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This country is completely different from the one I had in my head. When I got to know it, I thought, "Why didn't I come before?". You have to be here to know that this is a country full of natural treasures that challenge anyone's imagination. How can you not stay to live in a country where an immersion is enough to enjoy one of the most beautiful underwater scenes in the world? Its extensive coral platform, its exotic fauna and flora will remain in your memory forever.

Daniel Fiorio, italian in love with Colombia.

COLOMBIA

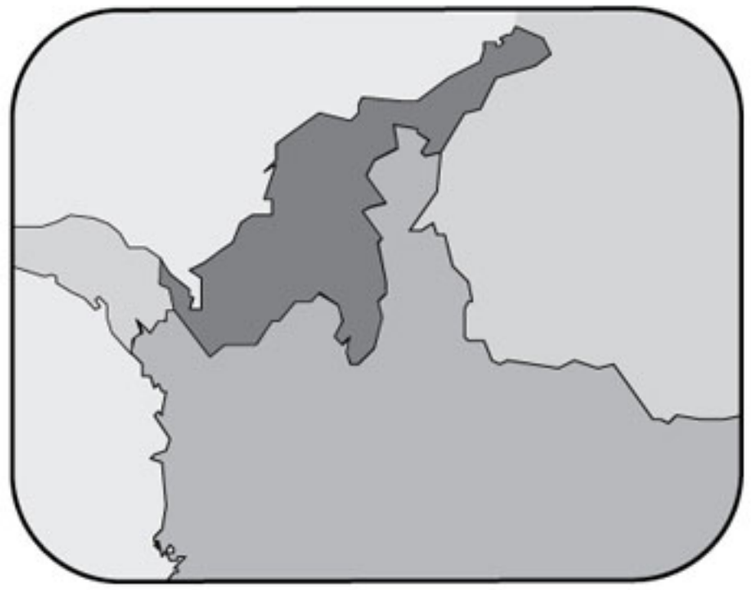
"ONE DESTINATION, TWO WORLDS TO DISCOVER."

Colombia is a tropical country located on the northwestern corner of South America. Its land surface covers an area of 1,141,788 km²; its maritime domains cover 928,660 km², 339,500 in the Pacific Ocean and 598,160 in the Caribbean Sea.

Colombia is one of the marvels of the diving world due to the excellent characteristics of its two oceans, considered veritable "living laboratories". The wealth of their vegetation and the unique adaptations of their living beings have fostered a wealth of endemic species.

Diving in Colombia entails visits to national natural parks, flora and fauna sanctuaries, extended virgin beaches, rainforests, and villages and Indian communities that preserve their ancestral traditions.

THE CARIBBEAN COAST



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"A sea of a thousand colors, white beaches,
a coral bottom, and an infinity of possibilities".

VISIBILITY: 20 - 40 M
TEMPERATURE: 24° - 28° CELSIUS
RECOMMENDED DIVING SUIT: 3MM
TYPES OF DIVING: SHORE DIVING, CANOE, BOAT,
AND SAILBOAT DIVING (WHILE LIVING ON BOARD).

CARTAGENA, BARÚ, CORALES DEL ROSARIO AND SAN BERNARDO NATIONAL NATURAL PARK

Not far from the most beautiful and magical city in the country - declared a World Historical Site by UNESCO - is the National Natural Park of Corales del Rosario and San Bernardo, where several ecosystems meet and mangroves, sea grasses, and reefs are characterized by their diversity, size, and color.

Crab Cay

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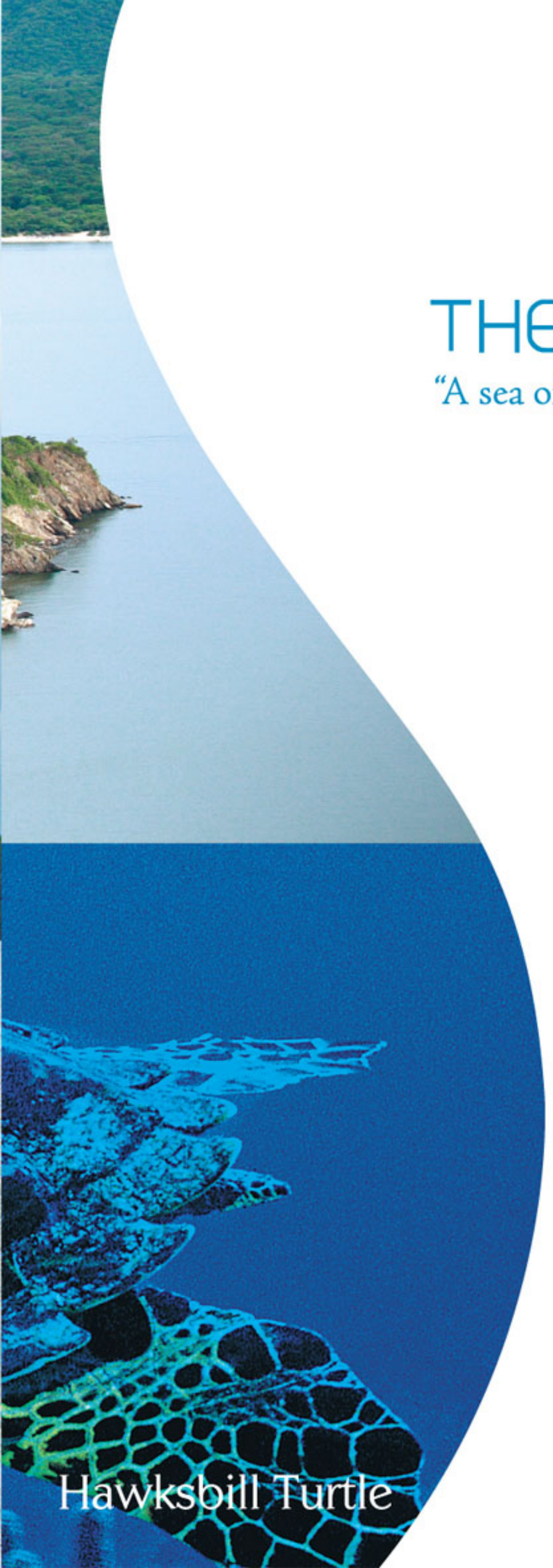

