



LAW & CULTURE IN COLOMBIA



5, 6 OR 9 NIGHT PACKAGES AVAILABLE
FEB. 17-22, 2025 BOGOTA & MEDELLIN
FEB. 22-23, 2025 MARANILLA ECO LODGE
FEB. 23-26, 2025 CARTAGENA

**By Invitation to Members & Guests of the
Knoxville & Memphis Bar
Associations**

TOUR OPTIONS

Choose from 5, 6 or 9 nights.

The 5 & 6 night programs begin in Bogota (BOG) and end in Medellin (MDE) .

The 9 night program begins in Bogota (BOG) and ends in Cartagena (CTG) .

Please plan Air Accordingly.

INCLUDED

Premium Accommodations

Daily ground transportation

Daily breakfast and group meals at upscale and traditional restaurants (including beverages/tips)

Full-time tour leader, local guides and specialists

Lecture series with local experts, officials, academics and influencers

Admission to all museums / attractions in program

All Airport Transfers

Domestic Air included from Bogota>Medellin and Medellin>Cartagena (if on 9 night program)

Travel Tips and Guidance

NOT INCLUDED

Airfare to/from Colombia

Additional meals not included in program itinerary (on your own)

Incidentals / Individual hotel expenses (e.g., mini bar, room services, laundry fees)

Trip cancellation insurance

REGISTER HERE



YOU'RE INVITED!



The Knoxville and Memphis Bar Associations invite you and your guest(s) to join our private delegation for a journey through Colombia's rich cultural heritage, complicated history, and present day realities. Our carefully curated cultural exchange program will go beyond tourist corridors by engaging local **scholars, public officials, entrepreneurs, musicians and artists** offering in-depth commentary on the **Colombian way of life, political system, art history, architecture, and religion**. American perceptions of Colombia are too often skewed by a glamorization of the country's past drug wars. You do not want to miss this **once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to join our exclusive educational journey through the heart of Colombia** to see first hand what makes this country so complex and nothing less than magical. *CLE CREDITS ANTICIPATED.*

Please Note: This program will require high-intensity walking on uneven and sometimes hilly cobblestone streets and stairs where an elevator is not always available. Participants must be able to walk unassisted.

\$150 EARLYBIRD DISCOUNT

Please see Registration Page for details and save \$150 per person



Day 1



Day 2



Day 3



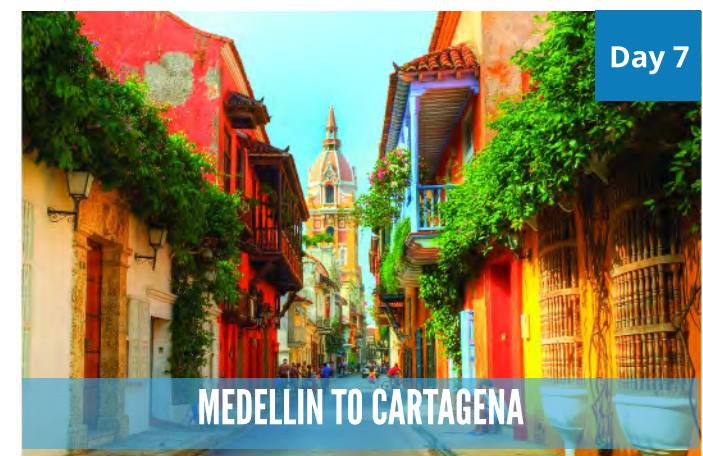
Day 4



Day 5



Day 6



Day 7



Days
8 & 9

JOURNEY TO COLOMBIA

KNOXVILLE BAR ASSOCIATION

Itinerary subject to change and final confirmations. Program schedule will be adapted to enrolled participants and then-in-place safety measures. Special requests are encouraged.

Day 1 Monday February 17

Participants arrive to Bogota **El Dorado International Airport (BOG)**. Airport transfers are included in the cost of your trip. You will be greeted on arrival and transferred to the hotel.

Check-in Sofitel Bogota Victoria Regia

Cra 13 #85-80 Bogotá, Colombia

(+57) 601 646 6390

Our hotel is within walking distance of many fine restaurants, bars, shopping and entertainment in the trendy area known as **Zona T**. Prior to our evening's activities, you may choose to explore the neighborhood, have a drink at a nearby bar or relax at the hotel.

