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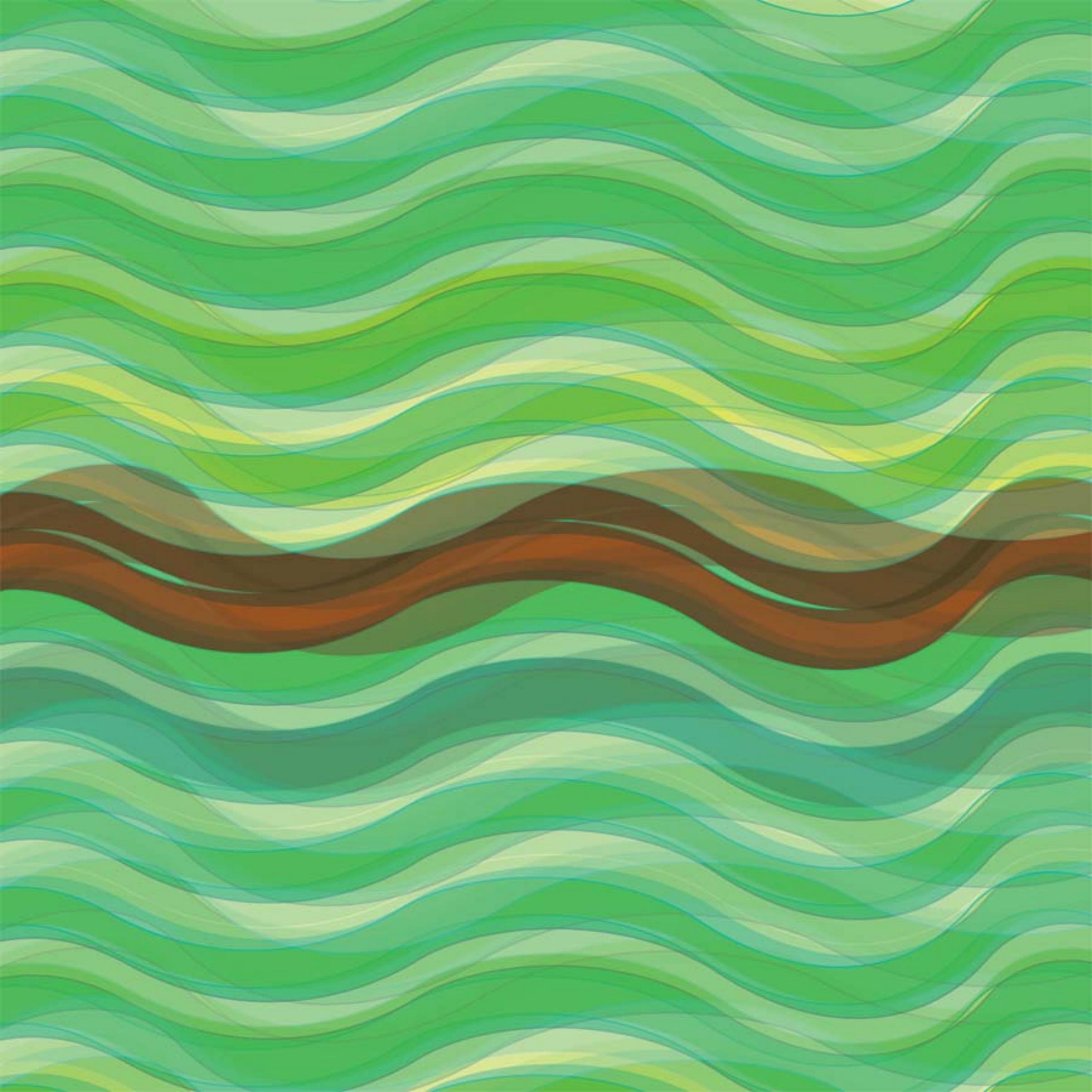


