



2-day Cartagena Itinerary



Cartagena



Cartagena: A Colonial Jewel on the Caribbean Coast

Welcome to Cartagena, Colombia's enchanting coastal city where colonial architecture meets Caribbean charm. This comprehensive 2-day guide will immerse you in the city's rich history, vibrant culture, and stunning landscapes, perfect for first-time visitors.

Historical Overview

Cartagena, founded in 1533, stands as one of the most well-preserved colonial cities in the Americas. A UNESCO World Heritage site, its iconic walls and fortifications tell stories of pirates, traders, and colonial powers that shaped this Caribbean stronghold into the cultural treasure it is today.

Iconic Landmarks

- Castillo San Felipe de Barajas: The largest Spanish fortress in the Americas, a masterpiece of military architecture.
- Las Murallas: The historic city walls that protected Cartagena from pirates and invaders.
- Clock Tower Monument: The iconic entrance to the walled city and a symbol of Cartagena.

Cultural Treasures

- Palacio de la Inquisición: A museum housed in a colonial mansion, showcasing the city's complex history.
- Museo del Oro Zenú: Home to an impressive collection of pre-Colombian gold artifacts.

Charming Neighborhoods

- Getsemaní: A vibrant neighborhood known for street art, local culture, and nightlife.
- Centro Histórico: The heart of colonial Cartagena with colorful buildings and historic squares.
- San Diego: An elegant residential area within the walled city.

Cartagena Lifestyle

- Cuisine: Savor fresh seafood, tropical fruits, and Colombian specialties.

- Plaza Life: Experience the city's social culture in its historic squares.
- Shopping: From artisanal crafts to modern boutiques in historic settings.

Historic Squares

- Plaza de Bolívar: The city's main square, surrounded by historic buildings.
- Plaza Santo Domingo: Home to famous sculptures and outdoor dining.
- Plaza Trinidad: The heart of Getsemaní's nightlife and community gatherings.

Practical Travel Tips

- Transportation: The historic center is walkable; use taxis for longer distances.
- Best Times to Visit: December to April for dry season and pleasant weather.
- Language: Spanish is primary; English is common in tourist areas.
- Safety: Stay aware in tourist areas and take normal precautions.

2-Day Itinerary Highlights

Day 1: Castillo San Felipe de Barajas, Plaza de Bolívar, Palacio de la Inquisición,

Day 2: Museo del Oro Zenú, Iglesia de San Pedro Claver, Plaza Santo Domingo, Plaza Trinidad (Trinity Square)

This guide presents a curated selection of over 30 locations, allowing you to customize your Cartagena experience. Each stop offers insight into the city's rich history and vibrant culture.

Cartagena is more than just a destination; it's a living museum where every cobblestone street tells a story. As you wander through the colonial streets, admire the colorful architecture, and soak in the Caribbean atmosphere, you'll understand why this city has captivated visitors for centuries.

Let the magic of Cartagena enchant you as you discover its hidden plazas, historic churches, and lively cultural scene. Enjoy your adventure in this Caribbean jewel!



Itinerary Preview


2 days

DAY
01

San Felipe de Barajas Fort
Plaza de Bolívar
Museum of Cartagena de Indias

DAY
02

Museo del Oro Zenú
Santuario de San Pedro Claver
Plaza de Santo Domingo
Plaza de la Trinidad





Daily Events



Day 1

09:00

San Felipe de Barajas Fort

Cielo mar, La Boquilla, Cartagena, Cartagena Province, Bolivar, Colombia

11:00

11:45

Plaza de Bolívar

Cra. 5 #33-15, El Centro, Cartagena de Indias, Provincia de Cartagena, Bolívar, Colombia

