

## Colombia: From San Agustin to Cartagena

March 1 - 12, 2018 Led by Professor Lisa DeLeonardis



Bogotá • San Agustín • Popayan • Pereira • Medellín • Cartagena

## Join Us!

Dear Johns Hopkins Alumni, Family and Friends:

Join us on a carefully designed program though Colombia which has emerged from its divisive civil war a true jewel of South America with rich history, remarkably diverse landscapes, and infectious vibrancy.

Begin in the sprawling capital city of Bogotá nestled in the Andes before flying to the mystical archaeological site of San Agustín and explore its hundreds of ancient, life-size stone heads. Experience an authentic indigenous market in the Colombian highlands before heading to Cali whose strong Afro-Colombian heritage has made it a city unlike any other in the country. Connect with an important part of Colombia's national identity with a visit to Buenavista in the coffee-cultivating lush and eden-like heartland. In Medellin, modern Colombia offers a dynamic urban setting and the sizzling energy that the country and its people are so famous for. End on the Caribbean coast in Cartagena, Colombia's most iconic city, whose romantic soul inspired Gabriel García Márquez and will have you enthralled from the moment you pass through its fortified walls.

This trip is reserved on a first come, first served basis and can accommodate 25 travelers. We encourage you to sign up today!

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### Tour Leader



Lisa DeLeonardis has been the Austen-Stokes Professor in Art of the Ancient Americas at Johns Hopkins University since 2009. Prior to that time, she held a joint curatorial appointment with the Baltimore Museum of Art and was research associate with the Center for Advanced Study in the Visual Arts (CASVA), at the National Gallery of Art. She regularly conducts research in South America and lectures and publishes on Latin American art and architecture. DeLeonardis is the recent recipient of the Charles K. Williams II Rome Prize in Historic Preservation and Conservation.

### ltinerary

#### March 1: Thursday. Depart U.S./Bogota.

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Depart the US and arrive in Bogota. Transfer to the *Sofitel Bogota Victoria Regia Hotel*.

Enjoy a wine reception with hors d'oeuvres at the hotel this evening to meet fellow travelers.

#### March 2: Friday. Bogota.

B,L,D.

This morning meet with Sergio Castillo who will lay the framework for understanding Colombia's history focusing mostly on the last 50 years.

After, drive to the market of Paloquemao, or "burnt stick", known as the Mecca of food sites in Bogota, bringing together suppliers of produce, flowers and seafood from all over the country.

Continue on to the heart of Bogota, La Candelaria, and walk through its cobbled streets teeming with history in its medieval churches, squares and convents.

Enjoy lunch at Fulanitos, which serves delicious authentic Colombian cuisine.

After lunch meet with staff from the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), the leading U.S. Government agency that works to end extreme global poverty and enable resilient, democratic societies to realize their potential.

Meet with the Center for Memory, Peace and Reconciliation where Ms. Laura Cuéllar will meet the group. Ms. Cuéllar has been part of the Strategic Projects division at Bogotá's Center of Memory, Peace and Reconciliation since late 2016. Prior to this she served as Associate Editor at Harvard





University's Journal of Middle Eastern Politics and Policy and as Analyst at the Spanish NGO Ayuda en Acción. She is passionate about understanding the drivers of armed conflict and paving avenues for their positive transformation. Her interests lie at the intersection of armed conflict, development, international law and human security.

End the afternoon with a cable car ride to Cerro de Monserrate whose church is a major mecca for pilgrims who pay homage to an image of the Fallen Christ.

Enjoy dinner this evening at Club Colombia, one of Bogota's most highly rated restaurants.

#### March 3: Saturday. Bogota.

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Depart this morning to visit the Gold Museum, which provides an excellent understanding of the artistic soul of Bogotá.

After, head to the famous Salt Cathedral of Zipaquira, an underground Roman Catholic church built within the tunnels of a salt mine and carved entirely from salt deposits in the mine.

Enjoy lunch at Casa el Chorro with its local cuisine.

Return to Bogotá to visit Casas Reignar and meet with Felipe Villada who will talk about some of the emerging young Colombian artists the gallery represents.

