Colombia

From Bogota to Cartagena

Alan Plattus '76
Professor of Architecture and Urbanism

February 28 - March 11, 2019
Dear Yale Traveler,

There has never been a better or more interesting time to visit Colombia. Join Yale Educational Travel and Professor Alan Plattus ’76, and embark on an incredible journey to the jewel of South America.

In December 2016, Juan Santos Manuel, President of Colombia, accepted the Nobel Peace Prize for reaching a highly anticipated and long overdue peace deal, beginning a new era for the country – an era of growth and progression. This is the perfect time to visit this magical country and see firsthand the culture, art, and natural beauty it has to offer.

While this uniquely designed program gives you the opportunity to soak up the culture of Bogota, the innovation of Medellin and the spirit of Cartagena, you will also have the chance to walk amongst 5,000 year old volcanic rock statues carved into mythological creatures in San Agustin. Additionally, stroll down the prestinely-preserved colonial town of Popayan and meet local Guambianos at the Tuesday market in Silvia.

This program was thoughtfully created to provide an in-depth exposure to the country’s history and a thoughtful perspective on its future. This trip will sell out quickly so we encourage you to reserve your space soon by contacting Yale Educational Travel at 203-432-1952 or visiting www.yaleedtravel.org/colombia19.

Warm regards,

Weili Cheng ’77
Executive Director, Association of Yale Alumni

Highlights

Visit the pulsating Andean capital of Bogota where the pre-Columbian and colonial vie for visitor’s attention.

Discover in San Agustin the 5,000 year old mysterious statues created by an ancient indigenous culture.

Wander through the Tuesday market at Silvia where the Guambiano people gather to sell their wares.

Discover the country’s stunning "coffee axis" in Pereira.

Marvel at Medellin, a city that has risen as Colombia’s phoenix from the ashes and today is one of the most progressive cities in Latin America.

Admire Cartagena, a fortified colonial port city and the setting of many of Gabriel Garcia Marquez’s renowned novels.
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WELCOME PHONE CALL
Tuesday, February 19 (tentative)
Join the group at 4PM EST for a pre-trip welcome call with the professor in order to learn more about what to expect and to ask questions.

ARRIVE BOGOTA
Thursday, February 28
Independent arrivals in Bogota. Upon arrival, transfer to Sofitel Bogota Victoria Regia. Enjoy a welcome reception and dinner this evening. (R/D)

BOGOTA
Friday, March 1
Morning meeting with historian Sergio Castillo who will lay the framework for understanding Colombia’s history. Visit to the market of Paloquemao, recognized as the Mecca of food sites in Bogota, before strolling through La Candelaria. End the day at the Center for Memory, Peace and Reconciliation, where staff will meet the group and discuss the center’s role in paving the way for the country’s positive transformation. (B/L/D)

SAN AGUSTIN
Sunday, March 3
Take an early morning flight to the archaeological site at San Agustin. Visit the museum which provides an excellent introduction to the site and the San Agustin culture. Continue on to the Archaeological Park where images of serpents, lizards and human figures are carved in a labyrinth of spaces. Overnight at the hotel Monasterio San Agustin. (B/L/D)

PEREIRA
Tuesday, March 5
This morning, visit the Tuesday market of Silvia where the Guambiano people, considered one of the most traditional groups in the country, come to trade. Continue on to Cali and meet with staff from NOMASDEC, a human rights organization. After lunch enjoy a salsa performance of the Jacaranda dance troupe before driving to the area of Colombia officially known as the “coffee axis”. Upon arrival check in to the Hotel Boutique Casa San Carlos. (B/L/D)

PEREIRA
Wednesday, March 6
Today, explore Salento, a quaint town known for its colonial architecture and is also the base for a visit to the Cocora Valley. Enjoy a gentle walk in the valley resplendent with native wax palms, the largest in the world. After lunch, visit Finca El Ocaso Salento coffee farm to learn about all the steps involved from growing to brewing coffee. (B/L/D)

MEDELLIN
Thursday, March 7
Take a flight to Medellin, located deep in the fertile mountainous Aburra Valley. Upon arrival drive to Comuna 13 and learn how urban regeneration projects have

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transformed the community. Meet with a professor from the Universidad de Antioquia who will address Medellin’s innovative use of urban planning. Drive to the Metrocable in Santo Domingo to learn first-hand how public transit has renewed a once-blighted area. Take the metro-cable and soar over the Santo Domingo community before checking into NH Collection Royal Medellin. (B/L/D)

**MEDELLIN**  
**Friday, March 8**  
Visit Botero Square to admire many of Botero’s extraordinary sculptures. At the Botanical Garden discover the 1,000 living species and 4,500 flowers that live there. After lunch stop at a former 1939-built steel mill, reborn as the Modern Art Museum. (B/L/D)

**CARTAGENA**  
**Saturday, March 9**  
Morning flight to Cartagena whose very walls and vibrantly painted buildings seem to have an energy of their own. Walk though the historic core, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Stop in at the Gabriel García Márquez Foundation for New Latin American Journalism before checking into the Hotel Ananda. (B/L)

**CARTAGENA**  
**Sunday, March 10**  
This morning visit the Bazurto market and glimpse the day-to-day life of real Cartageneros. After shopping, you will have the opportunity to prepare and cook a meal alongside a native chef. Balance of the afternoon at leisure. Enjoy a lively farewell dinner tonight at El Santísimo. (B/L/D)

**DEPART**  
**Monday, March 11**  
Transfer to the airport for return flights to the US. (B)

*Included meals indicated each day as B/L/D = Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner.*

**What is Included:**
- Program of lectures and discussions with Alan Plattus ’76.
- Accommodation on twin sharing basis as per the itinerary.
- All meals listed in the program.
- Bottled water on transportation in a motor-coach with air-conditioning.
- Welcome reception and farewell dinner, including alcoholic beverages.
- All events and private speakers (or similar) as listed.
- Sightseeing and excursions listed.
- Services of a local Colombian tour manager.
- Services of local guides in certain cities.
- Airport transfers on designated arrival and departure flights.
- All gratuities to tour manager, guides, drivers and hotel/restaurant staff.
- Emergency medical services through UHC Global Assist.

**What is Not Included:**
- International airfare to Bogota and from Cartagena.
- Domestic flights, approx. $560
- Airport transfers for individual arrivals and departures.
- Passport fees.
- Excess luggage charges.
- Travel and medical insurance.
- Expenses caused by factors beyond our control like airplane delays, roadblocks, vehicle malfunctions, political disturbances, lost luggage, etc.
- Items not listed/expenses of a personal nature: laundry, telephone/fax calls, alcoholic beverages, and camera/video camera fee at monuments.

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Program Cost

The base cost this program is: $7,160 (based on double occupancy)

Single Supplement: $1,240 (limited availability)

Domestic airfare: approx. $560

Note: Itinerary subject to change. Some excursions involve a significant amount of walking.

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Engage in open conversation with Colombians from various walks of life.