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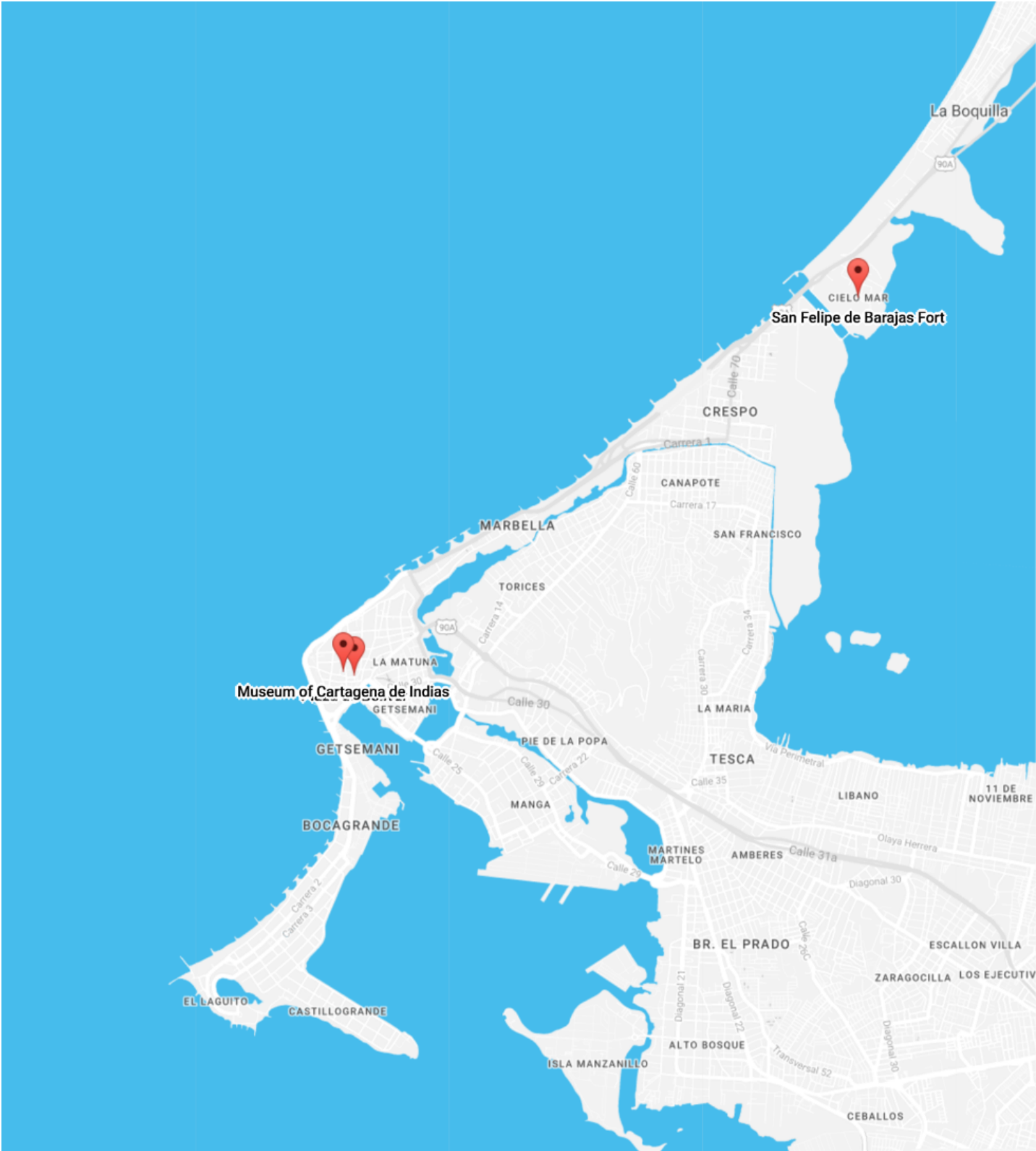
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Museum of Cartagena de Indias

46, Plaza de Bolivar Carrera 3 33, El Centro, Provincia de Cartagena, Bolívar, Colombia

16:30

Map for Day 1



Day 2

09:00

Museo del Oro Zenú

Cra 4, Parque o Plaza, de Bolívar #33-26, El Centro, Cartagena de Indias, Provincia de Cartagena, Bolívar, Colombia

11:00

11:45

Santuario de San Pedro Claver

Plaza de San Pedro Claver, Cra. 4 #30-01, El Centro, Cartagena de Indias, Provincia de Cartagena, Bolívar, Colombia

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Plaza de Santo Domingo

Cl. 35, El Centro, Cartagena de Indias, Provincia de Cartagena, Bolívar, Colombia

