

# MAGIC OF COLOMBIA

## RIO MAGDALENA

WITH DICK AND LESLIE WEST



Join Dick and Leslie West and embrace the Magic of Colombia as you explore the "Land of a Thousand Rhythms" and its magnificent Magdalena River during this special 7-night river cruise journey. Move to the beat of a variety of Latin American musical styles including cumbia and vallenato, reveling in exciting performances at a colorful Carnival experience in Barranquilla just for AmaWaterways guests. Drink the smooth, refined flavors of Medellín's famous coffee as you listen to the calls of tropical birds and wildlife unique to Colombia's biodiverse ecosystem. Discover timeless traditions practiced by the friendly guides, welcoming residents, and creative minds who comprise part of Colombia's diverse population.



### DATES:

2026: JUNE 7-17

**SHIP - AMA MELODIA – SUNDAY**  
(7-NIGHT CRUISE ONLY WEDNESDAY JUNE 10)

**DURATION: 11 DAYS/10 NIGHTS**

**BEGIN: MEDELLIN**  
**EMBARK: BARRANQUILLA**  
**DISEMBARK: CARTAGENA**

**FROM: \$4,149\***

**With Free Medellin Land Tour**

**Save \$1,560**

**\*BOOK BY MAR 31, 2026**

**COUNTRIES VISITED: COLOMBIA**

**RIVERS: RIO MAGDALENA**

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1 – MEDELLIN - HOTEL CHECK-IN

Arrive in the city of Medellín, the second largest city in Colombia. Named the most innovative city in the world by the Urban Land Institute in 2013, this fascinating city combines modern conveniences with colonial history. Check into your hotel and enjoy your first night in this unique city.

### DAY 2 – MEDELLIN - MEDELLÍN CITY TOUR

Though the city was once known for violent campaigns, Medellín has undergone impressive social transformations, and you will get to examine the drastic differences as you tour one of the city's neighborhoods. Once a setting of political corruption's influence on the city, the neighborhood has now been elevated to a place of strengthened community, music and art. See this vibrant atmosphere for yourself on your guided tour. (B)

### DAY 3 – MEDELLIN - COFFEE REGION TOUR & TASTING

The region's ideal climate and soil conditions, combined with the skill and passion of local farmers, make for a unique and delicious coffee experience, which you can learn about and enjoy for yourself during a guided excursion. Before the majority of coffee farms moved south, the state of Antioquia was where coffee growth in Colombia first began, planting the seed of tradition and culture strongly in this region. The coffee beans grown in Medellín are known for their rich and complex flavor profiles, with notes of dark chocolate, caramel, and berries. This delightful coffee is also certified by organizations such as the Rainforest Alliance, which ensures that the coffee is grown in a sustainable and environmentally friendly way. (B)



### DAY 4 – MEDELLIN - FLIGHT TO BARRANQUILLA – EMBARKATION - EXCLUSIVE “CARNAVAL” CELEBRATION

Fly to the beautiful city of Barranquilla and settle into your stateroom as you prepare for your journey along the Magdalena River. In the evening, enjoy a special Carnival celebration, bringing the full traditional experience exclusively to AmaWaterways' guests all-year round. Widely considered one of Colombia's most important folkloric celebrations, the Carnival of Barranquilla has also been declared a UNESCO Masterpiece of Oral and Intangible

Heritage of Humanity, and you will get to revel in this truly authentic experience as you learn the Carnival's motto: Quien lo vive, es quien lo goza (Those who live it are those who enjoy it).



### DAY 5 - SITIO NUEVO VILLAGE TOUR

Today, visit a local village along the river. While here, explore this village and learn more about the lives of its people during a guided tour. Enjoy the traditional crafts and art that are on display and taste the local delicacies as you embrace this village and its unique culture. (B, L, D)

### DAY 6 – MAGANGUE - NATURE EXCURSION - MOMPOX EXCLUSIVE JAZZ STREET PERFORMANCE

Experience the vibrant sounds and sights of Colombian nature from one of our intimate excursion boats as you immerse yourself in the wild beauty of Boca de Tacaloa (the mouth of Tacaloa) – a striking natural wonder surrounded by rich landscapes, local legend and untamed energy in the Magangué region. This nature tour offers a rare opportunity to encounter fascinating species, such as beautiful birds that are unique to this region of the country, making for an unforgettable immersion in wildlife. Then, enjoy scenic cruise en route to the island town of Mompox. There you will be welcomed with open arms and lively music as local musicians treat you to an exclusive jazz performance. (B, L, D)

### DAY 7 – MOMPOX - NATURE EXPERIENCE - HISTORIC WALKING TOUR WITH TUK TUK RIDE - FILIGREE WORKSHOP

A town frozen in time, Mompox embodies the appearance of what many villages looked like during colonial times. Founded in 1540, this remote village became an important Spanish trading post. Some Spaniards found Mompox to be a haven for keeping gold and other treasure protected from the pirates that pillaged coastal cities like Cartagena, and with this precious metal and the work of skilled artisans from Spain came beautifully crafted artifacts. Since then, the town has become famous for its incredible filigree jewelry, which you can learn more about during your tour of this town. While visiting the largest inland island in Latin America, journey through the beautiful wetlands, exploring the massive lake that is home to a variety of flora and fauna native to the region, with opportunities to birdwatch at sunrise, early morning and sunset. In either the morning or the afternoon, you can choose to take a stroll through this storied town on a guided tour beginning with a tuk-tuk ride from Plaza de San Francisco, visiting

key landmarks. You may also visit a filigree workshop in either the morning or afternoon, witnessing the intricate jewelry artistry that defines Mompox's renowned craftsmanship. With stunning colonial churches, breathtaking nature surrounding the town, and delicious local delights such as capa cheese and butifarra, Mompox is sure to be a highlight of your journey along the magnificent Magdalena River. (B, L, D)



