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Jewels of Colombia

February 17-26, 2026

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Dear Council Travelers,

We're excited to invite you on an unforgettable 10-day small-group journey through the heart of Colombia. From the vibrant streets of Bogotá to the coastal charm of Cartagena, you'll uncover the rich tapestry of local cultures and discover hidden gems along the way.

Your adventure begins in Bogotá, Colombia's bustling capital and one of Latin America's largest cities. Explore the historic La Candelaria district on a guided walking tour, then venture outside the city to marvel at the Salt Cathedral of Zipaquirá. Continue on to Medellín, where you'll enjoy an immersive coffee experience and visit the tranquil village of Santa Elena. Next, explore the colorful colonial city of Cartagena. Tour its Historic Center, now a UNESCO site, and the 16th-century San Pedro Claver Church. Then, unwind on the stunning Rosario Islands, known for their crystal-clear waters and white sand beaches. Back in Cartagena, enjoy some leisure time before gathering for a memorable farewell dinner at a local restaurant. **As always, our Council tours include special additions that elevate the experience—details to be revealed in the final itinerary.**

This air-inclusive small-group tour is limited to just 24 World Affairs Council members. Reserve your spot today and be part of this exclusive journey!

Sincerely,

Andrew Haught
Director of Travel

WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL RESERVATION FORM: JEWELS OF COLOMBIA

To reserve your place on tour, please call **World Affairs Council of Philadelphia toll-free at 800-942-5004**. If paying by check, please make check payable to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. and include with the form.

Send to: **Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.**
Attn: Special Interest Groups
One Newton Place
275 Washington Street, Suite 300
Newton, MA 02458

Once this request is received, a Travel Counselor from Odysseys Unlimited will contact you within two business days to review the tour information and provide you with a secure link to enter your credit card information. Your reservation is not confirmed until your deposit is paid and processed. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, or VISA, or by personal check. Final payment is due by November 14, 2025 (95 days prior to departure).

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Post-Tour "Cartagena – On Your Own" Extension: Please sign me/us up ☐

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Colombia warmly welcomes visitors to experience its wealth of indigenous cultures, Spanish Colonial heritage, and Caribbean vibe. The country beckons – and our small group is poised to discover its many jewels, from Bogota to Medellin to Cartagena, with some hidden gems along the way.



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.

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. We begin with a walking tour through the 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 Bolivar Square in the heart of the city, as well as a visit to a local market and the Gold Museum, featuring the world’s largest collection of pre-Hispanic gold work. We tour the Botero Museum, housing paintings and sculptures by the late Fernando Botero, one of the country’s greatest artists, along with his collection of mid-19th century works by such artists as Monet, Corot, and Renoir. We also visit a tejo center, where we try our hand at this immensely popular sport where players toss a steel disc at a target ringed with gunpowder-stuffed paper that explodes when hit. The more explosions, the higher the score. Tonight, we enjoy a welcome dinner at a local restaurant. *B,L,D*

Day 3: Bogota/Zipaquira/Usaquen We head out of the city this morning for an excursion to the Zipaquira Salt Cathedral, a Roman Catholic church some 600 feet deep in a salt mine. Constructed entirely of salt by miners seeking solace as they labored at their dangerous profession, the cathedral today holds masses and weddings. Above ground, we visit the surrounding town of Usaquen, stopping for lunch at a local restaurant. Early this afternoon, we return to Bogota, where the remainder of the day is free for independent exploration and dinner on our own. We’re invited to join our tour director on a walk through the trendy and lively Zona Rosa pedestrian neighborhood, alive with shops, restaurants, and cafés. *B,L*

Day 4: Bogota/Medellin We fly this morning to Medellin, Colombia’s second largest city known for its welcoming residents, flower-filled parks and plazas, great food, and many cultural attractions. Upon arrival in the “City of Eternal Spring,” so named for its temperate climate, we have lunch at a local restaurant then depart for a tour of the popular Manrique neighborhood, with its colorful murals. Late this afternoon, we check in to our

