



# LAW & CULTURE COLOMBIA

—New York State—  
**ACADEMY  
OF TRIAL LAWYERS**

Journey to Bogota, Medellín and Cartagena  
March 6-14, 2018

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# ITINERARY

(Subject to Change)

## DAY 1

## MARCH 6, 2018

*Bogota (D)*

**Morning** Participants arrive as a group to **El Dorado International Airport, Bogota (BOG)**. You will be greeted by your CLEA escort and local Colombian guide, who will be with you for the duration of your time in Colombia. We are escorted to our bus and depart for our hotel.

**Afternoon** Check into the **Hotel Sofitel Bogota Victoria Regia** (or equivalent 5 Star). This five-star hotel is within walking distance of many fine restaurants, bars, nightlife and music venues in the trendy northern end of Bogota known as **'Zona T'** or **'Zona Rosa.'**

Prior to our evening's activities, you may choose to explore the surrounding area of Zona Rosa, relax at the hotel spa, or have a drink at a nearby bar.

**8:00 pm** Welcome Dinner at **Tabula**, one of Bogota's best restaurants. Tabula is known for excellent service and its refined yet traditional Colombian cuisine.

## DAY 2

## MARCH 7, 2018

*Bogota (B,L,D)*

Complimentary breakfast is served daily in your hotel.

**9:00 am** **CONFLICT RESOLUTION AND THE COLOMBIAN PEACE PROCESS**  
**Lecture by professor Rodrigo Mezu.** CLE credit anticipated

**10:45 am** We depart for our tour of Bogota's colonial center, **La Candelaria** and **Plaza Bolívar**, the hub of national and citywide government.

We start at **La Plaza de Chorro de Quevedo**, the former lookout post and site of Bogota's founding in 1538, before continuing to Plaza Bolívar. Here we see **El Capitolio**, the home of Colombia's Congress, **Edificio Liévano**, and **Catedral la Primaria**, Bogotá's main cathedral.

Next, we visit the **Palace of Justice**, the home of Colombia's Supreme Court. The nation's highest court consists of twenty-three magistrates, elected for individual terms of eight years. Our delegation is given a brief tour of the building before enjoying a greeting with one of the Honorable Magistrate Judges.

The Palace of Justice building was famously seized by Marxist guerillas in 1985, regarded as one of the lowest points in Colombia's long history of political conflict. A **Special Jurisdiction for Peace** was formed to process cases stemming from the conflict, based on many of the lessons from South Africa's Truth and Reconciliation process.



We continue to the nearby **Gold Museum** for an optional brief tour, and then depart for lunch.

**1:30 pm** Lunch at **Capital Cocina y Café**. Over lunch we will be joined by **Rodrigo Arrubla**, president of Colombia's national bar association, **Colegio Nacional de Abogados de Colombia (CONALBOS)**, and/or Colombian attorneys and directors of the Colombian American Chamber of Commerce, **AmCham Colombia**.

After lunch, we visit the **Banco de la Republic** complex and see the famous Botero art collection, one of the most important art collections in all of South America. This gallery houses the works of one of Colombia's most famous artists, **Fernando Botero**, along with masterpieces from Dali, Renoir, Chagall and Picasso.

*Remainder of the afternoon free to continue exploring the historical center independently or return to hotel.*

**Evening** We enjoy a lively performance of traditional **Colombian Music & Dance** followed by dinner at one of Bogotá's best family restaurants.

## DAY 3

## MARCH 8, 2018

*Bogota (B,L)*

**8:45 am** **U.S.-COLOMBIA TRADE RELATIONS: Diplomatic, Legal and Economic Perspectives** CLE credit anticipated  
Arrive for our presentation at the **U.S. Embassy** in Bogota. We will be briefed by Economic Officer and head of the Embassy's **Economic Section (ECON)**, **John J. Fennerty**. ECON supports bilateral economic relations between the United States and Colombia in areas such as macroeconomics, trade, energy, telecommunications, finance, intellectual property rights, environment, labor, civil aviation, transportation, science and technology, combating terrorist financing, economic development, and infrastructure. In conjunction with the United States Foreign Commercial Service, ECON assists U.S. businesses interested in investment and trade opportunities in Colombia and local companies interested in doing business in the United States. In his presentation, Mr. Fennerty will describe his office's role in monitoring and reporting on developments in the Colombian economy and a review of legal advantages and opportunities for U.S. business under the recently adopted **U.S.-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement (2012)**.