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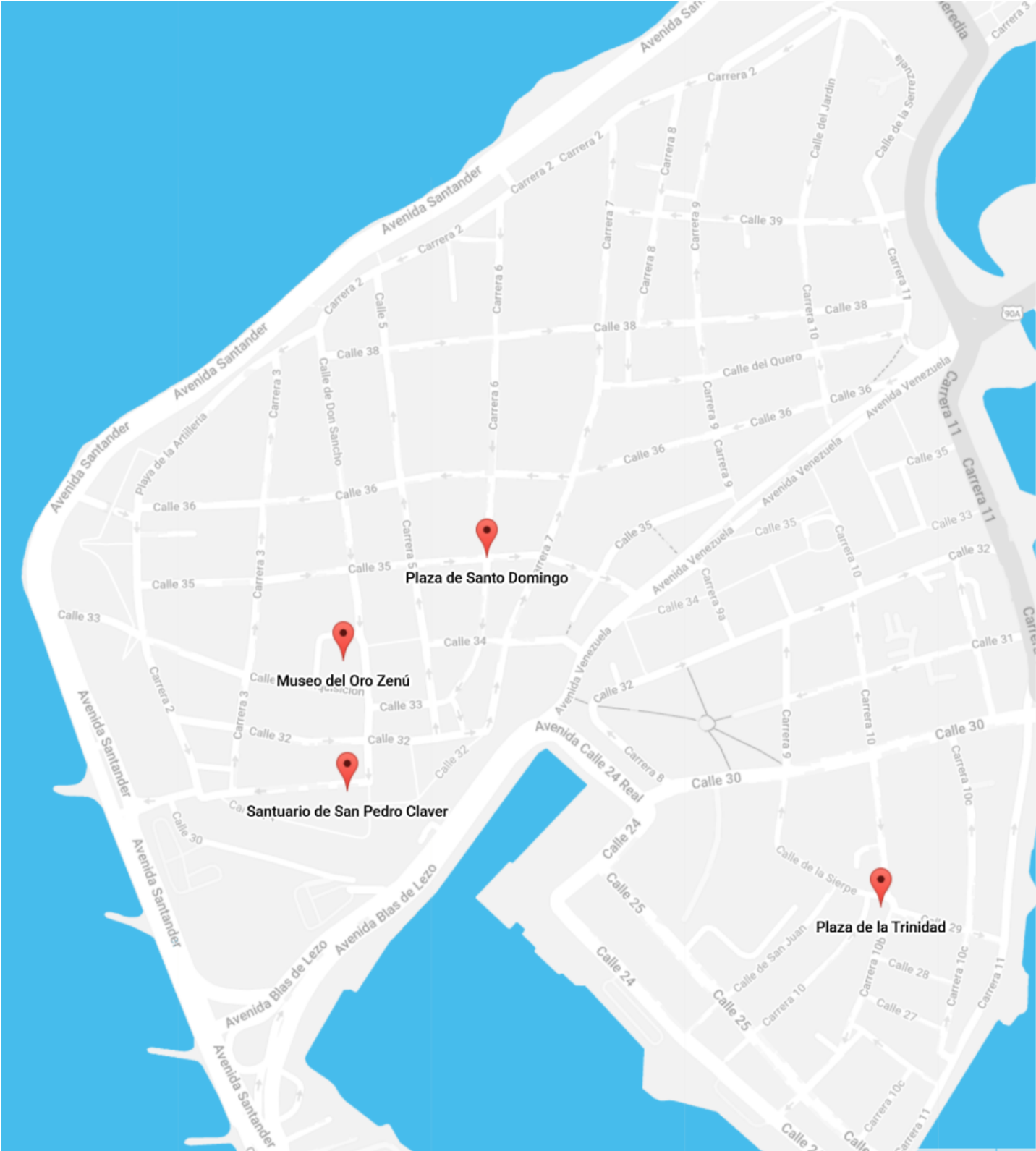
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Plaza de la Trinidad

Esquina con, Cl. 29 #174, Getsemaní, Cartagena de Indias, Provincia de Cartagena, Bolívar, Colombia

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Map for Day 2





Spots



Las Botas Viejas

Cl. 31 #18B-55, Pie Del Cerro, Cartagena de Indias, Provincia de Cartagena, Bolívar, Colombia

Summary:

Also known as "Old Boots," this bronze sculpture of shoes is a tribute to poet Luis Carlos Lopez.

Opening Hours:

Monday: Open 24 hours
Tuesday: Open 24 hours
Wednesday: Open 24 hours
Thursday: Open 24 hours
Friday: Open 24 hours
Saturday: Open 24 hours
Sunday: Open 24 hours



Playa Blanca

Playa Blanca, Cartagena Province, Bolivar, Colombia

Summary:

Boat trips & jet ski hire on a stretch of white sand popular for swimming, with beachside eateries.