Physical Activity Level

3 Moderate

Walk 2-4 miles per day, often uphill, on cobblestones, or on uneven terrain in natural settings; steep grades and many stairs throughout tour; Embarkation/disembarkation from multiple boats in Rosario Islands; high elevation in Bogota (8,700 ft)

Your Tour at a Glance

Day	Itinerary	Hotel	Rating
1	Depart U.S. for Bogota	Sofitel Bogota Victoria Regia Hotel	Sup. First Class
2-3	Bogota	Sofitel Bogota Victoria Regia Hotel	Sup. First Class
4-6	Medellin	NH Collection Medellin Royal	Sup. First Class
7-9	Cartagena	Hotel Casa Don Luis	Sup. First Class
10	Depart Cartagena for U.S.		

Ratings are based on the Hotel & Travel Index, the travel industry standard reference.

Cover Photo: The clock tower rises above the entrance to Cartagena’s historic Walled City.



Colombia's lush, coffee-growing region.

hotel and have time to relax before we head out for dinner together. *B,L,D*

Day 5: Medellín Today we embark on an in-depth exploration of Medellín, starting with a walk around Botoero Square, the inviting plaza melding art, nature, and culture, with 23 outdoor bronze sculptures of human figures, animals, and inanimate objects by Fernando Botero. Next, 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 Botero. We also get a taste of an essential element of Colombia's cultural identity when we participate in a local coffee experience and tasting of the beloved brew (Colombia ranks third in world coffee production, after Brazil and Vietnam). We return to our hotel late this afternoon and dine tonight at a local restaurant. *B,D*

Day 6: Medellín/Santa Elena We travel today to nearby Santa Elena, a typical – and beautiful – colonial town known for its profusion of flower farms, along with the rich traditions that have accompanied flower growing in the area for generations. We visit a *finca* (farm), where we learn about the cultivation process and see a variety of plants. After lunch at the farm, we move on to Parque Arví, Santa Elena's stunning nature reserve. Here we board the Metrocable, the iconic gondola system that services some of Medellín's steep hillside neighborhoods. Dinner tonight is on our own in this city known for its robust food and restaurant scene. *B,L*

Day 7: Medellín/ Cartagena This morning we fly to the port city of Cartagena, an important center of political and economic activity during the Spanish Colonial era and today a commercial center for the

Caribbean, as well as a major city and beach resort. We arrive in time for lunch at a local restaurant then embark on a tour of Cartagena's Historic Center, featuring 16th-century San Felipe Fort, now a UNESCO site. Strategically located atop San Lazaro hill to defend against attacks by land or sea, in 1741, San Felipe, considered the most impressive of Spain's New World fortifications, successfully repelled British Admiral Vernon's force of 23,000 men and nearly 200 ships. We also visit historic 16th-century San Pedro Claver Church, now a museum with pre-Columbian, Afro-Caribbean, and religious art. Then we check in at our colonial-style hotel located within the walls of the Old City. We enjoy dinner together tonight. *B,L,D*

Day 8: Cartagena/Rosario Islands We board a boat today bound for the nearby Rosario Islands,

Post-Tour Extension

February 26-28, 2026

Cartagena –
On Your Own

2 days/2 nights from \$495 total price
Single Supplement: \$345

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

Your Tour Price Includes

- 2 nights' accommodations at Hotel Casa Don Luis (Superior First Class)
- 2 meals: 2 breakfasts
- Transfer to airport



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an archipelago comprising 27 small (some tiny) coral islands with pristine white-sand beaches ringed by turquoise Caribbean waters. Part of Colombia's protected national park system, the islands feature prized coral reefs with an abundance of sea fauna and flora. Upon arrival, we embark on a guided walk and a canoe tour, followed by lunch together. Then we're at leisure to enjoy this small patch of paradise as we wish: swim, snorkel, or simply relax on the beach. Late this afternoon we return to Cartagena and our hotel. We're free for dinner on our own tonight in this city known for its fresh seafood, traditional Colombian dishes, and inspired fusion cuisine. *B,L*

