

Exclusive Duke departure - January 19-29, 2018

COLOMBIA REDISCOVERED

11 days from \$3,998 total price from Miami

(\$3,595 air & land inclusive plus \$403 airline taxes and fees)

Once and again a treasured destination, Colombia warmly welcomes visitors to experience its wealth of indigenous cultures, evocative Spanish Colonial heritage, lush landscapes, and Caribbean sun. Colombia is back – and our small group is poised to discover its many jewels, from Bogota and the Coffee Triangle to Medellin and Cartagena, with some hidden gems along the way.



| Avg. High (°F) | Jan | Feb |
|----------------|-----|-----|
| Bogota | 66 | 66 |
| Cartagena | 85 | 85 |

Your Small Group Tour Highlights

Bogota sightseeing, including Gold Museum and Paloquemao market • Visit to Salt Cathedral, Zipaquirá • Armenia and the Coffee Triangle • Breathtaking Cocora Valley scenery and cloud forest walk • Coffee plantation tour and tasting • Medellin touring • Flower-growing town of Santa Elena • Lunch with a local family • Cartagena's Spanish Colonial architecture and atmosphere • Walking tour through Cartagena's old city

| Day | Itinerary | Hotel | Rating |
|------|---------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| 1 | Depart U.S. for Bogota | NH Andino Royal | Sup. First Class |
| 2-3 | Bogota | NH Andino Royal | Sup. First Class |
| 4-5 | Armenia | Mirador de las Palmas | Not rated |
| 6-8 | Medellin | Diez Hotel | Sup. First Class |
| 9-10 | Cartagena | Bastión Luxury Hotel | Deluxe |
| 11 | Depart Cartagena for U.S. | | |

Ratings are based on the Hotel & Travel Index, the travel industry standard reference. Unrated hotels may be too new, too small, or too remote to be listed.



On Day 10, we explore Cartagena's walled colonial city, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Day 1: Depart U.S. for Bogota, Colombia We arrive today in the Colombian capital and transfer to our hotel. As guests' arrival times may vary greatly, we have no group activities or meals planned; on our own we can explore the area surrounding our hotel or simply relax. Dinner tonight is on our own.

Day 2: Bogota After a briefing this morning on the journey ahead, we set out to discover Bogota, one of the largest cities in Latin America. Our first stop is colorful Paloquemao, Bogota's major market visited by restaurant chefs as well as locals shopping for meat, fish, and exotic produce from around the world. Then we continue on a walking tour through the nearby colonial district of La Candelaria. Founded in 1538, La Candelaria became the core of Bogota as the city grew up around it. Our tour includes the Gold Museum, featuring the world's largest collection of pre-Hispanic gold work; and the Botero Museum, housing paintings and sculpture by Fernando Botero, Colombia's foremost living artist, along with his collection of mid-19th century works by such artists as Corot, Renoir, and Monet. Tonight we gather for a welcome dinner. *B,L,D*

Day 3: Bogota/Zipaquirá We begin this morning in the Usaquén neighborhood, whose colonial buildings, trendy restaurants, and flea market draw Sunday morn-

ing visitors. Then we travel north through the center of Colombia's flower-growing industry to the town of Zipaquirá, where we tour the "Salt Cathedral" – an underground church built inside a salt deposit. A functioning Roman Catholic church (not an actual cathedral), the Salt Cathedral is considered an architectural and engineering marvel, having been carved from the halite rock of subterranean tunnels. Then we stop for lunch at a local restaurant and have time to admire the historic city center. We return to Bogota mid-afternoon, with the remainder of the day at leisure. *B,L*

Day 4: Bogota/Armenia (Coffee Triangle) Early today we fly to Colombia's heartland: Armenia and the Coffee Triangle, where some of the world's best coffee grows in the fertile valleys surrounded by snow-topped mountains. Upon arrival we visit a coffee plantation for a tour and to learn about Colombia's role as a top producer of some of the finest java on Earth. We savor a coffee tasting, learning first-hand how to analyze the aroma, flavor, and body of good coffee. Then we continue on to our intimate *hacienda*, where we dine tonight. *B,L,D*

Day 5: Armenia/Cocora Valley Today we embark on a full-day tour of this pastoral region, beginning in Cocora Valley, in the Central Cordillera of the

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Colombian Andes. One of the last remaining homes of the giant Quindio wax palm tree, Colombia's national tree, Cocora Valley is part of the larger Los Nevados National Natural Park. We reach a cloud forest, where we set out on an easy hike for outstanding views and to get up close to the diverse biome here at an altitude of about 6,000 to 8,000 feet. We may see the Andean condor and several species of hummingbird that live here. Then we continue on to Salento, a tranquil and picturesque town with much of its traditional architecture intact and where we enjoy a tour through Bolivar Square with its colorful balconies and hand-craft shops. Late this afternoon we return to our lodge, where we dine tonight. *B,L,D*

