



## From Your Location Team

Find yourself on the northern coast of Colombia in Cartagena, often called the Pearl of the Caribbean. Cartagena was founded in 1553 on the site of an indigenous village. Pedro de Heredia named the city after his hometown of Cartagena, Spain. During the 16th and 17th centuries Cartagena served as a commercial gateway to South America, with gold leaving for Spain and slaves arriving from Africa. These riches brought pirates such as Sir Francis Drake, whose sacking of the city led to the construction of the massive fortifications we see today. Cartagena flourished during the Silver Age of the late 18th century when political power shifted to the city and it became a gathering place for the rich and powerful. Today, the city offers modern additions to its colonial beginnings, like towering skyscrapers lining the coastline. Take a walk along Cartagena's colonial walled city and see why it was named a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1984. The fortress Castillo San Felipe de Barajas sits perched atop the San Lazaro Hill where it once protected the city from enemy attack. Spend some time downtown and see Colonial-, Republican- and Italian-style architecture. Head to the Iglesia de San Pedro Claver where you will have plenty of photo opportunities while strolling through the historic courtyard. Spend some time at the Iglesia de Santo Domingo to catch up on area history.

Holland America Line and its contributors strive to provide accurate and current information. However, we can not be held responsible for any loss, injury or inconvenience sustained by anyone resulting from the use of this information.

### SHOP

**A Adriana's Jewelry** Finest emeralds right on the street level.

**B Mister Emerald** The respected place for emeralds in Cartagena.

**C Joyeria Caribe (three locations)** Emerald store, museum and jewelry factory.

**D Coffee and...** Finest selection of premium roast coffee in Cartagena.

### GET OUT OF TOWN

**Inner Bay** Take a cruise on these beautiful waters for views of Fort Manzanillo.

Our award-winning shore excursions provide convenient access to these sights. See the Journeys Ashore™ order form for a description of offerings, or ask your Journeys Ashore Manager.

### ESSENTIALS

**Currency**  
Colombian peso (CO\$)

**Port Agent**  
Caribbean Shipping Agency  
Avenida San Martin 6-105 Local 6  
Bocagrande Edificio Costamar  
Cartagena, Colombia  
Phone: 575 665 2587  
Tollfree: 575 665 9428  
Fax: 575 665 4144  
Email: caribbeansa@costa.net.co

# Cartagena, Colombia

## PORT GUIDE

### THINGS TO SEE

- 1 Old Walled City** Historic old town surrounded by the city wall. Main entrance is the Clock Tower Gate.
- 2 Castle of San Felipe** The largest fortification in the city, it was built by the Spanish to protect the city from pirate attacks.
- 3 La Popa Hill** This 490-foot/150-meter hill provides great views of Cartagena.
- 4 La Matuna** The financial district and international trade center that also houses popular tourist sites.
- 5 Bocagrande Peninsula** Filled with upscale bars, shops and restaurants.
- 6 Palacio de la Inquisición** Headquarters of the Spanish Inquisition of Colombia.

- 7 Iglesia de San Pedro Claver** Named in honor of the priest San Pedro Claver who was the first saint of the New World.
- 8 La Catedral** Completed in 1612 and mostly preserved in its original form.
- 9 Iglesia de Santo Domingo** Built at the end of the 16th century, making it the oldest church in the city.
- 10 Navy Museum** Contains a large collection of boat models and artifacts covering centuries of naval history.
- 11 Las Bovedas** Also known as "The Dungeons," contain rows of handcraft stalls.

### EAT

- 12 Fogon Costeño** Local fare, including a generous selection of tapas, local beer and a lively street scene.
- 13 Restaurant Vesuvio** This restaurant specializes in Neapolitan cuisine.
- 14 Parrilla Argentina Quebracho** The focus here is on Argentine specialties.
- 15 Salou** Fresh seafood is the highlight of this menu.
- 16 El Burlador de Sevilla** Serves Spanish favorites including tapas, paellas and more.
- 17 Di Silvio Trattoria** Italian food with indoor and outdoor seating.
- 18 La Cevicheria** Offers interesting ceviche using exotic local ingredients.