Playa tranquila bar

Cartagena Province, Bolivar, Colombia

Opening Hours:

Monday: Open 24 hours
Tuesday: Open 24 hours
Wednesday: Open 24 hours
Thursday: Open 24 hours
Friday: Open 24 hours
Saturday: Open 24 hours
Sunday: Open 24 hours

Phone:

302 3251851



Muelle de la Bodeguita

Av. Blas de Lezo, El Centro, Cartagena de Indias, Provincia de Cartagena, Bolívar, Colombia

Opening Hours:

Monday: 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM
Tuesday: 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM
Wednesday: 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM
Thursday: 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM
Friday: 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM
Saturday: 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM
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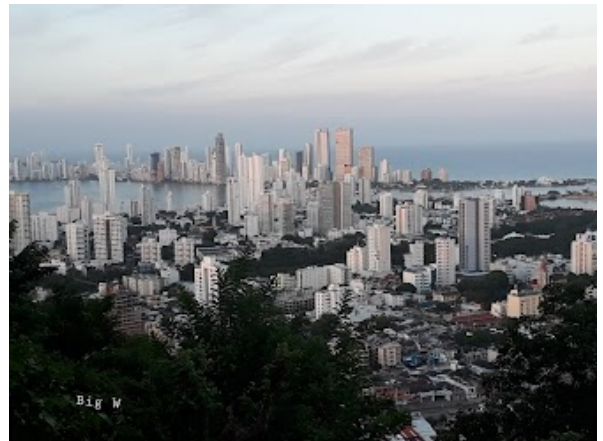
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Mirador De La Popa

Cartagena, Cartagena Province, Bolivar, Colombia



Church of Santo Domingo

Centro, Cartagena, Cartagena Province, Bolivar, Colombia

Summary:

Built in the early 17th century, this monastery served as a training ground for Dominican friars.

Phone:

6645048



San Basilio de Palenque

San Basilio de Palenque, Mahates, Bolivar, Colombia



Museo de Arte Moderno Cartagena

Cl. 31 #69b69, El Centro, Cartagena de Indias, Provincia de Cartagena, Bolívar, Colombia

Summary:

This modern art museum with two levels specializes in 1950s Latin American painters.

Opening Hours:

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Wednesday: 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Thursday: 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Friday: 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Saturday: 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday: 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM



Cabrero Park

Cl. 40, San Diego, Cartagena de Indias, Provincia de Cartagena, Bolívar, Colombia

Opening Hours:

Monday: Open 24 hours
Tuesday: Open 24 hours
Wednesday: Open 24 hours
Thursday: Open 24 hours
Friday: Open 24 hours
Saturday: Open 24 hours
Sunday: Open 24 hours



Camellón de los Mártires

Cl. 31 #71-48, El Centro, Cartagena de Indias, Provincia de Cartagena, Bolívar, Colombia

Opening Hours:

Monday: Open 24 hours
Tuesday: Open 24 hours
Wednesday: Open 24 hours
Thursday: Open 24 hours
Friday: Open 24 hours
Saturday: Open 24 hours
Sunday: Open 24 hours

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310 7293256



Walls of Cartagena

Cl. de la Serrezuela, San Diego, Cartagena de Indias, Provincia de Cartagena, Bolívar, Colombia

Summary:

Defensive stone walls snaking 11km around Cartagena, dating to the 1600s & known for sunset vistas.

Opening Hours:

Monday: Open 24 hours
Tuesday: Open 24 hours
Wednesday: Open 24 hours
Thursday: Open 24 hours
Friday: Open 24 hours
Saturday: Open 24 hours
Sunday: Open 24 hours



Plaza de la Aduana

Cl. 32 #130, El Centro, Cartagena de Indias, Provincia de Cartagena, Bolívar, Colombia

Summary:

Spacious plaza surrounded by colonial-era buildings, with a statue of Christopher Columbus.

