned shops. Discover how Spanish and pre-colonial cultures combined to bring us the music, minds, and culture that exist in the country today. Let these breathtaking destinations inspire you as you embrace the soul of this mesmerizing river and the heart-warming people who live alongside it.

**COUNTRIES:** COLOMBIA

**RIVERS:** MAGDALENA

## ***Detailed Itinerary* WONDERS OF COLOMBIA**

### CARTAGENA TO BARRANQUILLA

#### **DAY 1**

##### **CARTAGENA – EMBARKATION**

Arrive in Cartagena, the beautiful capital of the Bolivar region located on Colombia's Caribbean coast. After settling into your stateroom, enjoy a tour through the breathtaking Getsemani neighborhood. With the vibrant colors of the homes and street art as well as the mouthwatering local delicacies that can be found throughout the area, this historic neighborhood will delight all your senses. Upon returning to your ship, embark on your journey along the magical Magdalena River. (D)

#### **DAY 2**

##### **GAMBOTE (PALENQUE) – CALAMAR**

In the morning, experience the town of Palenque, the first "free town" in the Americas. Founded by those who fled a life of slavery during colonial times, the spirit and appearance of this town has been preserved through time. In 1713, the Spanish crown issued a Royal Decree that officially freed the people of Palenque from slavery. Immerse yourself in the town's deeply rooted culture and traditions, which are so distinct that UNESCO declared Palenque to be a Masterpiece of the Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity. An important piece of their heritage is the music and rhythmic style that was developed in this city, which you will enjoy during a special performance by local musicians. Later in the day, visit Calamar. Located at the entrance of the Canal del Dique, this town was first settled in 1840. Witness historic sites such as the Iglesia de la Inmaculada Conception as you tour this beautiful destination by paolo (a bicycle taxi for two). (B, L, D)

#### **DAY 3**

##### **SANTA BARBARA DE PINTO - MOMPOX**

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## **DAY 4**

### **MOMPOX**

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## **DAY 6**

### **MAGANGUE**

Witness the sights, hear the bird calls, and watch the wildlife around you as spend the day in Magangue. Immerse yourself in the presence of Colombian nature surrounding this city on a birdwatching tour, giving you a unique opportunity to see birds only found in this specific part of the country. You can also take a hiking tour through the picturesque Cienega, a town teeming with Colombian heritage. (B, L, D)

## **DAY 7**

### **NEUVA VENECIA – BARRANQUILLA**

In the morning, visit the Floating Village of Nueva Venecia. A charming town filled with inviting locals, Nueva Venecia, or “New Venice,” can only be navigated by boat. With its beautiful colonial houses, vivid architecture and local sanctuary protecting the native flora and fauna, this town highlights the beauty and warmth of Colombia. Witness its splendor as you tour the village. While here, explore this village and learn more about the lives of its people during a guided tour. Enjoy the traditional crafts and art that is on display, learn about the techniques the fishermen of Nueva Venecia use, and taste the local delicacies as you embrace this village and its unique culture. Later in the day, venture to the beautiful seaside city of Barranquilla, a vibrant destination home to notable musicians, writers and artists. Immerse yourself in the warmth and culture of the city’s atmosphere as you venture through this magnificent location, where you may visit famous landmarks such as the bocas de cenizas, the point at which the magical Magdalena River meets the breathtaking Caribbean Sea, and the Carnaval Museum, which showcases the unique history of this incredible festival. In the evening, enjoy an exclusive Carnaval celebration just for AmaWaterways guests as we bring the full traditional experience to our guests all-year round. (B, L, D)

## **DAY 8**

### **BARRANQUILLA – DISEMBARKATION**

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



## **PRE & POST TOURS OPTIONAL**

### **2 Nights In Cartagena Pre Cruise CARTAGENA TO BARRANQUILLA**

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#### **DAY 2**

##### **CARTAGENA**

Start your day by exploring the incredible UNESCO-designated San Felipe Castle, the fortress that defended Cartagena from French and British attacks. In the afternoon, delve deeper into the enriching history of this Caribbean city as you visit the Gold Museum, which features ancient gold artifacts from the indigenous cultures found in this region. You will also visit the Caribbean Naval Museum. Follow the story of this fascinating country and its incredible naval history from pre-Hispanic times until the present. (B)

