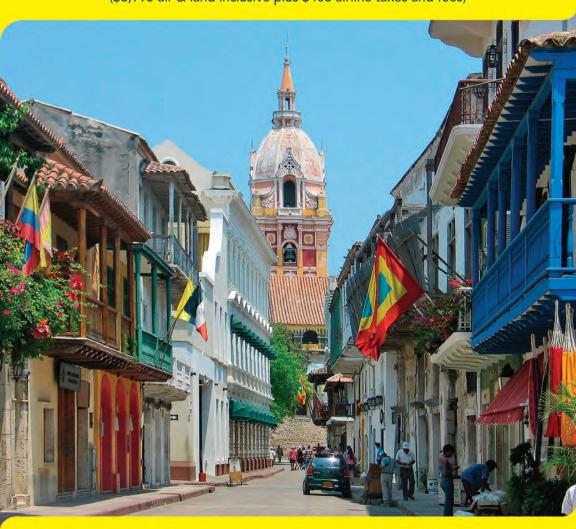


# COLOMBIA REDISCOVERED

November 10-20, 2017

11 days for \$4,398 total price from San Francisco (\$3,995 air & land inclusive plus \$403 airline taxes and fees)



An Exclusive Small Group Tour for the Commonwealth Club



#### Dear Club Travelers,

Join us on an exciting 11-day tour that weaves through the lush landscapes and captivating spread of Colombia's archaeological and cultural sites.

We begin in Bogota, Colombia's capital and one of the largest cities in Latin America. We explore this colorful city before traveling through Zipaquira to Armenia and the Coffee Triangle, where we learn about the coffee beans grown here. Next, we enjoy Cocora Valley's beautiful natural scenery before flying north to discover vibrant Medellin and the beautiful colonial town of Santa Elena. A highlight of our tour here includes lunch with a local family. We fly next to Cartagena and explore its walled colonial city, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Our explorations conclude in this romantic city, where we take a traditional horse-drawn carriage ride to our farewell dinner.

Space on this exclusive Commonwealth Club tour is limited to just 24 travelers and will fill quickly. Please call today to reserve your place on this unique and exciting journey!

Sincerely,

Kustina Memeth

Kristina Nemeth, Director of Travel

#### COMMONWEALTH CLUB RESERVATION FORM: COLOMBIA REDISCOVERED

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nce 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 Armenia with some hidden gems along the way.



Avg. High (°F)	Nov	Dec
Bogota	65	66
Cartagena	86	86

#### Your Small Group Tour Highlights

Bogota sightseeing, including Gold Museum and Paloquemao market ... Visit to Salt Cathedral, Zipaquira ... 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 ... Educational lectures

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	Allure Café Mocawa	Sup. First Class	
6-8	Medellin	NH Medellin Royal	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.

Friday, November 10: 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.

Saturday, November 11: 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

Sunday, November 12: Bogota/Zipaquira We begin this morning in the Usaquén neighborhood, whose colonial buildings, trendy restaurants, and flea market draw Sunday morning visitors. Then we travel north through the center of Colombia's flower-growing industry to the town of Zipaquira, 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



We explore the beautiful Cocora Valley on November 14.

Monday, November 13: 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 snowtopped 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 *bacienda*, where we dine tonight. *B*,*L*,*D* 

Tuesday, November 14: 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 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 handcraft shops. Late this afternoon we return to our lodge, where we dine tonight. B,L,D

#### Wednesday, November 15: 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* 

Thursday, November 16: 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 after-

#### **Post-Tour Extension**

November 20-22, 2017

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2 days/2 nights for \$395 total price Single Supplement: \$355

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#### **Your Tour Price Includes**

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

noon at leisure to explore this lively city as we wish. Tonight we dine together at a local restaurant. B,D

#### Friday, November 17: 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* 



We visit a coffee plantation on November 13.

