Captivating Colombia

MARCH 13-21, 2020

Special Alumni Rate
Save more than $1,000 per couple

Bogotá • Medellín • Cartagena
Dear Alumni, Parents, Families, and Friends,

Please join us as we explore the dynamic cultural landscapes of Colombia— with dedicated time in Bogotá, Medellín, and Cartagena. This region, with its infamous history, is now a destination teeming with positive social transformation and new energy for innovation.

Each day is highlighted by exclusive and authentic experiences like touring historic sites and monuments, meeting locals committed to making an impact in their neighborhoods, and visiting traditional artisans, including a full-day excursion to a popular coffee plantation.

Your deluxe accommodations for this journey include eight nights at luxurious properties in Bogotá, Medellín, and Cartagena—each providing outstanding, modern amenities and a welcoming atmosphere.

Space is limited. With significant savings of more than $1,000 per couple, we anticipate this tour will fill quickly, so be certain to reserve your spot today and share this brochure with family and friends who may be interested in traveling with you.

Please reserve online at uchicago.orbridge.com, by phone at (866) 639-0079 or by returning the enclosed reservation form.

Sincerely,

Sarah Eichhorn
Assistant Director, Alumni Travel Program
The University of Chicago

Questions? Visit the UChicago Alumni Travel Program online at alumni.uchicago.edu/travel or contact us at (773) 702-2150 or alumnitravel@uchicago.edu. For information about logistics and registration, call Orbridge at (866) 639-0079.

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Free Expedition Library
AN EARLY RESERVATION BONUS

Reserve your space by August 2, 2019, to receive the FREE Orbridge Expedition Library we’ve assembled for this program.

This exclusive gift is to thank you for joining us early. Guests who reserve after the specified date may purchase libraries. Call for details.

Orbridge takes seriously the responsibility to minimize our global environmental impact. Starting in 2019, we will annually plant 100,000 trees in U.S. State Forests with afforestation needs as an on-going initiative among our evolving sustainability efforts.
Discover Colombia

A destination with a dramatic past and a hopeful future.
Your 9-Day Itinerary (subject to change)

Day 1: En Route from U.S. / Arrive in Bogotá, Colombia (R)
Leisure time, welcome reception
Overnight: Hotel Sofitel Bogotá Victoria Regia

Day 2: Bogotá (B,L)
Paloquemao Market, guided La Candelaria tour, Monserrate Hill, Gold Museum, Botero Museum
Overnight: Hotel Sofitel Bogotá Victoria Regia

Day 3: Bogotá / Medellín (B,L)
Zipaquirá Salt Cathedral tour, flight to Medellín, evening at leisure
Overnight: InterContinental Medellín

Day 4: Medellín (B,L)
Social highlights and transformation discussion, Metro experience, city tour, Comuna 13 tour, botanical garden visit
Overnight: InterContinental Medellín

Day 5: Medellín (B,L)
Full-day Oro Molido coffee plantation tour, tasting and lunch, evening at leisure
Overnight: InterContinental Medellín

Day 6: Medellín / Cartagena (B,L,D)
Santa Elena organic flower farm visit, silleta demonstration and experience, flight to Cartagena, guided walking tour
Overnight: Hotel Charleston Santa Teresa

Day 7: Cartagena (B)
Guided monuments tour, Getsemani visit, chocolate and rum tasting
Overnight: Hotel Charleston Santa Teresa

Day 8: Cartagena (B,D)
La Boquilla mangroves tour, Cartagena Bay sunset cruise, special farewell dinner
Overnight: Hotel Charleston Santa Teresa

Day 9: Cartagena / Depart for U.S. (B)
(B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner, R = Reception)

Activity Level: There is quite a bit of walking—and on uneven surfaces like dirt paths and cobbled streets—varying elevations, climbing stairways and standing for long periods of time. Guests should be able to walk 1.5 miles up and down elevations and over uneven surfaces to be able to fully enjoy this program. All hotels have elevators, though some excursions do not. Guests should expect to travel over bumpy, winding, and narrow roads. One activity requires travel in a 4x4 vehicle over rough terrain. Also keep in mind that you will experience varying altitudes, to which you may not be accustomed. Maximum elevation: 10,341 feet at Monserrate Hill in Bogotá.
Program Highlights

• Set out on a comprehensive guided tour of Bogotá—Colombia’s capital city and cosmopolitan center—with a visit to Paloquemao, one of the country’s largest and most important markets, plus a stop at the historic center, La Candelaria.