Opening Hours:

Monday: Open 24 hours
Tuesday: Open 24 hours
Wednesday: Open 24 hours
Thursday: Open 24 hours
Friday: Open 24 hours
Saturday: Open 24 hours
Sunday: Open 24 hours



Caribbean and Emerald Jewelry Museum

Cl. 5 #2-51, Cartagena de Indias, Provincia de Cartagena, Bolívar, Colombia

Opening Hours:

Monday: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Tuesday: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Wednesday: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Thursday: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Friday: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Saturday: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Sunday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

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Mercado de Bazurto

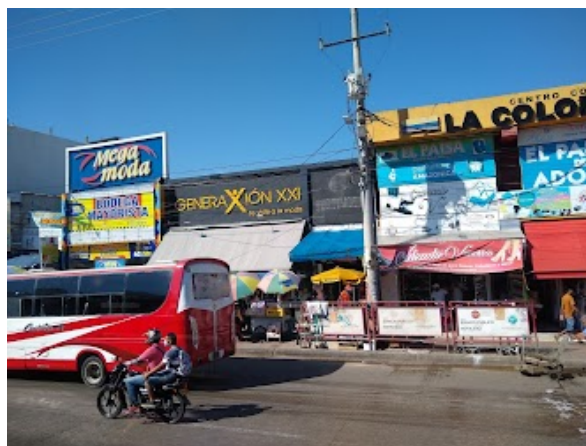
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Summary:

Vendors specialize in Bolivian & Cuban rice dishes, seafood & juices along this busy shopping strip.

Opening Hours:

Monday: Open 24 hours
Tuesday: Open 24 hours
Wednesday: Open 24 hours
Thursday: Open 24 hours
Friday: Open 24 hours
Saturday: Open 24 hours
Sunday: Open 24 hours



Santuario de San Pedro Claver

Plaza de San Pedro Claver, Cra. 4 #30-01, El Centro, Cartagena de Indias, Provincia de Cartagena, Bolívar, Colombia

Summary:

Grand 16th-century church with a museum dedicated to its namesake, a canonized early abolitionist.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 10:00 AM - 4:30 PM
Tuesday: 10:00 AM - 4:30 PM
Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 4:30 PM
Thursday: 10:00 AM - 4:30 PM
Friday: 10:00 AM - 4:30 PM
Saturday: 10:00 AM - 4:30 PM
Sunday: 11:00 AM - 5:30 PM

Phone:

302 2671257



Plaza de la Trinidad

Esquina con, Cl. 29 #174, Getsemaní, Cartagena de Indias, Provincia de Cartagena, Bolívar, Colombia

Summary:

Small urban square known for food sellers, plus colorful buildings & murals in surrounding streets.

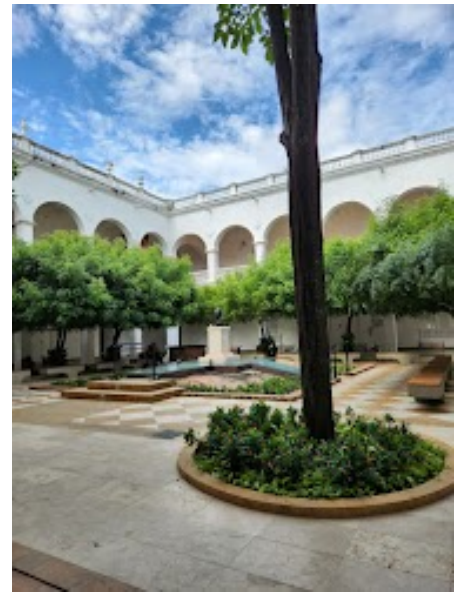
Opening Hours:

Monday: Open 24 hours
Tuesday: Open 24 hours
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Saturday: Open 24 hours
Sunday: Open 24 hours



Tumba de Gabriel García Márquez

42, Cra. 5 #38, El Centro, Provincia de Cartagena, Bolívar, Colombia



Café Havana

Cra. 10 #ESQUINA, Getsemaní, Cartagena de Indias, Provincia de Cartagena, Bolívar, Colombia

Summary:

Popular watering hole for classic Cuban cocktails & live salsa music in festive, old-world digs.

Opening Hours:

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 8:00 PM - 3:00 AM

Wednesday: 8:00 PM - 3:00 AM

Thursday: 8:00 PM - 3:00 AM

Friday: 8:00 PM - 3:00 AM

Saturday: 8:00 PM - 3:00 AM

Sunday: 8:00 PM - 3:00 AM

Phone:

312 4082896



Baluarte de Santo Domingo

Playa de la Artillería, El Centro, Provincia de Cartagena, Bolivar, Colombia

Opening Hours:

Monday: Open 24 hours
Tuesday: Open 24 hours
Wednesday: Open 24 hours
Thursday: Open 24 hours
Friday: Open 24 hours
Saturday: Open 24 hours
Sunday: Open 24 hours



Plaza de los Coches

Cra. 7, El Centro, Cartagena de Indias, Provincia de Cartagena, Bolívar, Colombia

Summary:

Lively, historic plaza with confectioners' stalls, carriage rides & a statue of Cartagena's founder.