Nearby is the Peace Bridges International (PBI), a non-denominational and independent non-governmental organization whose mission is to provide a protective space for the work of human rights defenders who suffer attacks as a result of their efforts in favor of human rights.



Dinner tonight is at your leisure.

#### March 4: Sunday. San Agustin.

Morning drive, back to Bogotá in time to take an afternoon flight to Pitalito.

B,L,D.

Upon arrival, transfer to *Hotel Monasterio de San Agustin* in San Agustin and marvel at the majestic vistas offered by the lush rolling hills of this incredibly important archaeological area.

Visit the Archaeological Museum, which provides an excellent introduction to the site and the San Agustin culture. Continue on to the Archaeological Park where 130 statues are displayed as well as the Fuente de Lavapatas and Alto de Lavapatas, the oldest archaeological site in San Agustin.

Time permitting we will visit a number of less well-known sites, which include Alto de las Piedras.

Dinner at the hotel this evening.

#### March 5: Monday. Popayan. B,L,D.

Depart the hotel and drive towards Popayan, stopping at the Parque Nacional Natural Purace, which lies within the territory of the Purace indigenous group and is a geothermal land of waterfalls and a snow-capped inactive volcano. Enjoy lunch en route.

Upon arrival, explore this graceful colonial town, which was located at the mid-point of the journey that gold would make between Lima, Quito and Cartagena on its way to Spain.

Enjoy dinner at El Camino Real and overnight at *Hotel Dann Monasterio*.

#### March 6: Tuesday. Pereira. B,L,D.

This morning drive to the mountain town of Silvia where the indigenous Guambiano people come to market - a timeless

scene that plays itself out every Tuesday. The Guambiano, considered one of Colombia's most traditional indigenous groups, practice basic farming methods and still maintain their own language and dress.

Continue to Cali for lunch and a salsa class at a local restaurant.

After lunch spend the afternoon driving through cane fields and farmlands to Pereira, located in the foothills of the Andes in the coffee producing area of the country.

Dinner and overnight at *Hotel Boutique Casa San Carlos*.

#### March 7: Wednesday. Pereira. B,L,D.

Begin the day with a visit to Finca El Ocaso Salento to learn about the coffee industry in Colombia. Colombia is the world's third largest producer of coffee and the only country that grows Arabica beans exclusively. The land around Pereira is perfect for the coffee bushes: rolling overgrown hills between two great mountain ranges with rich volcanic soils and great rivers like the Quindío. Enjoy the chance to sample coffee brewed in different methods while gazing out on a blanket of coffee groves.

Afterwards, drive to Salento, a quaint town with colonial architecture, which is the base for a visit to the Cocora Valley.

Enjoy lunch at El Portal de Cocora with its sweeping views.

Drive about 30 minutes to the Valle de Cocora and enjoy a hike in the valley resplendent with native wax palms (palmas de cera), the largest palm in the world.

Return to Pereira to spend the night.

#### March 8: Thursday. Medellin. B,L,D.

Morning flight to Medellin, located deep in the fertile Aburra





Valley. Flying into Medellin one gets a sense of the heartstopping beauty of where the city sits.

Meet your local guide and drive to the Metrocable to learn how public transit has transformed a neighborhood in Santo Domingo, a once-blighted area. Take the metro-cable - a new ski lift-like aerial tramway - and soar over Santo Domingo.

From here, drive to Comuna 13, formerly Medellin's most dangerous barrio, now an example of how "innovative" urban regeneration projects can be used to transform and revitalize communities. Walk up some steep streets in Comuna 13 to meet with Dr. Marta Dominquez Mejia, a professor at the Universidad de Antioquia.

Drive to the Botanical Garden – a 35-acre garden showcases Colombia's fauna and flora and enjoy lunch at In Situ.

Transfer to the *NH Collection Royal Medellin* and enjoy a lovely dinner there this evening.

#### March 9: Friday. Cartagena. B,L.

This morning meet with Nicolas Bedoya who has been working deep in the Andes in the municipality of Ituango which has been chosen as one of the 20 "transition zones" where rebels from the left-wing Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) will disarm and transition back to society after more than 50 years of conflict. Nicolas Bedoya is a photojournalist who has been documenting this period of transition.