Late Afternoon

Welcome Reception / Meet & Greet inside our hotel. In Bogota we are accompanied by resident journalist and Radio Show host, **Richard McColl**. As we traverse traffic in the large Bogota metropolis, Richard will address topics including the **Peace Process, Free Speech, Journalism, Rule of Law, and Congressional/Presidential Elections.**

Evening

Welcome Dinner with guest speaker.

POLITICAL RISK AND THE NEW COLOMBIAN ECONOMY

At dinner, we enjoy a discussion with the company of **Sergio Guzman**, an expert whose research and reporting informs foreign investors and corporate investments in Colombia.

Day 2 Tuesday February 18

Morning

Complimentary breakfast is served daily from 6:30 am to 10:30 am in the lobby level restaurant. The buffet offers traditional fare & local specialties, a wide array of fruits & juices, fresh baked goods prepared in-house, excellent coffee & omelets made-to-order.

HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE COLOMBIAN PEACE PROCESS

Lecture with Senior Consultant, **Clara Leal Patarroyo**. An esteemed Political Scientist and Human Rights attorney, Clara's work experience includes supporting the Presidency of the Republic, the United Nations in Colombia, the Colombian Family Welfare Institute, and numerous cooperation agencies, non-profit entities and academic institutions related to victims of internal armed conflict, transitional justice and peacebuilding; public management, public policies, social projects, institutional strengthening, alliance building, international cooperation and corporate social responsibility. *This meeting will take place in the Victoria Regia conference room located inside the hotel on the lobby level past the Reception Desk.*

We depart for Bogota's historical and colonial center, *La Candelaria* and *Plaza Bolívar*, the hub of national and citywide government.

Today we also visit **Monserate**, Bogota's best viewpoint. We climb over 10,000 feet on the Funicular railway, enjoying an impressive view of Colombia's vast capital city.



Day 2 Tuesday February 18 Continued

On our walking tour our guide will point out *El Capitolio*, the home of Colombia's Congress, *Edificio Liévano*, and *Catedral la Primaria*, Bogotá's main cathedral, as well the **Palace of Justice**, the home of Colombia's Supreme Court. The Palace of Justice building was famously seized by Marxist guerillas in 1985, regarded as one of the lowest points in Colombia's long history of political conflict. A **Special Jurisdiction for Peace** was formed to process cases stemming from the conflict, based on many of the lessons from South Africa's Truth and Reconciliation process.

We may also see *La Plaza de Chorro de Quevedo*, the former lookout post and site of Bogotá's founding in 1538. Walking the cobblestone streets of the colonial center, we see some of Bogotá's best **graffiti art** and some may choose to taste the local **Chicha**, a traditional fermented corn beverage. Colombia's street art is known world-wide and both in Bogotá and Medellín we will learn more about the thriving urban art scene.

Visit the enthralling **Gold Museum**. This museum contains the largest collection of pre-Columbian artifacts in the world. Also on display are pottery, stone, shell, wood and textile artifacts from indigenous cultures depicting the societies who lived in present-day Colombia before the Spanish conquest of the Americas.



Time permitting, we visit the **Banco de la Republic** complex and see the famous **Botero art collection**, one of the most important art collections in all of South America. This gallery houses the works of one of Colombia's most famous artists, **Fernando Botero**, along with select masterpieces from Dali, Renoir, Chagall and Picasso.

1:00 pm

Group Lunch at **Testigo en La Candelaria**.

3:00 pm

Return to hotel, remainder of evening free. *Dinner on your own.*

Day 3 Wednesday February 19

Morning

Today we depart for the marvelous **Salt Cathedral in Zipaquirá**, an approximate 40 minute drive. This converted salt mine, underground church & pilgrimage site, is considered one of the most notable achievements of Colombian architecture. While a functioning church, it has no bishop and no official status as a Cathedral in Catholicism.

1:00 pm

Group lunch at **Andres DC de Chia** before returning to Bogotá.