#### **DAY 3**

##### **CARTAGENA – EMBARKATION**

Before checking out of your hotel, tour the famous vaults of Cartagena. These vaults have gone through many transformations – from being Spanish headquarters to a prison for those seeking independence from Spain to the art galleries, restaurants and shops you can witness today. After settling into your stateroom, enjoy a tour through breathtaking neighborhood of Getsemani. With the vibrant colors of the homes and street art as well as the mouthwatering local delicacies that can be found throughout the area, this historic neighborhood will delight all your senses. In the evening, watch the sun set on Cartagena during a special cruise excursion. Upon returning to your ship, embark on your journey along the magical Magdalena River. (B,D)



## 3 Nights In Medellín, 2 Nights In Cartagena Pre Cruise

### MEDELLÍN TO BARRANQUILLA

#### DAY 1

##### MEDELLÍN

Arrive in the city of Medellín, the second largest city in Colombia. Named the most innovative city in the world by the Urban Land Institute in 2013, this fascinating city combines modern conveniences with colonial history. Check into your hotel and enjoy your first night in this unique city.

#### DAY 2

##### MEDELLÍN

The region's ideal climate and soil conditions, combined with the skill and passion of local farmers, make for a unique and delicious coffee experience, which you can learn about and enjoy for yourself during a guided excursion. Before the majority of coffee farms moved south, the state of Antioquia was where coffee growth in Colombia first began, planting the seed of tradition and culture strongly in this region. The coffee beans grown in Medellín are known for their rich and complex flavor profiles, with notes of dark chocolate, caramel, and berries. This delightful coffee is also certified by organizations such as the Rainforest Alliance, which ensures that the coffee is grown in a sustainable and environmentally friendly way. (B, L)

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##### MEDELLÍN

Though the city was once known for violent campaigns, Medellín has undergone impressive social transformations, and you will get to examine the drastic differences as you tour Comuna 13. This neighborhood was once the center of political corruption's influence on the city, and it has now been elevated to a place of strengthened community, music, and art. Ride a cable car through this unique area and witness how it has grown. (B)



#### **DAY 4**

##### **MEDELLIN – CARTAGENA**

In the morning, check out of your hotel and fly to Cartagena, the beautiful capital of the Bolivar region located on Colombia's Caribbean coast. Take the day to delight in the beautiful coastal city of Cartagena. Many Spaniards flocked to this location when they heard tales of gold found in the tombs of indigenous leaders, expanding this small port into a thriving city. As you tour the city, you may witness iconic landmarks such as the Catedral de Cartagena or the stone walls built to protect the city from the plundering of pirates, although they did not stop Sir Francis Drake from holding the city for ransom in 1586. (B)

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## 3 Nights In Panama City Post Cruise **CARTAGENA TO PANAMA**

### **DAY 8**

#### **BARRANQUILLA – DISEMBARKATION – PANAMA**

Disembark your ship and fly to Panama City, famous for the canal that separates North and South America. Start your Panama journey in Panama La Vieja, the site of the original Panama City. Located in the middle of skyscrapers, this charming UNESCO World Heritage Site still conserves its initial mystical flavor. Built on an indigenous village, Panama La Vieja was the first city founded by Spain in the Pacific Coast in 1519. Continue into Causeway Amador, a road that unites Panama City to the islands of Naos, Perico and Flamenco, as you immerse yourself in the modern sights of this wonderful city. In the afternoon, explore the intriguing Museum of Biodiversity. Designed by the renowned architect Frank Gehry, this unique museum invites you to delve into the stories surrounding country's diverse ecosystems, tectonic forces of the earth, and first settlements of humans in the area, all joining together to create the Panama we know today. After, walk through the vivid colors of Casco Antiguo, where you will be staying during your time in this incredible city. (B)