Continue on to the Botero Square and admire the work of artist Fernando Botero, known for paintings and sculptures of figures of exaggerated volume.

Stop at the Modern Art Museum Medellin, which opened in 2009, originally a steel mill built in 1939. Its staggering exhibition spaces showcase Colombia's contemporary artists. Enjoy lunch at Bonuar, located in the museum.

Take an afternoon flight to Cartagena, perhaps Colombia's most famous city. It has been the setting for numerous novels,

movies, and fantasies.

Upon arrival transfer to the *Tcherassi Hotel and Spa*.

In the late afternoon enjoy a short walk along the fortified walls, Las Murallas. These five miles of impressive walled defenses encircle the old town. They were constructed over two





centuries ago to defend the city against marauding pirates.

Dinner is at your leisure tonight.

#### March 10: Saturday. Cartagena. B,L.

Begin exploring the inner town of the Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, with a walking tour within the city's thick walls.

During your tour of Cartagena, focus on the renowned Colombian writer Gabriel García Márquez, or Gabo as he is affectionately known. Stop at places that Gabo mentions in his works including those places that figure prominently in his novels, <u>Love in the Time of Cholera</u>, <u>Of Love and Other Demons</u>, and <u>The General in His Labyrinth</u>.

Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant.

After lunch drive to the City of Women, founded by attorney Patricia Guerrera and meet with women from the League of Displaced Women. This grassroots group is run by and for the women who are victims of the conflict between the government, right-wing paramilitaries, and leftist armed rebel groups.

Enjoy dinner at a local restaurant.

#### March 11: Sunday. Cartagena. B,L,D.

This morning visit the Bazurto market and get a glimpse the day-to-day life of real cartageneros. Anthony Bourdain brought a small corner of the market to fame in his TV show, "No Reservations." It's not a trip for the faint-hearted though – the smells and visual experiences are quite unique!

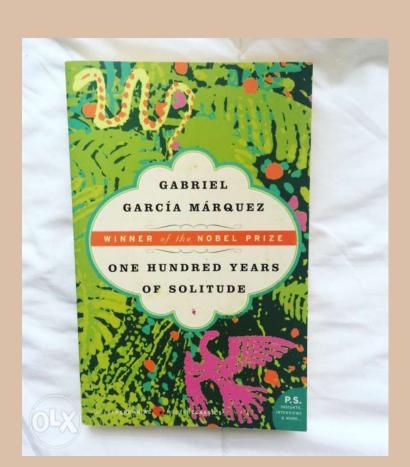
After shopping, prepare and cook your own lunch alongside a native chef.

Continue on to the Nohra Haime Gallery and visit with artist Ruby Rumiés, whose work includes painting, sculpture, photography, video and installation. She develops projects based on injustice, psychology, and the impact of modern life in the daily lives of common people.

Return to the hotel for free time and shopping at one of the charming local stores near your hotel.

Enjoy a farewell dinner tonight at El Santisimo, located walking distance from the hotel.

#### March 12: Monday. Depart.





## Program Costs and Inclusions

**Trip Price: \$5,180** 

Single supplement: \$1,260 Domestic Air Fare: \$450

Group size is limited to 25 travelers.

**Trip Price includes:** all hotel accommodations as listed in the itinerary based on double-occupancy, meals as listed in the itinerary (B,L,D), all tours, excursions, sightseeing, entrances, transportation in an air-conditioned motor coach, lectures by JHU Scholar, a Distant Horizons tour manager, gratuities and porterage. Trip price based on a minimum of 15 travelers. Price subject to small group surcharge if group size is under 15.

**Does not include** international airfare into Bogota and out of Cartagena, visa fees, excess luggage charges, medical expenses, trip insurance, gratuities, and items of a purely personal nature.