Opening Hours:

Monday: Open 24 hours
Tuesday: Open 24 hours
Wednesday: Open 24 hours
Thursday: Open 24 hours
Friday: Open 24 hours
Saturday: Open 24 hours
Sunday: Open 24 hours



Convent of Santa Cruz de la Popa

Cl. 37, Cartagena de Indias, Provincia de Cartagena, Bolívar, Colombia

Summary:

This convent on the city's highest hill dates to 1607 & offers a leafy cloister & sweeping views.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 8:00 AM - 5:30 PM

Tuesday: 8:00 AM - 5:30 PM

Wednesday: 8:00 AM - 5:30 PM

Thursday: 8:00 AM - 5:30 PM

Friday: 8:00 AM - 5:30 PM

Saturday: 8:00 AM - 5:30 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM - 5:30 PM

Phone:

(605) 6655029



Monumento Torre del Reloj

Boca del Puente, El Centro, Cartagena de Indias, Provincia de Cartagena, Bolívar, Colombia

Summary:

Dating to the 1800s, this monumental stone gateway in the city walls features a spired clocktower.

Opening Hours:

Monday: Open 24 hours

Tuesday: Open 24 hours

Wednesday: Open 24 hours

Thursday: Open 24 hours

Friday: Open 24 hours

Saturday: Open 24 hours

Sunday: Open 24 hours

Phone:

305 3222426



Museum of Cartagena de Indias

46, Plaza de Bolivar Carrera 3 33, El Centro, Provincia de Cartagena, Bolívar, Colombia

Summary:

Cultural complex with elegant architecture showcasing historical items & educational exhibits.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Tuesday: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Wednesday: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Thursday: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Friday: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Saturday: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Sunday: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Phone:

(605) 6644570



Plaza de Santo Domingo

Cl. 35, El Centro, Cartagena de Indias, Provincia de Cartagena, Bolívar, Colombia

Summary:

Bustling plaza featuring outdoor restaurants & bars, buskers, vendors & a sculpture by Botero.

Opening Hours:

Monday: Open 24 hours
Tuesday: Open 24 hours
Wednesday: Open 24 hours
Thursday: Open 24 hours
Friday: Open 24 hours
Saturday: Open 24 hours
Sunday: Open 24 hours

Phone:

315 8312478



Plaza de Bolívar

Cra. 5 #33-15, El Centro, Cartagena de Indias, Provincia de Cartagena, Bolívar, Colombia

Summary:

Iconic public square surrounded by a historic cathedral, museum & government buildings.

Opening Hours:

Monday: Open 24 hours
Tuesday: Open 24 hours
Wednesday: Open 24 hours
Thursday: Open 24 hours
Friday: Open 24 hours
Saturday: Open 24 hours
Sunday: Open 24 hours



San Felipe de Barajas Fort

Cielo mar, La Boquilla, Cartagena, Cartagena Province, Bolivar, Colombia

Summary:

Imposing hilltop fortress built in the 1600s with a complex tunnel system & offering audio tours.

Opening Hours:

Monday: 7:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Tuesday: 7:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Wednesday: 7:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Thursday: 7:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Friday: 7:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Saturday: 7:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Sunday: 7:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Phone:

(605) 6421293



Museo del Oro Zenú

Cra 4, Parque o Plaza, de Bolívar #33-26, El Centro, Cartagena de Indias, Provincia de Cartagena, Bolívar, Colombia

Summary:

This museum focuses on pre-Columbian relics, with 600+ gold, silver & ceramic pieces on display.

Opening Hours:

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Wednesday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Thursday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Friday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Saturday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday: 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Phone:

(605) 6600808



Heredia Theatre

Cr 4 # De La Merced 3638 Carrera 10 Centro, 5 #38-1, El Centro, Provincia de Cartagena, Bolívar, Colombia

Opening Hours:

Monday: 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Tuesday: 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Wednesday: 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Thursday: 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Friday: 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Saturday: Closed

Sunday: Closed

Phone:

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