### **DAY 9**

#### **PANAMA**

Take in the man-made majesty of the Panama Canal during this full day of incredible excursions. Before this marvel of engineering was constructed, ships were forced to sail the southernmost tip of South America along the Drake Passage or the Strait of Magellan. Once the Panama Canal was opened in 1914 after over 30 years of construction directed by multiple countries, international trade changed forever. Visit the building where the chief engineer, George W. Goethals, centralized the canal's administrative activities before embarking along this legendary canal for yourself. Journey along the Panama Canal as you witness the breathtaking Gatun Lake. Known as the largest artificial lake in the world, this body of water is surrounded by the beauty of petrified trees frozen in time, tropical rainforest, and the unique flora and fauna found along its banks. Enjoy a delicious lunch at the Gamboa Rainforest Resort and discover more about the history, biodiversity and operation of the Panama Canal during a private tour of the Miraflores Visitor Center. (B, L)



**DAY 10**

**PANAMA**

Be dazzled by the breathtaking rainforest of Chagres National Park, taking in the amazing scenery that surrounds you. Navigate the Chagres River through this magical jungle aboard a piragua, traditional canoe, captained by a knowledgeable Emberá (an indigenous tribe) guide. Stop at a magnificent waterfall, where you can enjoy a refreshing swim in the cool water and absorb the energy of this natural wonder, before continuing to an Emberá village. The Emberá are a riverine people of Panama, historically building their houses along banks of rivers. Learn how to cook a traditional Emberá lunch, that you will enjoy. Immerse yourself in the ritual dances, local music, handcrafts and more as you experience and embrace this unique culture. (B, L)

**DAY 11**

**PANAMA**

Bid Panama farewell and prepare for your flight home. (B)



## ***Included Features* WONDERS OF COLOMBIA**

### **SPACIOUS STATEROOMS**

- 7-night river cruise in elegantly appointed twin balcony stateroom
- Entertainment-On-Demand in all staterooms featuring free high-speed internet access, movies, and music library
- Fresh water replenished daily

### **AN ARRAY OF AMENITIES**

- Complimentary Wellness Program with a dedicated Wellness Host leading various exercise classes
- 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
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## MAGIC OF COLOMBIA



### CRUISE FROM : BARRANQUILLA TO CARTAGENA

Embrace the magic of Colombia as you explore the country along the magical Magdalena River during this special 7-night journey. Move to the beat of a variety of Latin American musical styles including cumbia and vallenato, and revel in exciting performances at a colorful Carnival experience in Barranquilla just for AmaWaterways guests. Drink a steaming cup of the country's famous coffee. Listen for the calls of distinctive birds and wildlife not found anywhere else on the planet. Discover timeless traditions while getting to know the friendly guides and residents from diverse backgrounds who live beyond the riverbanks. Enjoy the soul and spirit of Colombia as you sail this river along with AmaWaterways, the Heart of the River™.

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## 3 Nights Panama Post Cruise

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## **AmaMagdalena OVERVIEW**



Step aboard a world of unparalleled experiences and be warmly welcomed aboard our stunning newly designed AmaMagdalena, an intimate 60-passenger river cruise ship offering the luxury of space and sweeping views as you cruise Colombia's Magdalena River. This beautiful ship features a rejuvenating heated pool on the Sun Deck, a spacious fitness room, a Main Restaurant serving exquisite, regionally inspired Latin American cuisine and Western favorites, as well as an intimate al fresco specialty dining experience. Plus, you will rest your eyes each night in your amenity-filled twin-balcony stateroom, with both a French balcony and an outside balcony, from which you will wake up to a new view each day in one of Colombia's fascinating destinations.

## **AmaMelodia OVERVIEW**



Cruise in luxury along Colombia's magnificent Magdalena River on board our stunning 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 318 sq. ft. in our luxury suites. Taste exquisite, locally inspired Latin American cuisine and Western favorites within the Main Restaurant, enjoy an intimate al fresco specialty dining experience and tap your foot along to live music and more each evening within the Main Lounge. For the ultimate in relaxation, soothe your muscles in the sun-deck heated pool, treat yourself to a massage or indulge in a manicure or pedicure in the nail salon.