For more information or a more detailed itinerary, contact Seema Bakshi at (800) 333-1240 or via email at seemab@distant-horizons.com

## Trip Description

Please note that our itinerary involves some time driving from city-to-city. We use comfortable buses that seat up to 40 travelers to do these drives, depending on the size of the group. Furthermore, whilst the bus will transport you directly to most sites, in most cases there will be a fair amount of walking involved around the sites including climbing up and down stairs (sometimes without handrails), as well as walking tours throughout the colonial towns.

Please note the group will be at altitudes of up to 8,300 feet during the trip and most travelers can easily acclimatize after a day or two with plenty of fluids and rest.

## Reserve your trip today!

Please read and complete the form carefully then mail application along with a copy of your I.D. and a deposit of \$1,000 check per person to:

DISTANT HORIZONS, INC

350 Elm Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90802 Or Call: 1-800-333-1240 or 1-562-983-8828

For Johns Hopkins related questions call: 800-548-5481

#### WHEN YOU RETURN THIS APPLICATION, PLEASE INCLUDE A LEGIBLE PHOTOCOPY OF YOUR PASSPORT.

Trip Name: Colombia: From San Agustin to Cartagena Trip Date: March 1 - 12, 2018 Name: Dr. / Mr. / Ms. / Mrs. Exactly as listed in your I.D. Card (First) (Middle) (Last) Preferred first name: Mailing Address: Home Phone: Business Phone: Cell Phone E-mail Address: Describe your health: Are you presently under a doctor's care or taking any medications? If yes, please elaborate Please list any allergies or physical limitations: Please list any diet restrictions: Emergency contact person, phone number, and relationship: **ACCOMMODATIONS** \_\_\_\_ I want a single room (single supplement will apply) I will share a room with: BED TYPE (not gauranteed) One large bed Two twins I have read the terms and conditions and agree to abide by them: Signature\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_

# Reserve your trip today!

Reservations and Payments: Reservations for this tour require a deposit of \$1000 per person and an application form signed by the participant. Final payment is due upon receipt of invoice no later than December 1, 2017, and must be paid by check.

Eligibility: At least one member of the traveling party is required to make a sustaining financial contribution of \$50 or more to the Johns Hopkins Alumni Association within the fiscal year. Please visit alumni.jhu.edu/support. Note: A small portion of the cost of your trip supports the Johns Hopkins Alumni Travel program.

#### Tour Price Includes:

Hotel Accommodations: Accommodations in hotels as outlined in the itinerary based on double occupancy, prices listed are based on two persons sharing a twin room. Distant Horizons reserves the right to substitute hotels for those named in the brochure when necessary. Distant Horizons will do all possible for single participants to satisfy requests to share rooms. On occasions when it is not possible, the single room supplement will apply. If Distant Horizons assigns you a roommate and your roommate cancels or changes their mind about sharing a room, you will be liable for the single room supplement.

Meals: Breakfast (B), lunches (L) and dinners (D) are included as specified in the itinerary. Soft drink is included with lunch and one with dinner. Welcome and farewell receptions include beer and wine.

All Land Travel Listed: Educational program of lectures and discussions, entrance fees to monuments, bottled water kept on the bus, transportation in a deluxe, air conditioned motor coach, an English speaking local tour manager who will be with the group from beginning to end, local guides in certain cities, and of a Johns Hopkins University Scholar, special activities as quoted in the itinerary, and basic gratuities to the local guides, tour manager, driver, and waitstaff for included meals.

Tour cost is based on rates of currency exchange at time of printing (September 2017) and is subject to change with or without previous notice. If there is a price increase prior to the day of departure in the basic costs, such increases may be passed on to the participant. If bookings fall below the minimum required, passengers will be advised of additional costs for that departure date. The minimum group size of this departure is 15 paying participants, should the number of participants fall below this number, a small group surcharge and/or revised staffing will apply.

Tour Price Does Not Include: International airfare to Bogota and from Cartagena, meals not specified in the itinerary, transfers to and from airports, alcoholic drinks at included meals except for welcome and farewell receptions, personal items such as laundry, email, fax or telephone calls, liquor, room service, independent and private transfers, luggage charges and private trip insurance. Any increases in the in-tour security, or fuel surcharges imposed after the initial pricing of this program are not included.

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