



TOUR ITINERARY · NOVEMBER 21–25

Cartagena de Indias

A city of a thousand stories, colors, and Caribbean rhythm

Dates: November 21–25, 2026 · 5 days / 4 nights

Hotel: Hotel El Balconario by Faranda Boutique



Welcome to the City of a Thousand Stories

Hello, Cartagena!

The plane touches down — and there it is, the legendary Caribbean heat, wrapping around you from the very first second. At Rafael Núñez Airport a transfer is already waiting to whisk us straight to the old town.

We check in at **Hotel El Balconario by Faranda Boutique** — a colonial house right in the heart of the city walls, just two steps from the Clock Tower. Balconies, terracotta roofs, narrow lanes right outside the door — the atmosphere hits you from the threshold.

A little time to unpack, wash off the travel dust, and catch your breath after the flight — busy days lie ahead, but tonight you can simply exhale.

In the evening — the whole crew at one table. A first welcome dinner, a first toast under the Cartagena sky, first stories and plans for the adventures to come. Welcome to the crew!



Streets that Remember García Márquez

Good morning, explorers!

Today we follow the trail of magical realism — our guide leads us along the fortress walls, the colorful lanes and squares of Santo Domingo and Bolívar. Every balcony here is dressed in flowers, every door reads like a page from a novel.

Lunch at **Candé**, one of the city's iconic spots, where flavor meets history.

Afterwards — a stop at a cafe-bookshop for a cold press and a little García Márquez paperback. Free time to pick up a banana-fiber hat and a traditional linen outfit — a must-have for a true Cartagena look.

And in the evening — the most spectacular part: a gala dinner at the iconic **Botika Santa Clara Bar** (Sofitel Legend Santa Clara). We'll climb to the rooftop of a former convent, the very place where García Márquez himself witnessed the opening of an ancient crypt — the moment that sparked his novel "Of Love and Other Demons." Sunset over the Caribbean, garlands of lights above our heads, crafted cocktails inspired by the old apothecary's herbal recipes, and an atmosphere where reality and magic intertwine, just as in all of García Márquez's stories. Dresses and your finest outfits — mandatory!



Pirates of the Caribbean

Good morning, Caribbean souls!

So — where's the rum? Where are the pirates? Tricorn hats ready? Today is a full day of adventure! We set sail for the Rosario and San Bernardo Islands National Natural Park — an archipelago of dozens of tiny paradise islands scattered across turquoise Caribbean waters.

The catamaran casts off from the pier, and with the first splash of salt spray, a true pirate adventure begins. A welcome glass of chilled sparkling wine — and "hoist the sails!"

We'll drop anchor at that very beach with powder-white sand and topaz-colored water every Instagram feed in the world dreams about. Here — time for real underwater adventures: mask, snorkel, and a whole world of bright tropical fish and colorful coral reefs right beneath your feet.

For lunch, the crew prepares a proper feast for us — fresh seafood, rice, a salad bar and dessert, right on board, while the catamaran carries us back to Cartagena.

By evening we return to the hotel with a bronze tan, salt on our skin, and the widest of smiles — exactly as true Caribbeans should look after a day spent on a treasure island.



Make Dreams Come True

Good morning, dreamers!

Today is a day that will stay in the frame forever. After breakfast, a vibrant, colorful photo session awaits us among the city's brightly painted houses — get ready, it'll be bold, fun, and completely unpredictable. Moments like these aren't forgotten and can't be recreated — only here, only now.

After that — total freedom: shopping, beaches, whatever your heart desires.

In the evening — gala dinner, then we dive into the heart of Cartagena nightlife: **Tertulia de Getsemaní** — an authentic local salsa bar with live music. Just barstools, a dance floor, and Caribbean energy. We're in Shakira's homeland, after all — we dance until we drop!



DAY 5 · WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

To the Next Chapter

Good morning, crew!

One last Caribbean sunrise, and it's time to pack our bags — full of memories, seashells, and unforgettable moments.

A transfer to the airport, and long goodbye hugs. But as García Márquez himself once said, some stories don't end — they simply wait for their next chapter.

Until we meet again!



TOUR COST

Investment & Booking

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TOUR COST PER PERSON

\$3,250

per person, double occupancy

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT

+ \$650

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Accommodation in a double room (single room available for a \$650 supplement)
- Daily breakfast at the hotel
- Guided sightseeing throughout the itinerary
- All activities and experiences included in the program
- Catamaran excursion with lunch included
- Lunch with live show at Candé
- All scheduled transfers throughout the program
- Cold brew coffee tasting
- Colombian-style photo session
- Group round-trip airport transfer