



DANCE COLOMBIA!

SALSA & BEACH IN CALI & CARTAGENA

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Salsa dancing is to Cali, Colombia as Tango dancing is to Buenos Aires, Argentina. It is a way of life, a lifestyle, a social mingling place and given the competitions in recent years, such as the International Salsa Competition, a path to stardom. Also, the salsa dancing in Cali is unique; it is very fast and athletic. People travel from all over the world to see and learn from the best: the salsa dancers in Cali, Colombia. On this very fun journey, we combine dancing classes with dancing exhibitions & shows, with opportunities to practice our own dancing at night. The salsa rhythms are infectious and will get under your skin quickly! Traveling to the Caribbean Coast, in Cartagena we learn additional dance rhythms, such as the “cumbia” and “vallenato. We dance the night away under the tropical breezes and moonlit nights. By boat, we visit the islands off the Caribbean coast!



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Attending the “Delirio” Dance & Music extravaganza to learn about this history of Colombia through it’s music and dance.
- Taking Salsa Dance Classes in Cali to learn how to dance to this popular and infectious rhythm. People come from all over the world to learn how to salsa dance in Cali.
- Touring Cali to visit its museums and markets. The Gold Museum here, is delightful. We also enjoy the delicious cuisine from the Valle de Cauca and Pacific Coast regions.
- Going to dance clubs at night to practice our dance steps. Like Dancing with the Stars, we will see our progression and improvement!.
- Touring the charming walled city of Cartagena, visiting its neighborhoods, learning of its history and enjoying the highlights, museums and restaurants of the ever more popular destination on the Caribbean coast.
- Visiting by boat, the Islands of Rosario of the coast of Cartagena. We enjoy the white sandy beaches, blue water and shore birds on these islands!.

LOCATION





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Day 1:

Arrive Cali

Thursday, Welcome and transfer to our lovely hotel!

Day 2:

Dance Class & City Tour

Friday, After breakfast, we begin with a Salsa Dancing Demo, to get a feel for the salsa dance style in Cali, before we begin our first Dance Class! After dancing, we will enjoy a Cali City Tour to include fabulous museums, such as the Gold Museum, where we will learn about the ancient cultures of the Valle de Cauca. We enjoy lunch

at a local favorite restaurant to savor the Pacific Coast cuisine, among the favorites in Colombia. Tonight, we attend the "Delirio" Dance Extravaganza to get our first glimpse of salsa dancing in Cali! (B, L, D)

Day 3:

Dance Class, Lunch and Shopping!

Saturday, After breakfast, we enjoy our second salsa Dance Class, from 10-12, followed by a day of shopping at bazaars and markets for Colombia's colorful crafts. In the afternoon, we have a special experience in store: an Afro Colombian beat,

percussion class! After our percussion class we will enjoy a wonderful meal of Colombian cuisine at Antigua Contemporanea. In the evening, we'll enjoy a fun evening to practice our own dancing! (B, D)

Day 4:

Dance Class & Sugar Plantation/ Museum:

Sunday, Our last day in Cali, we have our final Dance Class, 10-12, followed by a short day trip to visit the Sugar Museum and to enjoy a regional lunch in the countryside. Returning home, we relax and prepare for our farewell dance in Cali. (B, L)



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Day 5:

Transfer to Cartagena, City Tour!

Monday, Today, we transfer to the Cali airport for our flights to Cartagena. Upon arrival, we will be met at the airport and transfer to our charming, centrally located hotel in one of Cartagena's favorite neighborhoods. We enjoy a city walking tour, including the neighborhoods, to learn more about this important coastal/walled city that was important during the time of the Spanish colonization. A special evening is in store, as we board our boat to tour the inner bay of Cartagena, that will take us to dinner, overlooking the bay, at Cartagena's enchanting Club de Pesca. After dinner, we visit the vibrant and popular club: Mr. Babillo to learn of the new dance rhythms of this region: cumbia & vallenato. (B, D)

Day 6:

Boat excursion to Isla del Rosario Beaches

Tuesday, Today, we head to the beaches on the Islands that lie a short distance from the Cartagena Coast. Arriving by boat, we enjoy the White sand and blue ocean waters before we have lunch at the beach. Returning home, we rest and relax in preparation of our tour of Cartagena by night in a Chiva bus! Formerly the buses that transported people to and from markets; from town to town, they are now party buses and a fun way to visit Cartagena by night. (B, L)

Day 7:

Day at Leisure in Cartagena:

Wednesday, Given its many museums, such as the Gold Museum, Naval Museum, Museum of Modern Art, we are able to amble

the quaint and charming streets of Cartagena and visit one or more of its many museums. We enjoy a lovely Farewell Dinner at one of Cartagena's top restaurants: El Santisimo, followed by one last spin on the dance floor at the famed, Club Habana. (B, D)

Day 8:

Transfer Out

Hotels:
Intercontinental, Cali
Monterrey, Cartagena.