• View the largest collection of pre-Columbian gold at the Gold Museum, with galleries featuring pieces dating back nearly 2,500 years.

• Stroll through the Botero Museum to peruse artwork and sculptures by Fernando Botero, Colombia’s most famous contemporary artist, highlighted by a visit with Botero’s grandson, Felipe.

• Outside the small town of Zipaquirá, take an underground tour through the famous Salt Cathedral, carved inside an active salt mine that formed 250 million years ago. A place of pilgrimage for the local community, the cathedral is an extraordinary feat of architectural design and engineering.

• In Medellín, engage in a discussion about Pablo Escobar, plus discover the city’s social transformation and how the inspirationally modern public transportation system has impacted residents.

• Visit Finca Oro Molido—a premium coffee producer certified with the most important quality and sustainability seals—and enjoy the opportunity to see parts of the production process of one of the world’s most famous coffee beans followed by a memorable lunch.

• Travel into the mountains of Antioquia—over 6,500 feet in elevation—to Santa Elena, home to traditional flower farmers. During a visit to an organic flower farm, learn about silletas—flower arrangements that are the cultural symbol of Medellín.

• Discover Cartagena’s rich history and beautiful colonial architecture during a guided walking tour through the inner walled section of the colonial city. Plus stop at the city’s main monuments: San Felipe de Barajas Castle, La Popa Convent, and San Pedro Claver Church.

• Savor a tasting of Colombian rum from the Antioquia and Caldas regions paired with chocolates made with local cacao.

What’s Included

• 8 nights luxury accommodations
• A welcome reception, 8 breakfasts, 5 lunches, and 2 dinners including a farewell dinner
• All unique excursions and activities noted on the 9-day itinerary
• Private, deluxe, air conditioned transportation
• Airfare for group flights between Bogotá, Medellín, and Cartagena
• Luggage handling
• Gratuities to Orbridge Travel Director, local guides, wait staff for included meals, drivers and porters
• Group airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times
Accommodations (subject to change)

HOTEL SOFITEL BOGOTÁ
VICTORIA REGIA
Experience French luxury and decadent haute cuisine during your stay at Victoria Regia, located in the exclusive La Cabrera neighborhood just steps from exciting nightlife, restaurants, and shops. The property has been awarded numerous accolades, including Forbes Travel Guide 2018 Star Award and Les Clefs d’Or—the most prestigious concierge award in the world.

INTERCONTINENTAL MEDELLÍN
Escape to tropical tranquility within the city of eternal spring as you embrace this property’s breathtaking views of Medellín and its surrounding mountains. A leading luxury hotel for over 40 years, it’s the preferred choice for celebrities and foreign dignitaries.
Relax and rejuvenate at the expansive outdoor heated pool, or sip a beverage and delight in wood oven creations at the on-site restaurant, Fogon de Piedra.

HOTEL CHARLESTON SANTA TERESA
Renowned as Cartagena’s best boutique hotel and one of the premier 5-star luxury hotels in Colombia, it offers endless scenery, from the dramatic coastline to its historic cloisters.
Located within the walled city in a building dating back to the late 16th century, this property—which was originally a convent—has been painstakingly converted into a modern hotel providing the ultimate in luxury, comfort, and service.

