

Cartagena, Bolívar, Colombia

Cartagena's UNESCO-listed walled city packs centuries of Spanish colonial history into pastel-painted streets, while Castillo San Felipe stands sentinel over a harbour that once sheltered a fortune in New World gold.

Docked (cruise terminal) Typical call: 8-10 hrs Colombian Peso (USD widely accepted) Spanish

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____	Arrive: _____	All aboard: _____
Excursion: _____	Notes: _____	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Cartagena de Indias Cruise Terminal, Manga — 4 km from Old City

Walk to center: Not walkable — taxi or minibus ~15-20 min to Walled City

Best For: Colonial history, colorful streets, beach escapes, street food

Don't Miss: Castillo San Felipe de Barajas and sunset on the city walls

Getting around: **Taxi** \$8–10 USD (per taxi, not per person) · **Rideshare** Uber, DiDi, InDriver · **Hop-on hop-off** City Sightseeing Cartagena

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Castillo San Felipe de Barajas** — One of the largest Spanish fortifications in the New World, this 17th-century hilltop fortress features an impressive network of tunnels and...
- **Walled City Walking Tour** — Wander the cobbled lanes of Ciudad Amurallada past Plaza Santo Domingo, the Torre del Reloj, and the colourful Getsemaní neighbourhood.
- **Rosario Islands Catamaran** — A 45-minute speedboat or catamaran ride delivers you to the Islas del Rosario, an archipelago of white-sand beaches and crystal-clear Caribbean water.
- **El Totumo Mud Volcano** — Soak in a natural mud volcano about 50 km northeast of Cartagena.
- **Street Food and Market Tour** — Sample arepas de huevo, fresh tropical fruit, Colombian coffee, and Caribbean ceviche through the markets and side streets of the Old City and...

BEST WALKS

- **Walled City Loop** 2-3 km · Easy · 1-2 hrs — Enter through the Torre del Reloj gate and walk clockwise along the inner streets to Plaza Santo Domingo, Plaza Bolívar, and the Iglesia de San Pedro Claver, then loop...
- **Getsemaní Street Art Walk** 1 km · Easy · 45 min — Cross through the Puerta del Reloj into the Getsemaní neighbourhood and follow the mural-lined streets around Plaza de la Trinidad, one of Cartagena's most vibrant local...
- **The Walled City Circuit** 2.5 km · 60-75 min · Easy — Enter at the Clock Tower (Puerta del Reloj), cross Plaza de los Coches, and wind through to Plaza de Bolívar and the Cathedral.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				DAYLIGHT & MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 5:51AM–6:12PM · Jun 5:40AM–6:24PM · Aug 5:52AM–6:19PM · Sep 5:51AM–6:02PM · Oct 5:50AM–5:44PM Colombian Peso (USD widely accepted)	
Apr	89°	77°	14d		
Jun	86°	78°	24d		
Aug	86°	78°	23d		
Sep	86°	78°	24d		
Oct	85°	77°	27d		