After lunch, we deliver in-kind donations to the *Casa de la Madre y el Niño* (Mother & Child Foundation). At this renowned adoption agency, we get a glimpse of a reality and life of Colombian children inaccessible to the average tourist.

Afternoon

Local Sport: Tejo

While *fútbol* (soccer) is the most popular sport in Colombia, residents of Bogotá are fond of a traditional sport known as **Tejo**. A portrait of Colombian origins, *Tejo* consists of throwing a metal disc at a board covered with clay set at a 45-degree angle. This local pastime is customarily played while drinking beer, and some may find similarities with the American lawn games horseshoes or cornhole.



8:00 pm

Bogotá Farewell Dinner joined by personnel from the U.S. **Embassy Bogotá**. **US-COLOMBIA RELATIONS: Legal & Diplomatic Perspectives**. At dinner we are joined by personnel and/or attorneys in service at the U.S. Embassy in Bogotá for an informal discussion on law practice in the diplomatic context, hemispheric relations, and the U.S. Mission in Colombia. Questions are encouraged for an engaging dialogue.

3 NIGHTS IN BOGOTÁ

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Day 4 Thursday February 20

Morning

Hotel check-out and depart for the airport. Group departs for Medellín. *Flight time is approximately 40 minutes. This domestic flight is included in the cost of your trip.*

Upon arrival in Medellín we board our motor coach, Traveling towards Medellín, we see the highlands of **Santa Elena** to visit a family-owned **flower farm**. We learn about the **Silletero** tradition and importance of **ornamental flow-ers** to the people of Colombia.



Group lunch in **Santa Elena** where we enjoy traditional **Antioquian** style cuisine.

After lunch, we drive through the **Arvi National Park** and ecological nature preserve, before descending (via **Cable Car**) to the city of **Medellín**.

*Medellín is known by many Americans as the former head-quarters of drug baron **Pablo Escobar**. In recent years Medellín has transformed from one of the most dangerous cities in the world to a hub for digital nomads and an award-winning city for innovation in the New Colombia.*

Afternoon

Upon arrival at the city center we visit **Parque Berrío** and **Botero Park**. At Botero Park we see Botero's famous statue garden before viewing the extensive hometown artist's collection in the **Museo de Antioquia**. Time permitting, we enjoy a coffee break before heading to our hotel in the popular **El Poblado** district.

Check-in at **Hotel Park 10**

Carrera 36 B #11 12

El Poblado, Medellín 050022 Colombia

(+57) 31 483 47 689

Evening

Dinner on your own.

Day 5 Friday February 21

Morning

Meet in the hotel lobby and depart hotel for a **Graffiti Art Tour** in **Comuna 13**, one of many hillside neighborhoods in Medellín impacted by the conflict. Guided by a **local**, we will learn how urban art has helped this community heal from many years of harsh violence waged between rebels, drug cartels and paramilitary groups. Following our visit to Comuna 13, we return to **El Poblado**.



Free time for lunch and shopping in the city center.

Afternoon

Visit the **Museo Casa de la Memoria**. This powerful exhibit is dedicated to victims of the Colombian conflict.

Return to our hotel.

Afternoon discussion on **Entrepreneurship and Digital Nomad Life** in contemporary Medellín with local American expats.

Evening

Medellín Farewell dinner in El Poblado.

2 NIGHTS IN MEDELLIN

Day 6 Saturday February 22

Departure day for some. Airport transfers for your departure flights have been pre-booked by CLE Abroad and organized by our Hotel. Your pickup time will generally be 4 hours prior to your flight departure time. Please alert team@cle-abroad.com about any flight changes that may occur prior to or during the trip. Please communicate directly with the hotel reception about any changes to your flight plans that occur on the day of departure.

Morning

Hotel Check out and depart for **Cannúa Lodge** nestled in the heart of the Antioquian mountains.

Vdz Gaviria KM 7+200

Maranilla, Antioquia, Colombia

(+57) 311 609 9237

On arrival we enjoy a light lunch at the Lodge. Fresh menu with multiple options to suit any palate. Try some fresh fruit smoothies or fruity cocktails.

Afternoon

Afternoon Awakening: **Coffee & Chocolate Tasting Workshop**.

