

CARTAGENA, COLOMBIA

Cartagena: Cartagena City Highlights

ACTIVITY LEVEL: MODERATE

The magnificent city of Cartagena, once a preferred target for pirates and the treasure chest of the Spanish Main, is yours to explore as you embark an air-conditioned bus or mini-bus today. On tour, you will be accompanied by an English-speaking guide as you travel past **marvelous Republican architecture**. You will see the **Manga residential area**, where some of the aging mansions have been restored to their original splendor. Stop for a half hour to explore the **Fort of San Felipe de Barajas**, a 17th century construction acknowledged to be the most important work of Spanish Military engineering in Latin America. At **Las Bovedas** (the Dungeons), about 20 minutes is allowed for handicraft shopping and for rubbing elbows with the local artisans who proudly display their works for you. Pass through **Simón Bolívar Square** and the **Inquisition Palace** before continuing on to the **Cathedral**, also called The Minor Basilica, it was the first church built in the city in 1537. Next stop is the **Church of San Pedro Claver**—the patron saint of slaves. You will continue to the modern residential area of **Bocagrande**, famous for its wide variety of shops. Here, you will find Colombia's famous native gem—the emerald—along with handicrafts and leather goods shops. You will have approximately 40 minutes to shop before returning to the ship.

Please note: Guests who remain in town for shopping will have to return to the ship on their own.

PRICE\$55

Cartagena: Old City by Horse Carriage

ACTIVITY LEVEL: EASY

Transfer by coach to **Plaza Santa Teresa** where your horse and carriage stand ready to transport you around Cartagena's beautiful Old Town—back in time to the days of the conquistadors. You'll ride along the inviting, narrow cobblestone streets and through squares inside the walled city, admiring the flower-filled balconies that glow in the light spilling from colonial mansions. Stop for 10 minutes to photograph the **Fort of San Felipe de Barajas**, a 17th century construction acknowledged to be the most important work of Spanish Military engineering in Latin America. Surrender to the majesty of this historic city, where age-old squares are surrounded by towering colonial, Republican and Spanish-style buildings—it's easy to picture life 200 years ago in this wealthy and cosmopolitan city. Visit the former city dungeons at **Las Bovedas**, which have also been used as military barracks, a munitions depot

and a jail, but today local artisans display their work there. You'll have 15 – 20 minutes for shopping before returning to the ship.

Please note: Guests who wish to remain in town to shop can return to the ship on their own later in the day.

PRICE\$59