Day 6: Armenia/Medellin We fly this morning to Medellin, Colombia's second largest city known for its social and political advances. Upon arrival we head downtown for lunch before embarking on a panoramic tour of the "City of Eternal Spring," so named for its temperate climate. Then we visit the Museo de Antioquia, Colombia's second oldest museum with a noted collection of pre-Columbian, colonial, and modern art, as well as paintings and sculpture by native son Fernando Botero. Late this afternoon we reach our hotel; dinner is at a local restaurant. *B,L,D*

Day 7: Medellin We get to know Medellin in more detail today – and learn why in 2012 it was named one of the 200 most innovative cities around the world. This morning's city tour features a walk around Botero Square, the inviting sculpture plaza melding art, nature, and culture, with 23 outdoor works by Fernando Botero. We also visit Cerro Nutibara for lovely panoramic views; and get a close-up look at some of Medellin's vibrant neighborhoods. Our tour ends in time for lunch on our own and an afternoon at leisure to explore this lively city as we wish. Tonight we dine together at a local restaurant. *B,D*

Day 8: Medellin/Santa Elena Today we visit nearby Santa Elena, a typical – and beautiful – colonial town where traditions related to Colombia's flower-growing prowess live on. After touring here, we enjoy lunch with a local family. Next we board the Medellin Metrocable, the city's iconic gondola that traverses a 1.2-mile

route to the Santa Domingo *barrio* to Biblioteca España, Medellin's treasured ultra-modern library complex. Then we descend by Metrocable to the city center. We return to our hotel late afternoon; dinner tonight is on our own. *B,L*

Day 9: Medellin/Cartagena We fly this morning to Cartagena, where upon arrival we set out on a city tour. An important center of political and economic activity during the Spanish Colonial era, Cartagena today remains a center of economic activity for the Caribbean, as well as a major city and beach resort. Tour highlights include 16th-century San Felipe Fort, strategically located atop San Lazaro hill to defend against attacks by land or sea; and Las Bovedas, archways – formerly dungeons – built into the city walls that now house artisan shops and boutiques. Dinner tonight is on our own. *B,L*

Day 10: Cartagena Today we explore Cartagena's emotional heart: the walled colonial city (*Ciudad Amurallada*), a UNESCO World Heritage site that has remained vital – and alluring – for almost 500 years. Our morning walking tour takes in the 12-foot high city walls, winding cobblestone streets lined with colorful buildings bedecked with flowers, and intimate plazas. Then the remainder of the day is at leisure for independent exploration. Lunch today is on our own in this vibrant seaside city; tonight we take a traditional horse-drawn carriage ride to our farewell dinner at a local restaurant. *B,D*

Day 11: Depart for U.S. We transfer this morning to the Cartagena airport for our flight to the U.S., where we connect with our return flights home. *B*



We ride the Medellin Metrocable over the city.

Post-Tour Extension

January 29-31, 2018
CARTAGENA – ON YOUR OWN
 2 days/2 nights for \$395 total price
 Single Supplement: \$355

*Discover more of this alluring
 Caribbean city at your own pace.*

Your Tour Price Includes

- 2 nights' accommodations at Bastión Luxury Hotel (Deluxe)
- 2 meals: 2 breakfasts
- Transfer to airport

Duke Study Leader



Deborah Jakubs studied at the Universidad Javeriana in Bogotá, Colombia during her junior year abroad. That rich experience led her to pursue graduate work in Latin American history and a life-long interest in the region. Deborah is the Rita DiGiallonardo Holloway University Librarian and Vice Provost for Library Affairs. She has also served as the Director of Collections Services, the founding head of the International and Area Studies Department, and Librarian for Latin America and Iberia at Duke.

Your Tour Price Includes

- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities; all flights within itinerary
- 10 nights' accommodations in Deluxe, Superior First Class, and unrated hotels
- 23 meals: 10 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 6 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
- Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers

Tour Departs: January 19, 2018

Prices include international airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees

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| Miami | \$3,998 |
| Orlando, Tampa | \$4,198 |
| Atlanta, Dallas, Houston, New York, Washington, DC | \$4,298 |
| Baltimore, Boston, Charlotte, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Denver, Detroit, Los Angeles, Minneapolis, Philadelphia, Phoenix, Portland (OR), Raleigh-Durham, San Francisco, Seattle | \$4,398 |
| Land Only (transfers not included) | \$3,595 |

Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees of \$403, which are subject to change until final payment is made.