Day 9: Cartagena This morning we see local life up close as we explore the vibrant, artsy neighborhood of Getsemani, where friendly residents, street performers, vendors, artists, students, and travelers all meet in an upbeat convergence. The afternoon is free for lunch on our own and independent exploration. Tonight, we get a different taste of Colombia at a rum and chocolate tasting experience; chocolate



Fruit seller in Cartagena

Your Tour Price Includes

- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities; all flights within itinerary
- 9 nights' accommodations in Superior First Class hotels
- 20 meals: 9 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 5 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

Council Leader



Aaron Rosen is the President and Founder of the World Affairs Council of Miami, a Term Member of the Council on Foreign Relations, and a 2024 Eisenhower Fellow. He supports his family businesses by importing construction materials to Florida and has a background in international relations, U.S. foreign policy, and comparative politics. Aaron has worked with numerous legislative and diplomatic bodies globally and conducted extensive fieldwork in Latin America, including leading public-private sector exchanges and sourcing steel in Colombia. He holds dual master's degrees in U.S. foreign policy and international history from George Washington University and the London School of Economics. Fluent in German and Spanish, with intermediate Russian, Aaron was raised in South Florida.

from Colombia is renowned for its fine quality. Then we toast our Colombian adventure at a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. *B,D*

Day 10: Depart for U.S. We transfer this morning to the Cartagena airport for our flights to the U.S., where we connect with our return flights home. *B*

Tour Departs: February 17, 2026

Prices include int'l airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees.

Miami	\$6,247
Atlanta, New York, Orlando, Tampa	\$6,547
Baltimore, Boston, Charlotte, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Dallas, Denver, Detroit, Houston, Los Angeles	\$6,647
Minneapolis, Philadelphia, Phoenix, Portland (OR), San Francisco, Washington, DC	\$6,747
Land Only (transfers not included)	\$5,645

Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees of \$202, which are subject to change until final payment is made.

Single travelers please add \$1,395. All tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed.

Please contact Odysseys Unlimited for information on our new Flexible Travel program, which allows you to arrive on tour up to three days before your tour begins and/or extend your stay after touring ends.

To reserve your place on tour, go to wacphila.org/tour/jewels-of-colombia/
For any tour questions, please call the World Affairs Council at **800-942-5004**

Visit our website, www.wacphila.org, or e-mail us at travel@wacphila.org

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The following is intended to provide you with a description of what to expect when you reserve this tour. Upon booking, you will be asked to acknowledge your acceptance of the full Terms and Conditions on the secure on-line portal, My Odyssey.

Not Included in Tour Price: Airfare when purchasing a Land Only package; costs of passports and visas; immunizations and inoculations; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; airport transfers when purchasing a Land Only package; communication charges; gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities: 10-\$15 per traveler, per day); optional sightseeing; 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 notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges: **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: 50% of tour price; cancel 44-30 days before departure: 75% of tour price; cancel 29-0 days before departure: no refund.** If you make any changes to your reservation from 94 to 30 days prior to departure, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. will apply a \$100 per person administrative fee, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by 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 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.**

Responsibility: The liability of the World Affairs Council of Philadelphia, as sponsor, 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 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, or of their employees, agents, servants, or representatives. The World Affairs Council of Philadelphia 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 lines, 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.

Health and Medical Issues: We request that you be in good health to participate in this Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. tour. There is a significant amount of walking, and **you must be able to get on and off motorcoaches and boats on your own as well as keep pace with the tour group.** 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 many of our tour itineraries, for reasons beyond our control, do not accommodate wheelchairs. Please call or e-mail us to inquire and we will do our best to answer any questions you may have. 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 enjoyment or safety of the other passengers. In that event, the World Affairs Council of Philadelphia 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 gateway cities as shown, and contracts with those airlines 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 group 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 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.**



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