Hawksbill Turtle

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SANTA MARTA, TAGANGA, TAYRONA PARK

At the foothills of the SIERRA NEVADA, the cradle of great ancient civilizations that refuse to disappear, are several of the loveliest spots in our blue Colombia: the bays of Santa Marta, Taganga, Concha, Chengue, Gayraca, Neguange, Cinto, Guachaquita and Palmarito. Together they give shape to a fascinating environment shared by a host of marine species. Fauna of all sizes, down to tiny seahorses, accompanies the diver during his or her immersions. Some underwater areas are quite placid, while others are distinguished by strong currents that require expertise on the part of the diver.

GULF OF MORROSQUILLO

The coast of this gulf is part of the Caribbean Plains. The archipelago nearby is composed of eight islands and a few islets, all of them the upper parts of an ancient barrier reef. Most of the population is of African ancestry. The islands of Ceycén, Tintipán, and Múcura have the best reefs and diving spots. Cat sharks, yellow sharks, large and small fish in a multitude of colors, dolphins, and turtles are the diver's main companions.

Providencia underwater
Courtesy of Doug Gueldner

San Andrés Panoramic View
Courtesy of Doug Gueldner

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SAN ANDRÉS AND PROVIDENCIA

These white-sanded islands inhabited by friendly, courteous people are the largest islands in Colombia.

San Andrés boasts magnificent diving scenarios in very good condition. Over 35 diving sites include sunken ships, cliffs, and caves. In addition to the advantages of good visibility and pleasant water temperature, the fauna varies greatly in size and color.

Further north, the islands of Providencia and Santa Catalina offer divers a complex reef for un unequalled adventure in the so-called 'sea of seven colors'. The mountains of the islands have a volcanic origin and are rife with springs of fresh water, some of which bubble up from the sea bottom.

Roncos

Diving in San Andrés
Courtesy of Doug Gueldner

THE PACIFIC COAST

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"Large pelagics, migration of hump-backed whales and a place where the tropical rainforest joins the sea".

Nuquí

VISIBILITY: 15 - 30 M
TEMPERATURE: 22° - 26° CELSIUS
RECOMMENDED DIVING SUIT: 3 - 5 MM
TYPES OF DIVING: SHORE DIVING, CANOE, BOAT, AND SAILBOAT DIVING (WHILE LIVING ON BOARD)

NUQUÍ

Nuquí is a small village embedded in a tropical jungle where clear waters and the Pacific Ocean make it a paradisial destination.

The sea here has a rocky bottom. The marine fauna is large, and huge schools of fish may be observed frequently.

The best season coincides with the arrival of the agallada sardine between april and june. An additional attraction is to accompany the locals to fish from their canoes and sell their catch in the midst of the sea.

Hammerhead Shark

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Malpelo Island
Courtesy of Fundación Malpelo

MALPELO FAUNA AND FLORA SANCTUARY

The island of Malpelo is a peak of a volcanic underwater mountain range whose walls plunge to depths of up to 4,000 meters along the Colombian Pacific Coast. The Sanctuary of Malpelo was declared a World Natural Heritage Site by UNESCO in 2006 on account of its impressive bio-physical and natural attributes. Malpelo's characteristics have long attracted the attention of photographers and documentary film-makers. Knowledgeable divers consider it one of the best diving spots in the world.

Groups of yellow, silky, and Galápagos shark may be seen frequently. Malpelo is also one of the few places in the world where the deep-water Odontaspis ferox shark may be observed regularly. Whale sharks, devil manta rays, marine mammals and schools of pelagic fish also make frequent appearances.

Hump-backed whale

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GORGONA

A national natural park composed of islands and islets where divers submerge into a seemingly endless space. During the day, they contrast sharply with the coral, the sand, and the rocks sculpted by currents. They can enter the caves and hiding places of dolphins. At night they blend into a marine show staged by turtles and the hundreds of species that guard the islands.

BAHÍA SOLANO, THE VALLEY AND THE COVE OF UTRÍA.

The Gulf of Cupica is located on the northernmost tip of the Colombian Pacific Coast. This was probably the place of entry for the first settlers of the South American continent.

The Baudó mountain range runs parallel to the coast. It is a chain of mountains that extends its arms into the sea in numerous places and turns into a series of immense rocky reefs with branches and isolated patches of coral. Diving sites have been registered for divers of all levels. The most novel attraction is the sunken ship Sebastián de Belalcázar, now a mansion of huge grouper and snapper fish.

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