Single travelers please add \$995.

All 2018 tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed.

Please note: The high altitudes of Bogota (8,666 feet) and the Coffee Triangle (7,874 feet) could pose problems for travelers with certain health conditions. Please consult your physician if you have concerns.



THE SMALL GROUP TRAVEL EXPERIENCE

Important Information About Your Tour

General Terms and Conditions

Please read this information carefully, as payment of a deposit represents your acceptance of the following Terms and Conditions.

Tour Prices

Tour prices quoted are guaranteed through December 31, 2018, and include accommodations based on double occupancy; airfare from your departure city; airline taxes, surcharges, and fees, and port charges and cruise line fees (where applicable), which are subject to change until final payment has been made; internal air, rail, and motorcoach transportation; meals, sightseeing, and transfers as described; hotel taxes; entrance fees for included sightseeing; the services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director; luggage handling for one bag per person; and all gratuities as described below. Please note that the cost of air upgrades is subject to change.

Gratuities

Tour prices include all gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers on base tours and on optional extensions when accompanied by an Odysseys Unlimited representative. Please note that gratuities for the Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director and shipboard personnel (if a cruise is included in your tour) are not included unless otherwise specified. These tips are optional and should be extended on a voluntary basis. Gratuities are not included on "On Your Own" optional extensions.

Not Included in Your Tour Price

Airfare from your hometown to your departure city; costs of passports and visas; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; communications charges; airport transfers when purchasing a land-only package; gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director and shipboard personnel (if a cruise is included in your tour) unless otherwise specified, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities \$10-\$15 per guest, per day); and a Travel Protection Plan. Additional baggage fees levied directly by the airline(s) may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline(s) prior to departure.

Registration and Payment

A deposit of \$500 per person confirms your reservation. Full payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure and may be made by personal check or credit card. Odysseys Unlimited reserves the right to cancel any reservations that are not paid in full at any time after final payment is due. If you make your reservation after the final payment date, payment in full will be required upon reservation.

Cancellations and Refunds

If you must cancel your tour, the effective date of cancellation will be upon our receipt of your written notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges:

For all tours (except as noted)

| <u>Prior to departure</u> | <u>Charge</u> |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 95 days or more: | \$200 |
| 94-65 days: | 25% of tour price |
| 64-45 days: | 50% of tour price |
| 44-30 days: | 75% of tour price |
| 29-0 days: | No refund |

For Egypt & the Eternal Nile, Journey through Vietnam, Machu Picchu to the Galapagos

| <u>Prior to departure</u> | <u>Charge</u> |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 95 days or more: | \$200 |
| 94-65 days: | 50% of tour price |
| 64-30 days: | 75% of tour price |
| 29-0 days: | No refund |

Please note that we will not refund the cost of any unused portion of your tour package. If due to unforeseen circumstances Odysseys Unlimited cancels your tour, you will receive a complete refund of all payments you have made to us.

Pre-Departure

After reserving your tour, you will receive pre-departure mailings that include a detailed itinerary, visa requirements, and reading list. We will send your final tour documents, including airline itineraries (with e-ticket numbers) two to three weeks before departure.

Single Travelers

We welcome single travelers, and offer a limited number of single accommodations on each tour. Because hotel and cruise rates are priced by the room or cabin, the per person cost for accommodations occupied by one person is higher than that shared by two people. We will endeavor to keep single supplements at a reasonable cost. Please note that single rooms in many

foreign hotels may be smaller than those to which you are accustomed.

Changes to Your Reservation

We will not charge a fee for any changes made to your reservation outside of 95 days before departure. From 94 to 30 days before departure, if you make any changes to your reservation, a \$100 per person administrative fee will apply, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by airlines, hotels, or other third parties. Changes are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. If your reservation changes from double occupancy to single occupancy for any reason, you will be charged the single supplement. **No changes to your reservation can be made within 30 days of departure.**

Required Information

Upon reservation, we will need to obtain from you passport information including the following, in accordance with the Transportation Security Administration's (TSA) Secure Flight program, as well as by our international travel partners: **your full name as it appears on your passport, date of birth, and gender** (for further information, please visit tsa.gov). In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, or if you use a different passport than originally cited, you will be responsible for charges associated with the ticket's reissue.