#### Saturday, November 18: 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 16<sup>th</sup>-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* 

**Sunday, November 19: 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

#### **Your Tour Price Includes**

- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities; all flights within itinerary
- 10 nights' accommodations in Deluxe and Superior First Class hotels
- 23 meals: 10 breakfasts; 7 lunches; 6 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Educational lecture program/study leader with a minimum of 15 guests
- Additional Commonwealth Club representative at 20 guests
- 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



We ride the Medellin Metrocable over the city.

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.  $B_1D$ 

**Monday, November 20: 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* 

#### Tour Departs: November 10, 2017

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

San Francisco, Los Angeles, Portland, OR	\$4,398
Washington, DC, New York	\$4,298
Miami	\$3,998
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 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.

**Contact Club Travel at** 

#### 415-597-6720

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# **GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

Please read this information carefully, as payment of a \$500 deposit per person represents your acceptance of the following Terms and Conditions

Not Included in Tour Price: Airfare when purchasing a Land Only package, costs of passports and visas; personal expenses such as beverages, laundy, room service and meals not specified; airport transfers when purchasing a Land Only package; communication charges; optional sightseeing; gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., Tour Director, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities \$10-\$15 per day, per traveler); and travel protection insurance. Additional baggage fees may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline(s) prior to departure.

Cancellations, Refunds, and Changes: If you must cancel your trip, the effective date of cancellation will be upon Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.'s receipt of your writen notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person or harges: cancel 95 days or more before departure: \$200 charge; cancel 94-65 days before departure: 25% of tour price; cancel 64-45 days before departure: 55% of tour price; cancel 64-65 days before departure: 75% of tour price; cancel 29-0 days before departure: 0.5% of tour price; cancel 44-30 days before departure: 75% of tour price; cancel 29-0 days before departure: 0.5% of tour make any changes to your reservation from 94 to 30 days prior to departure. Oxysesys Unlimited, inc. will apply a \$100 per person administrative fee, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by tririd parties. Changes are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. If your reservation rhanges from double occupancy to any reason, you will be charged the single supplement. No changes are allowed within 30 days of departure. Upon reservation you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport, as well as your date of birth and gender. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with the ticket's reissue.

Eligibility: We require membership in the Commonwealth Club to travel with us. People who live outside of the Bay Area may purchase a national membership. To learn about membership types and to purchase a membership, visit commonwealthclub.org/membership or call (415) 597-6720.

Insurance: We strongly recommend the purchase of trip cancellation insurance, which is available for coverage of expenses in conjunction with cancellation due to illness or accident. Baggage insurance is also recommended. In the event you must cancel your participation in the travel program, trip cancellation insurance may be the only source of reimbursement. You will be sent information about insurance upon registration.

Responsibility: The liability of the Commonwealth Club, as sponsor, and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., as tour operator, is strictly limited. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. purchases transportation, hotel accommodations, and restaurant and other services from independent suppliers not under our control. We service 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, or of their employees, agents, servants, or representatives. The Commonwealth Club and Odysesys 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 lines, and other independent suppliers. We will make every effort to operate our tours as planned, but we reserve the right to make titerary changes as necessary. If unforeseen ordounstances require us to change a hotel, we will select alternative accommodations of the same or better quality.

Health and Medical Issues: We request that you be in good health to participate in this Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. tour. There is a reasonable amount of walking, and you must be able to get on and off motorcoaches on your own. We regret that we cannot offer individual assistance; in such cases you must be accompanied by a companion who will assist you. Please note that our tineraries cannot accommodate wheelchairs. We reserve the right to remove anyone whose physical or mental condition, in our opinion, compromises the operation of the tour or detracts from the eigyment or safety of the other passengers. In that event, the Commonwealth Club and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. assume no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour.

Air Transportation – Important Information: Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. includes in its tour price round-trip economy air from designated gleakeay dietes as shown, and contracts with those aritines the company feels 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 goup rates. You will receive your preliminary air schedule approximately 2½ months prior to departure. Please note that seat assignment on your international flight is usually done at airport check-in. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. 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 fees. If you prefer to make your own travel arrangements. 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 air arrangements, Odysseys Unlimited, inc. shall not have any liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of this tour or changes in this tour.

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