**DAY 8 – MOMPOX - SCENIC CRUISING THROUGH THE LA MOJANA REGION - EXCLUSIVE CUMBIA PERFORMANCE - SANTA BARBARA DE PINTO - "TRADITIONS OF PINTO" EXPERIENCE**

Bid farewell to Mompox before embarking on a scenic cruise. Later, embark on one of our private excursion boats to visit Santa Barbara de Pinto, a typical Magdalena riverside village. Enjoy an immersive tour of the town that includes learning the traditional craft of fishing net weaving and watching skilled artisans hand roll tobacco. You will also visit a historic church. Plus, shop for intricate handmade wares crafted by local townspeople while delighting in the pastel-toned Spanish architecture throughout the town. If you prefer a more active adventure, exploring the natural beauty surrounding this riverside town on a guided hike through its lush landscapes. Later in the day, we will invite on board 20 local families from El Banco who are keepers of La Cumbia – the soul of Colombian music and the heart of this region. You will have the chance to experience this cultural treasure firsthand, right on board, with authentic music, stories and celebration. (B, L, D)



**DAY 9 – CALAMAR - SCENIC CRUISING - HISTORIC TOUR BY PAOLA - PALENQUE CULTURAL EXPERIENCE**

In the morning, board a paola (a bicycle taxi for two) for a historic tour of Calamar, starting with a scenic ride along the Malecon to the House of Culture. Later, depart Calamar and cruise to Mahates, your gateway to the town of Palenque, the first “free town” in the Americas. Founded by those who fled a life of slavery during colonial times, the spirit and appearance of this town has been preserved through time. In 1713, the Spanish crown issued a Royal Decree that officially freed the people of Palenque from slavery. Immerse yourself in the town's deeply rooted culture and traditions, from symbolic hairstyles to ancestral medicine, which are so distinct that UNESCO declared Palenque to be a Masterpiece of the Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity. You will also visit a local home during this excursion. An important piece of Palenque's heritage is the music and rhythmic style that was developed in this city, which you will enjoy during a special that brings the town's spirit to life. (B, L, D)

**DAY 10 – CARTAGENA - WALLED CITY TOUR  
SAN FELIPE CASTLE AND GETSEMANÍ TOUR**

Take the day to delight in the beautiful coastal city of Cartagena. Many Spaniards flocked to this location when they heard tales of gold found in the tombs of indigenous leaders, expanding this small port into a thriving city. Start your day with a tour the city, you may witness iconic landmarks such as the Catedral de Cartagena or the stone walls built to protect the city from the plundering of pirates. In the afternoon, witness the incredible UNESCO-designated San Felipe Castle, the fortress that defended Cartagena from French and British attacks. You will also enjoy a tour through the breathtaking Getsemaní neighborhood. With the vibrant colors of the homes and street art as well as the mouthwatering local delicacies that can be found throughout the area, this historic neighborhood will delight all your senses.



**DAY 11 – CARTAGENA - DISEMBARKATION**

Bid your ship and crew farewell as you disembark and prepare for your flight home. Or stay on to explore more of Colombia!



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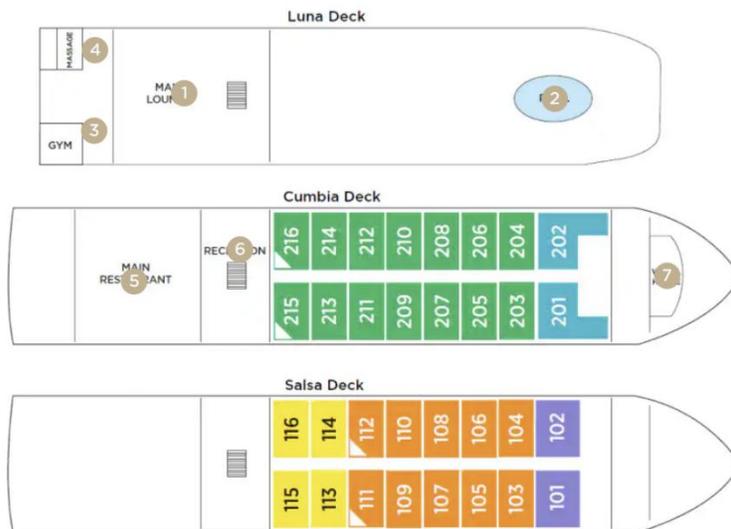
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**\*FREE MEDELLIN LAND TOUR - BOOK BY MAR 31, 2026**

**TECHNICAL DATA**

Length-223 feet  
 Width-43 feet  
 Crew-30  
 Staterooms-32  
 Passengers-64  
 Registry-Colombia

Cruise in luxury along Colombia’s magnificent Magdalena River on board our stunning newly designed AmaMelodia, an intimate 64-passenger ship designed to maximize your views along this special waterway. Take in spectacular views from the twin balconies (French balcony and outside balcony) within your spacious stateroom, where accommodations range from 237 sq. ft. to 306 sq. ft. in our luxury suites. Taste exquisite, locally inspired Latin American cuisine and Western favorites within the Main Restaurant, enjoy an intimate al fresco specialty dining experience and tap your foot along to live music and more each evening within the Main Lounge. For the ultimate in relaxation, soothe your muscles in the luna-deck pool or treat yourself to a massage.



*Award Winning Dining*

Witness the wonders of the Magdalena River from the comfort of your luxurious stateroom. Filled with amenities and featuring AmaWaterways' signature twin balconies, your spacious stateroom will provide you unparalleled comfort and a stunning view to wake up to every morning.



*Luna Deck*

Soak up some rays or take a dip in our refreshing pool as we cruise the Magdalena River past charming villages and breathtaking landscapes.



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