**10:30 am** Depart for our **Graffiti Art Tour**. Bogota's street art is known world-wide for its originality and authenticity. On our tour we will be guided by local street artists to learn about Bogota's thriving urban art scene.

**12:30 pm** Lunch at **Harry Sasson**. After lunch, select optional activities.

### OPTION 1: SALT CATHEDRAL

On this Track, we visit the famous **Salt Park** and **Salt Cathedral at Zipaquira**. An underground Roman Catholic church and a common pilgrimage site, the Salt Cathedral is considered one of the most notable achievements of Colombian architecture. While a functioning church, it has no bishop and therefore no official status as a Cathedral in Catholicism.

### OPTION 2: UNIVERSIDAD DE LOS ANDES

Campus tour, curated meetings with select faculty in political sciences, economics and law.

**Evening** *Dinner on your own. Suitable recommendations will be provided. Optional late night entertainment.*



## DAY 4

MARCH 9, 2018

Medellín (B,L,D)

**Morning** (Depart for Medellín via air, approx. 1 hour)

Arrive Medellín. The former headquarters of the famous drug baron **Pablo Escobar**, in recent years the city of Medellín has become one of Colombia's more important cities for business and entertainment.

Welcome lunch at **Restaurant Mondongo's**, authentic Antioquian-style cuisine.

**Afternoon** Check-in or bag drop at **Park 10 Hotel**.

**Medellín City Tour.** We tour the city and explore the rise and fall of its most famous resident, Pablo Escobar. Best known as a ruthless gangster, Escobar was also considered a hero for his 'Robin Hood' style generosity to Medellín's poorest. Escobar rallied support by stepping in where the Colombian government couldn't or wouldn't, constructing hundreds of homes in impoverished areas garnering influence, praise, and respect from the community.

On the city tour, we see Medellín's new and old neighborhoods, including the **El Poblado comuna**. Time permitting, we visit the Mayor's office, **Casa Gardel Tango Museum**, and **Gardel square**.

**7:00 pm** We start our evening at the **Tango Bar** for a thrilling live performance of this important aspect of Colombian dance and musical culture.

**9:00 pm** Dinner at **Patio del Tango** for inspired grilled specialties. After dinner, optional entertainment at **Salon Malaga**.

## DAY 5

MARCH 10, 2018

Medellín (B,L)

**9:00 am** **RULE OF LAW IN COLOMBIA: FROM PAST TO PRESENT** CLE credit anticipated

This Lecture will outline the fundamentals of the Colombian legal system, the role of local and national politics, and explore issues of Law Enforcement, Criminal Justice, as well efforts to combat the historical influence of the drug cartels as the country transforms its national identity.

**11:00 am** Visit to the **Museo de Antioquia**. This world-class museum rivals any in Latin America and features hundreds of works by one of Medellín's other famous citizens—sculptor and painter Fernando Botero.

**1:00 pm** Group lunch at **Hacienda**. *Remainder of the afternoon reserved for free time.*

*Dinner on your own, suitable recommendations will be provided.*

# DAY 6

## MARCH 11, 2018

Cartagena (B,L,D)

**Morning** (Depart for Cartagena via air, approx. 1 hour, 30 minutes)

Arrive Cartagena. Welcome Lunch at TBD depending on arrival.

**Afternoon** Check-in to **Hotel Sofitel Legend Santa Clara Cartagena**. Located on the **Plaza de San Diego**, this former Santa Convento de Santa Clara was the inspiration for Garcia Marquez's beguiling 1995 novella, *Of Love & Other Demons*. The hotel offers a variety of spa services in an elegant and tranquil setting, along with the largest pool in the historic center.

Please note buses cannot enter the **Walled City**. It is a short walk from the hotel to the La Muralla (The Wall) where our bus will be parked. We will arrange for the bus to await us at the most logical meeting places for the duration of our tour.

**6:00 pm** Live entertainment on the **SoSpa Terrace**. Hearty hors d'oeuvres & refreshments will be served. Spectacular ocean sunsets can be seen from the rooftop deck.