Your Travel Director
Your Orbridge Travel Director will infuse your journey with a local’s knowledge and pride of place, and a travel aficionado’s ability to impart the traditions and beauty to your discoveries in Colombia.
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Option 1: Reserve online now at uchicago.orbridge.com or call (866) 639-0079.

Option 2: Secure your reservation with a deposit charged to the credit card below, or with an enclosed check payable to: Orbridge, LLC.

GUEST INFORMATION:

Guest #1 Name (Title/Salutation): ____________________________
Email: _______________________________________________________________________
Home Phone: ____________________________ Alt. Phone: ____________________________
Address: _______________________________________________________________________
City: ____________________________ State: _______ Zip: ____________________________
Affiliation/Grad Year: ____________________________

Guest #2 Name (Title/Salutation): ____________________________
Email: _______________________________________________________________________
Home Phone: ____________________________ Alt. Phone: ____________________________
Affiliation/Grad Year: ____________________________

DEPOSIT:

# _________ guests joining program ($850/person) = TOTAL DEPOSIT: $ _________

DEPOSIT PAYMENT:

q Check Enclosed  q Online Check/ACH  q MasterCard/Visa  q American Express  q Discover
Card #: ____________ Exp. Date: _________ CVV: _________
Name: _______________________________________________________________________
Name (as printed on card):
Billing Address (if different from above): _______________________________________________________________________
City: ____________________________ State: _______ Zip: ____________________________
Affiliation/Grad Year: ____________________________

Signature: ____________________________ Date: ____________________________
Mail or fax reservation form and deposit to: Orbridge
P.O. Box 10339, Bainbridge Island, WA 98110
Fax: (206) 452-5655

Registration, Deposits and Final Payment. To confirm and secure your reservation, a deposit of $850 per person and $500 per person per pre-tour and/or post-tour is due at the time of registration, payable by check, automated clearing house (ACH), money order, wire transfer of same day U.S. funds, or major credit card. Final payment, including any pre-tour and/or post-tour and optional excursion(s) fee(s), is payable by check, ACH, money order, or wire transfer of same day U.S. funds, and is due for no later than 90 days prior to the scheduled program departure date. If your reservation is made between the final payment due date and the date the program starts, the entire cost of the program, including any extension(s) and optional(s), is due at the time of registration by check, money order, or wire transfer of same day U.S. funds. Final payments made by credit card are subject to a 2% transaction fee. If final payment is not received by Orbridge by the final payment due date, Orbridge may, at any time and with or without notice, cancel your reservation in its sole discretion with no right of refund. All payments we receive from you are herein defined as “Payments.”

Cancellations and Refunds. All cancellations must be submitted to Orbridge in writing and will be subject to a cancellation fee as follows: (a) if the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge 275 or more calendar days prior to the program’s scheduled departure date, all deposits will be fully refunded; (b) if the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge between 274 and 151 days prior to the scheduled departure date, the Cancellation Fee will be $500 per person per program and $300 per person per program for any pre-tour and/or post-tour; (c) if the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge between 150 days prior to the scheduled departure date and the day before the final payment due date, the Cancellation Fee will be the full deposit per person per program including any pre-tour and/or post-tour; (d) if the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge on the final payment due date or closer to the scheduled departure date, the Cancellation Fee will be the full program price. In addition to and not in lieu of the foregoing, a Cancellation Fee equal to 100% of the carrier charge applies to all non-refundable airfares due to your cancellation made at any time prior to the scheduled program departure date, as applicable. Refunds, if any, of any Payments in excess of the aggregate Cancellation Fee shall be processed within 30 calendar days of our receipt of your written notice.

For questions about the program, contact Sarah Eichhorn at (773) 702-2150 or (800) 955-0065. For reservations, please call Orbridge at (866) 639-0079.

If we have read, understand, and agree to the full Terms & Conditions at terms.orbridge.com and detailed in program documents; and that Orbridge LLC is authorized to charge my credit card above and/or take my/our deposit for this program.

Registration form must be completed and deposit received by: March 1, 2020

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