OCTOBER 2019 GETTING TO THE HEART OF PROVENCE 1 CITY 5 WAYS: CARTAGENA

GUATEMALA'S COLORFUL TAPESTRY TALK SHOW WITH CYNTHIA ERIVO A CULINARY TOUR OF BANGKOK

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THERE'S MORE THAN ONE WAY TO DISCOVER A DESTINATION. BY DIANA SPECHLER





IN COLOMBIA'S SPANISH COLONIAL PORT CITY, spend your days strolling the charming cobblestone streets, admiring the old military architecture, soaking up the Caribbean climate and ocean views and indulging in the freshest seafood and tropical cocktails. Cartagena de Indias has something for just about every kind of traveler: walking and bike tours, salsa dancing, gorgeous sunsets, a warm ocean and interesting art in a city that's brimming with history and culture.

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# ART AND **DESIGN LOVER**

**HISTORY BUFF** 



CARTAGENA

## **WHERE TO STAY Casona del Colegio** Every detail in this boutique hotel is carefully

chosen, from the bronze map of Colombia on the lobby ceiling to the pieces by local artists that hang in each room. casonadelcolegio.com

### **COFFEE** Café del Mural If you like the idea of fancy artisanal coffee that

you can sip while admiring the murals outside. this is your spot for your daily caffeine fix. facebook.com/cafedelmural



### **MORNING**► Modern Art

Check out works of new and established contemporary artists at NH Galeria, then head to the Museum of Modern Art of Cartagena for a mix of Columbian and international art. nhgaleria.com, mamcartagena.org



LUNCH Restaurante el Zaguán

**AFTERNOON** Museum Hopping

facebook.com/elzaguanosc

Enjoy typical regional dishes, including one of the city's

best seafood paellas, at this restaurant on Calle de la Cruz.

The city is sprinkled with little museums. Don't miss learning

about Caribbean naval history at the Naval Museum of the

Caribbean or seeing the archaeology collection at

banrepcultural.org/cartagena/museo-del-oro-zenu

Zenú Gold Museum. museonavaldelcaribe.com,

# **AFTERNOON** ► Getsemaní If you have only a couple of hours, make your way to this once-seedy-now-hip hood, home to a stunning collection of street art. One of the standouts is a sweeping mural of

**DINNER** Carmen

This is among the city's most popular fine-dining spots. Sip a Pirate's Booty (rum, fermented coconut, salted caramel syrup, orange, bitter cloves and cinnamon) and enjoy some famous Caribbean seafood. carmencartagena.com

# WHERE TO STAY > **Sofitel Legend Santa Clara**

A luxury hotel that was once a 17th-century convent, the Sofitel maintains some of its original infrastructure and plenty of local lore: In 1949, Gabriel García Márquez covered Santa Clara's crypt exhumation for a local paper. sofitel.accorhotels.com





**MORNING Old Town** Cartagena has one of the most impressive military fortification systems in South America. Grab your camera and hit the core, including the long coral wall that protected the city against pirate attacks and the nearby Fort of San Felipe de Barajas, a colonial fortress built by the Spanish.

### **MORNING** Boundless Mezcal Café Learn all about Colombian organic coffee: the different beans, how they're procured and how they're roasted. The tasting will refine your palate and caf-

feinate your bloodstream.

boundlesscafe.com

# **LUNCH Ohlala Bistrot**

Bring your appetite to this bistro and its French-Colombian tasting menu: nine courses that change seasonally depending on what's fresh and local. facebook.com/ OhlalaCartagena

AFTERNOON ► El Barón Café & Liquor Bar Book the 90-minute Colombian rum experience at El Barón Café & Liguor Bar to learn how to distill rum, hear the history of sugarcane and, of course, sample the goods. *elbaron.co* 



FOODIE

BOOKWORM

### **Conrad Cartagena** This modern hotel has a gorgeous exclusive beach, perfect for relaxing with a mojito and a novel. It's also home to TPC Cartagena at Karibana, the only **Tournament Players' Club** course in South America. conradcartagena.com

WHERE TO STAY >



**WHERE TO STAY** 

This is one of the city's

**Casa San Agustin** 

most beloved small

hotels, with an ideal

location, 17th-century

design and luxurious

favorite among travel-

spa that make it a

ers. hotelcasasan

agustin.com

COFFEE Ábaco Libros y Café Sip some coffee and browse the shelves at Ábaco, a bookstore and coffee shop inside Old Town, the area of the city enclosed by an 11-kilometer wall and declared a **UNESCO World Heritage** Site. abacolibros.com



**MORNING** Los Zapatos Vieios Monument Hit some of the city's literary landmarks, including the famous bronze boot statue, an homage to local poet Luis Carlos López.



**Literary Tour** Book the Gabriel García Márquez Walking Tour to learn

**AFTERNOON** 

how the Nobel Prize-winning author was inspired by the city's magical streets. And if you visit in late January, you can enjoy the Hay Festival, Cartagena's annual international literary festival. durandurantours.com

# SPENDTHRIFT



# WHERE TO STAY Mystic House Hostal

Tourism is booming in Cartagena, but the city offers some nice. clean, air-conditioned hostels, including this one inside the Walled City, where the price of the room includes a free breakfast. mystic-house-hostal.cartagena-hotels-colombia.com/en

# **MORNING** Tierra Bomba Island

By the hospital in Castillogrande, you'll see men with little boats trying to sell you rides to the islands. Do a little haggling and you'll get the 10-minute ride to Tierra Bomba Island for the equivalent of \$5. Relax for a few hours on Punta Arena beach.





*LUNCH* 

**Cafe Stepping Stone** 

A social project in the

Getsemani neighborhood,

disadvantaged youth. The

food is fresh and tasty. Try

prices are right and the

this café trains and employs

# **AFTERNOON** Plaza de la Trinidad

Here's your chance to meet some locals and practice your Spanish. Head to Plaza de la Trinidad or one of the city's other parks and plazas and join one of the many Cartageneros' chess games.



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Maria Mulata, the city's official bird, in Plaza de la Trinidad.







# **NIGHT**

Café Havana Hit this club to salsa dance where Hillary Clinton did back in 2012, when she was in town for the Summit of the Americas. facebook.com/ cafehavanactg

### **INNER** Alma

Head back to your hotel and dine at Alma, widely considered Cartagena's best restaurant. In the elegant, open-air courtyard, enjoy an Alma Viva (rum, jalapeño, basil, pineapple, green apple, lemon, and syrup) and a crab burger. almacolombia.com



# **◆DINNER** Biblioteka

At this literary-themed restaurant in the Conrad hotel, the walls are lined with vintage paperbacks and your waiter will deliver your check in a box resembling a hollowed-out book. conradcartagena.com/ dine/#biblioteka

**DINNER** Arepas

You'll find delicious. authentic, walletfriendly street food all over Cartagena. But for a classic experience, grab an arepa and coconut lemonade from one of the vendors in Plaza San Diego.