Remainder of the Afternoon reserved for R&R and time to enjoy the sprawling property.

Private Walking Tour or in-room Massage Services available upon request & for an additional fee

Evening

Delicious, wholesome dinner inside the **Lodge at Cannúa**.



Day 7 Sunday February 23

Morning

Breakfast is served at our Lodge 7am-10am.

Optional early morning Yoga. Please sign up with the front desk.

Departure day for some. Airport transfers for your departure flights have been pre-booked by CLE Abroad and organized by Cannua Hotel. Your pickup time will generally be 4 hours prior to your flight departure time. Please alert team@cle-abroad.com about any flight changes that may occur prior to or during the trip. Please communicate directly with the hotel reception about any changes to your flight plans that occur on the day of departure.

For those continuing to Cartagena Hotel check-out and depart for MDE airport.

Afternoon

Group departs MDE for Cartagena. *Flight time is approximately 1 hour. This domestic flight is included in the cost of your trip.* Arrive Cartagena (CTG) and transfer to our hotel.

Check-in **Hotel Santa Catalina** (or similar)

Carrera 6 #32 - 62 Calle del Candilejo

Cartagena des Indias, Bolívar, Colombia (+57) 651-7099

Late Afternoon

Depart hotel for our Walking Tour of the **Getsemani** bohemian arts neighborhood. Once an area of Cartagena avoided by tourists and locals alike, here we see street art, eclectic galleries, and discover why Cartagena is becoming such a cultural hot spot.

Evening

Return to hotel. Remainder of afternoon/evening free. *Dinner on your own.*

1 NIGHT IN MARANILLA

ADD 3 NIGHTS IN CARTAGENA

Day 8

Monday February 24

Morning

Breakfast is served daily in the hotel.

Depart for our **Barrio Tour** of lesser visited Cartagena neighborhoods.

SOCIAL MOBILITY AND SUPPORTING CARTAGENA YOUTH

As part of our Barrio Tour, we engage with founders of the **Tú Vales Foundation**. **Community Elders** have been invited to participate in our discussions.

Return to hotel/Cartagena city center to enjoy our Group Lunch.

Afternoon

Walking tour of Cartagena's walled city and historic center. During the walk our guide will highlight some key locations featured in the works of the Colombian author **Gabriel García Márquez** or "Gabo" as he is affectionately known.

Plaza Fernández de Madrid was recasted as The Park of Evangels in Love in the Time of Cholera. We also see the **Palacio de la Gobernación** that served as the Arcade of Scribes in the same novel. **Plaza de la Aduana** was the setting for the gypsy fair in the opening of One Hundred Years of Solitude.

We see **Plaza de Santo Domingo** where the cathedral's warped tower played a key part in the author's 'magical realism'. In 1948, Gabo arrived in Cartagena penniless and spent his first night sleeping on a bench in the **Plaza de Bolívar**.

Rooftop sunset cocktail, before returning to the hotel.

Evening

Dinner on your own.



Day 9

Tuesday February 25

Morning

Today is reserved for free time/leisure/shopping.

Suggested options include traveling via boat to one of Cartagena's most pristine island locales, **Isabela Beach** or **Rosario** islands, or staying on the mainland to visit **La Papa** monastery and the **Castillo de San Felipe de Barajas**. Built in 1536 atop the Hill of San Lázaro, the fortress is well-preserved with beautiful views of the city and coastline.

Lunch on your own, afternoon at leisure.

Evening

Aguardiente & Colombian Rum tasting.

Group Farewell Dinner.



Day 10

Wednesday February 26

Independent morning activities depending on departure time.

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Please Note: This is a "Working" Itinerary. There may be changes, additions and/or subtractions to the Final Itinerary. All venues and meetings are subject to final confirmations. Be assured that any changes made will be done to enhance the total program, and to promote a smooth operation of the tour.



KNOXVILLE & MEMPHIS BARS IN COLOMBIA

February 17th-20th, 2025 Bogota (3 nights)

February 20th-22nd, 2025 Medellin (2 nights)

February 22nd-23rd, 2025 Maranilla (1 night)

February 23rd-26th Extension to Cartagena (3 nights)



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