# DAY 7

## MARCH 12, 2018

Cartagena (B,L,D)

Breakfast is served in the lobby level restaurant **El Claustro**.

**9:30 am** **PROPERTY RIGHTS IN COLOMBIA: THE INVESTOR'S PERSPECTIVE**  
**Lecture by Colombian attorney Danilo Devis Pereira.** CLE credit anticipated

**11:30 am** Meet in the hotel lobby. Please wear comfortable shoes and bring a hat as we will be on foot in the sun for part of our tour.

**12:00 pm** Lunch at **La Mulata** located a short walk from the hotel. This popular local restaurant serves fresh, seasonal, traditional specialties with a twist. The produce has been sourced locally and is all natural and organic. The young Chef started a small soup and empanadas business that became so popular he decided to open a restaurant. See the all-female brigade through the open kitchen.

**1:30 pm** Take a short walk outside the Old City Wall and board our bus for our orientation tour. Our first visit will be a guided tour of the **Convento La Popa** where we see **Nuestra Señora de la Candelaria**, the Patron Saint of Cartagena. From the outdoor deck there are sweeping views of the Old City, the New City (Boca Grande), the Bay and various barrios.

**3:00 pm** Fortress Tour of **Castillo de San Felipe de Barajas**. Built in 1536 atop the Hill of San Lázaro, the fortress is well-preserved with beautiful views of the city and coastline. The site now serves as a location for many social and cultural events hosted by the Colombian government for visiting foreign delegations.

**7:30 pm** Dinner and Music at **Juan Del Mar** located directly across the street from the hotel. We will enjoy some of their most popular dishes including the arroz con mariscos, mofongo caribeño and sopon Cartagenero.



*Cartagena (B,D)*

*Morning free for shopping, the beach, time to relax or catch up on email.*

Group lunch at the trendy **Restaurante Interno**, a restaurant staffed almost exclusively with **female prison inmates**. Inside you will find a hip Colombian vibe with locally sourced cuisine. Some of the staff trained with Michelin star chef **Koldo Miranda**, inspiring the female inmates to pursue culinary professions.

**1:30 pm** Select activity of choice.

**OPTION 1: GABO HISTORY AND ARCHITECTURAL TOUR**

During the walk our guides will speak about some key locations featured in the works of the Colombian author **Gabriel García Márquez** or “**Gabo**” as he is affectionately known.

See the **Teatro Heredia** on **Plaza de la Merced** located 3 blocks west of the hotel.

On to the **Plaza Fernández de Madrid**. The author recast this square as The Park of Evangelis in *Love in the Time of Cholera*.

See **Palacio de la Gobernación** that served as the Arcade of Scribes in *Love in the Time of Cholera*.

Continue to the **Plaza de Santo Domingo** where the cathedral’s warped tower played a key part in the author’s ‘magical realism’.

In 1948, the author arrived Cartagena penniless and spent his first night sleeping on a bench in the **Plaza de Bolívar**.

See the **Catedral Santa Catalina de la Alejandría** where the fictional characters Ferminia and Juvenal Urbino were wed.

Guided tour of the **Inquisition Palace Cartagena De Indias Historical Museum**.

**Plaza de la Aduana** was the setting for the gypsy fair in the opening of *One Hundred Years of Solitude*.

Continue to **Plaza de los Cochés** that was featured in *Of Love and Other Demons*. Here too, the author opens *Love in the Time of Cholera* under the **Portal de los Dulces**.

The walking tour ends at the **Camellón de los Mártires** and the **Torre de Reloj** (clock tower) built in 1888 atop what was once the main entrance to the city or *Boca del Puente*.

**OPTION 2: SHOPPING TRACK**

Visit the **Getsemani** bohemian arts neighborhood. We will have a guided tour of the street art, visit some eclectic galleries, local artist studios and discover why Cartagena is becoming such a cultural hot spot.

Tour of the modern **Boca Grande** neighborhood. See the Bodeguita Tourist Pier, the Malecón and the Naval Yard. There will be free time to explore this popular shopping district and pedestrian promenades.