Travel Documents

A passport valid for at least six months after the completion of your tour is required for U.S. citizens on all tours in this catalog. If your tour requires a visa(s), we strongly recommend that you have at least six blank visa pages available; for tours not requiring a visa(s), we recommend that your passport have at least three blank visa pages. We will send you specific visa and entry requirements after you make a reservation. You are responsible for obtaining these documents. If you are not a U.S.

citizen, please contact your embassy or consulate to ensure you obtain the proper documentation.

Smoking

For the convenience of the majority of our travelers, Odysseys Unlimited has a No Smoking policy on all tour buses. We will arrange sufficient rest stops so those who wish to smoke may do so.

Health and Medical Issues

We welcome all travelers, but request that you be in good health to participate in an Odysseys Unlimited tour. All of our tours involve a reasonable amount of walking (typically two to three miles per day), often uphill or on uneven or cobblestone streets. **You must be able to get on and off motorcoaches and boats on your own.** We regret that we cannot provide individual assistance; in such cases you must be accompanied by a companion who will assist you. Please note that our itineraries cannot accommodate wheelchairs. We reserve the right to remove anyone whose physical condition or behavior, in our opinion, compromises the operation of the tour or detracts from the enjoyment or safety of the other tour members. In that event, the Duke Alumni Association and Odysseys Unlimited assume no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour.

Air Transportation

Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. includes in its tour price round trip economy air from designated gateway cities as shown and contracts with those airlines they feel provide the level of service, routings, and value necessary for your entire trip. While another airline may offer a more direct connection, it may be at a price unavailable at the lower group rates. You will receive your preliminary air schedule approximately 2½ months prior to departure. **Please note that seat assignments on your international flight are usually done at airport check-in. Odysseys Unlimited is unable to guarantee any seat assignments.** Due to the nature of tour operator tickets, other restrictions apply,

including but not limited to, frequent flyer mileage accrual, stopovers, alternate travel dates, upgrades, and airline taxes and departure fees. If you prefer to make your own travel arrangements, booking the tour “Land Only” is available on most tours. Since international and domestic air schedules are subject to change at any time, we recommend that if you choose to make your own airline reservations, you do not purchase non-refundable tickets or those with high penalties for changes. If you choose to make your own air arrangements, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. shall not have any liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of this tour or changes in this tour.

Responsibility

The liability of the Duke Alumni Association, as sponsor, and Odysseys Unlimited Inc., as tour operator, is strictly limited. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. purchases transportation, hotel accommodations, restaurant and other services from independent suppliers not under our control. We serve only as agents for these suppliers in securing tour arrangements, and therefore will not accept responsibility for wrongful, negligent, or arbitrary acts or omissions of these independent contractors, their employees, agents, servants or representatives. The Duke Alumni Association and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. are not liable for injury, damage, loss, accident, or delay that may be caused by events not within our control, including without limitation, acts of terrorism, war, strikes, the defect of any vehicle, or the negligence or default of any third party. All coupons, receipts, and tickets issued are subject to the terms and conditions specified by the air carriers, cruise line, and other independent suppliers.

We will make every effort to operate our tours as planned, but we reserve the right to make itinerary changes as necessary. If unforeseen circumstances require us to change a hotel, we will select alternative accommodations of the same or better quality. Cruise itineraries may change due to factors such as government regulations, water levels, or weather conditions.



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THE DUKE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION RESERVATION FORM

Enclosed is my/our deposit for \$_____ (\$500 per person) for ___ person/people on the tour listed below. I/we understand the final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, or VISA or by personal check. Please make check payable to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. and mail deposit check to: Duke Alumni Travels, Box 90572, Durham, NC 27708. Or you may fax this form securely to (919) 660-0148. For more information, please call Duke Alumni Association at (800) FOR-DUKE or (919) 684-2988. For trip information only, please contact Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., at (888) 370-6765.

Tour Name _____
Departure Date _____
Pre- or Post-Tour Extension (as described on tour page): Please sign me/us up

Full Passport Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Gender _____

Full Passport Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Gender _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Home Ph. (_____) _____ Alternate Ph. (_____) _____

E-mail _____ Badge name(s) _____

Please book my/our air from _____ I/we request an air upgrade to _____

I will share a room with _____ I request a single room (limited availability)

I/we request an upgrade to a Highland Villa (for Machu Picchu to the Galapagos only)

Please Note: The undersigned has read the schedule of activities for the above-referenced tour, and agrees that their signature below represents their acceptance of the General Terms and Conditions.

Signature(s) _____ Date _____

Method of Payment

Check American Express Discover MasterCard VISA

Account # _____ Security Code _____ Exp. Date _____

Name of Cardholder _____

Signature _____

Final invoicing will be sent by our tour operator, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. The balance of the program price must be paid to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. Final payment is due 95 days prior to departure and can be paid by check or credit card.