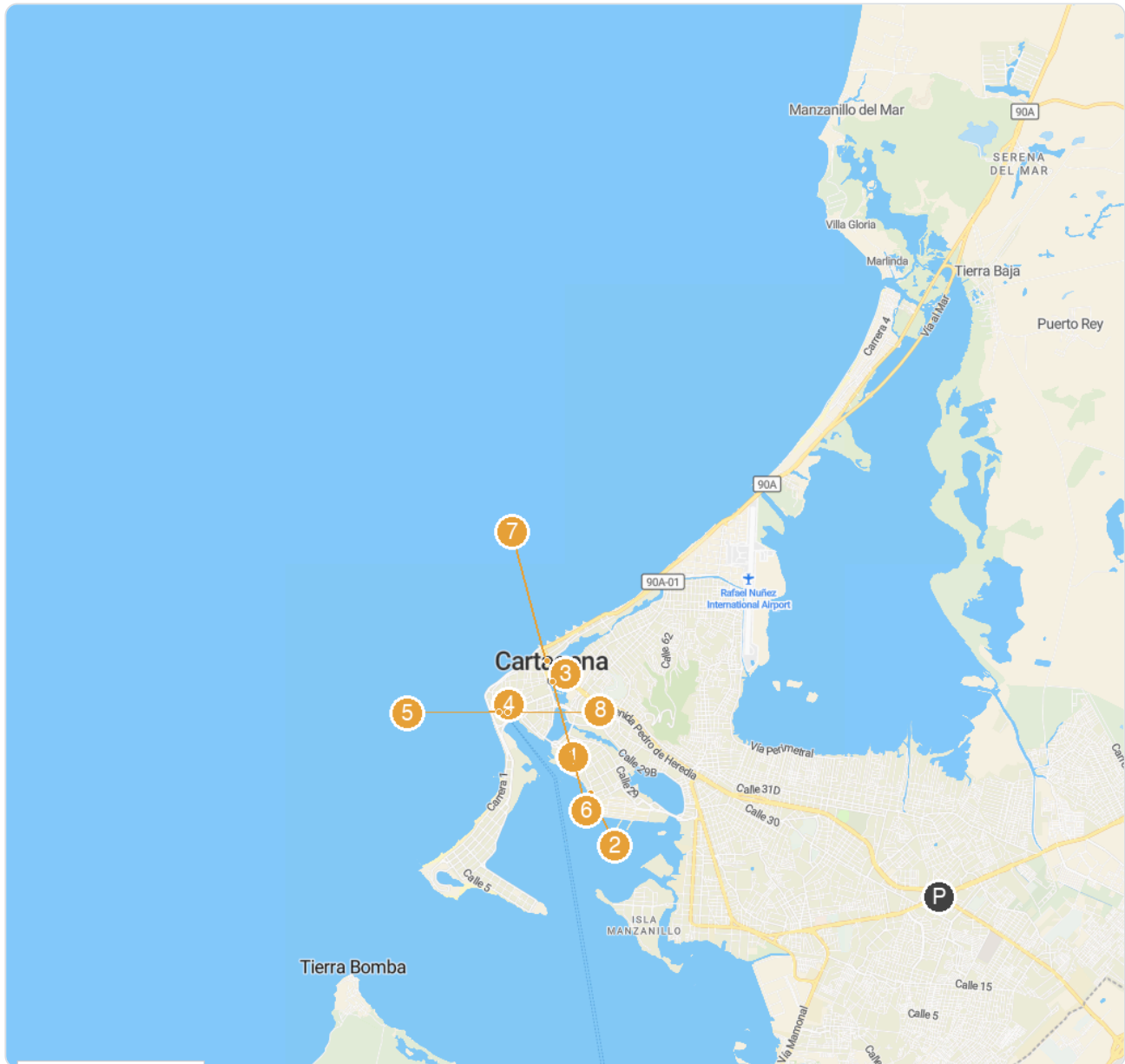
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Heat and humidity are intense — visit the fortress and walls in the morning; retreat to air-conditioned museums or a café at midday.
- USD is widely accepted in tourist areas, but you'll get better rates paying in Colombian pesos. ATMs are at the terminal and inside the Walled City.
- Use Uber or InDrive rather than unmarked taxis to avoid overcharging; both apps work reliably in Cartagena.
- The Gold Museum (Museo del Oro Zenú) is free to enter and mercifully air-conditioned — a great midday stop near Plaza Bolívar.
- Rosario Islands take a full day — only commit if your ship is in port 8+ hours and you can confirm a guaranteed return time with the operator.
- Watch your belongings in Getsemaní and near the terminal; petty theft targets distracted tourists. Use a secure crossbody bag.

Cartagena, Bolívar, Colombia — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



1 Casa Román Historic house museum showcasing Cartagena's past.

3 Espíritu Del Manglar Park Ecological park with mangroves, walking trails, and wildlife.

5 Plaza de Santa Teresa Historic plaza with a church, hotel, and outdoor dining.

7 Walls of Cartagena Historic fortified city walls offering scenic walks and views.

P Cruise port / terminal

2 Bendita Beach Private island beach club for sun and relaxation.

4 Emerald Museum. Joyeria CARIBE Museum and store showcasing Colombian emeralds and jewelry.

6 Monumento India Catalina Iconic bronze statue of an indigenous woman, India Catalina.

8 Santuario de San Pedro Claver Historic church and monastery dedicated to Saint Peter Claver.