Tour of the **CARIBE Emerald Museum & Factory**. Since 1983, this family owned operation has been harvesting gemstones from the mines of Colombia and creating beautiful jewelry in this factory and showroom.

*Remainder of afternoon free to explore the Las Bovedas Art Market located near the hotel.*

*Some may choose to enjoy the hotel pool or arrange for spa services.*

**OPTION 3: BARRIO TOUR**

We travel to **La Boquilla** Fishing Village (15 minute drive). From this beach town we will see the two very different versions of the city of Cartagena. Some of the poorest neighborhoods sit in the shadows of the luxury hotels and high rises that continue to be developed along the shoreline.



Visit the community service project **Fundacion La Vecina** founded by Nathalie Reitman of Holland. This privately funded organization teaches English, computers, music, dance, art and much more to children in this impoverished community. This project also provides counseling to families in need, balanced meals for the children and support for other child care providers of those children not yet of school age. We will meet with the **resident psychologist**, a graduate of **University San Buenaventura** in Cartagena to discuss psychiatric Care in Colombia, her role at the Foundation and service to the community of Boquilla in general.

Time permitting, we also visit the Arts Workshop at **Project Madres-Cabeza de Familia y sus Cocos**. The members of this organization produce all sorts of decorative and functional ware for sale to tourists and shops. This small enterprise allows single mothers to support their families and these strong women not only support their own but empower other women to form their own small businesses. Participants will have an opportunity to create a variety of souvenirs such as bracelets, key chains or necklaces right on the beach.

**7:30 pm** Group Farewell Dinner and live show at **Candé. Cocina 100% Cartagenera**.

Following dinner, optional visit to **Habana Club** for live music and dancing.

## DAY 9

## MARCH 14, 2018

**Morning** Return to the United States.

Suggested international airfare as follows. Please book on your own or contact **Patricia Tregear at OLE Travel** for assistance. She may be reached at **1-800-559-5192** or **patricia@oletravel.com**.

Suggested Itinerary with **American Airlines** (Rate per passenger as of October 2017 \$398.00 plus \$135.16 tax)

6 MAR	AA 1564	LGA/MIA	Departs 7:00A	Arrives 10:05A	New York/Miami
6 MAR	AA 913	MIA/BOG	Departs 10:50A	Arrives 2:36P	Miami/Bogota
14 MAR	AA 1144	CTG/MIA	Departs 1:37P	Arrives 5:39P	Cartagena/Miami
14 MAR	AA 1278	MIA/LGA	Departs 8:30P	Arrives 11:27P	Miami/New York

Suggested Itinerary with **Delta Airlines** (Rate per passenger as of October 2017 \$369.00 plus \$135.16 tax)

6 MAR	DL 1914	LGA/ATL	Departs 1:00P	Arrives 3:40P	New York/Atlanta
6 MAR	DL 981	ATL/BOG	Departs 5:50P	Arrives 10:50P	Atlanta/Bogota
14 MAR	DL 984	CTG/ATL	Departs 1:50P	Arrives 7:05P	Cartagena/Atlanta
14 MAR	DL 906	ATL/LGA	Departs 9:30P	Arrives 11:57P	Atlanta/New York

\* Please note: This is a “working” itinerary. There may be some changes, additions and/or subtractions to the final itinerary. All venues and artist’s studios are subject to final confirmations. Be assured any changes made will be done to enhance the total program as well as to promote smooth operation of the tour.



# TRIP COST

**9 DAYS AND 8 NIGHTS**

**DOUBLE, PER PERSON: \$4,325**

**SINGLE OCCUPANCY: \$5,285**

## CUSTOM DESIGNED PROGRAM INCLUDES

- Itinerary design and coordination
- All domestic airfare (Bogota>Medellin, Medellin>Cartagena)
- 5 Star accommodations (standard room)
- All ground transportation throughout trip equipped with water
- Full time private tour escort
- Daily breakfast and meals as listed in itinerary (including tips)
- Entrance fees to museums and public buildings listed in itinerary
- Private music and dance performances

## EXCLUDES

- Airfare to/from Colombia
- Airline baggage fees
- Gratuities for guide and driver
- Meals other than listed on itinerary
- Individualized hotel expenses (mini bar, room service, laundry fees, etc)
- Trip cancellation insurance