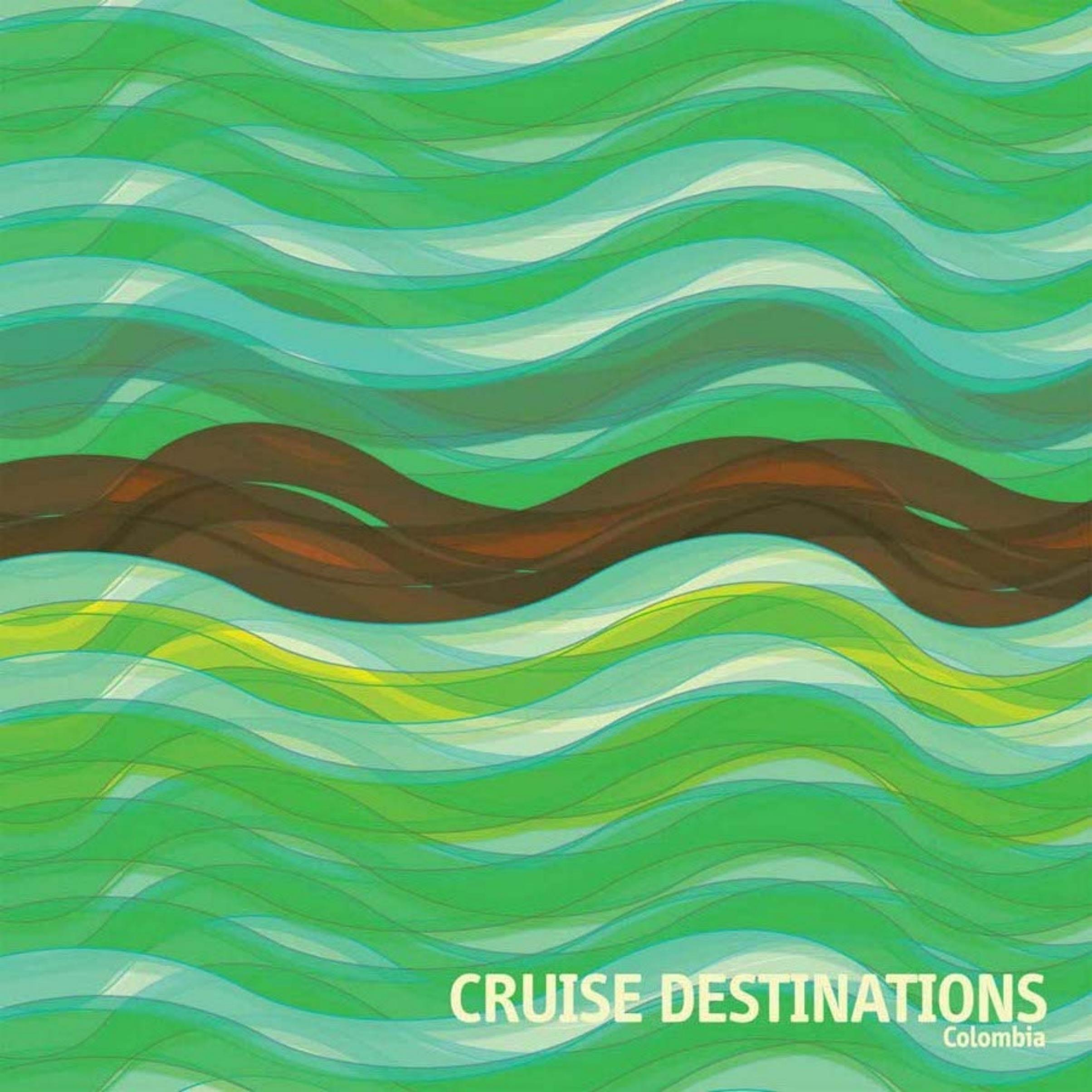
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CRUISE DESTINATIONS

  
Colombia  
*is passion!*

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**CRUISE DESTINATIONS**  
Colombia

One December day I arrived in Santa Marta, a marvelous place on the Colombian Caribbean coast. Since then, I cannot conceive of living anywhere else. How can you not stay to live in a place that combines magic and history in one of the most beautiful cities in the world?

## Testimonial



# Parque Tayrona Santa Marta

Johan Ilsen  
Belgian in love  
with Colombia



There is a country that dreams to show the world its real face. A country full of colors, flavours, beautiful people and landscapes you never knew existed. A country of passionate people for life waiting for you with open arms. Colombia is passion all over, come and see it with your own eyes.

Located in northwestern South America, bordered to the east by Venezuela and Brazil, to the south by Ecuador and Peru, to the North by the Caribbean Sea, and to the west by Panama and the Pacific Ocean. Colombia's prime location allows its destinations to be a great port of call to any Panama Canal and Southern Caribbean itineraries.

Our cruise destinations provide a variety of experiences to cruise passengers, from the vibrant contemporary city of **Cartagena de Indias** with an intriguing history, to **Santa Marta**, the magical and oldest city on continental America where Indian cultural heritage, and an extraordinary diversity of landscapes and beaches are mixed together. And finally, **San Andres, Providencia and Santa Catalina Islands**, provide a relaxing and unique landscape of beaches which blends with the exotic vegetation of this virgin islands.

# CARTAGENA DE INDIAS HISTORY

Located 1,000 miles and 2 hours by air from Miami, FL, Cartagena de Indias was discovered by Rodrigo de Bastidas in 1503 during his exploration of the Atlantic coast of what is now Colombia. The city was built with incomparable architecture, barrier and walled defenses, which were designed to protect the city from the attacks of pirates, these are the largest military constructions built by the Spaniards in the Americas and are nowadays one of the most identifiable symbols that surround the beautiful colonial city. Because of this history, UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization), named Cartagena de Indias a World Heritage Site in 1984. Cartagena de Indias, has a population of more than 1 million people and 94% of its territory is urban. It is the safest city, the leading tourist destination, and the fourth-ranked industrial city of the country; and has consolidated its position as the leading container and cruise port in Colombia, as well as one of the largest in the Caribbean and the north coast of South America.

## CARTAGENA DE INDIAS FORTIFICATIONS

The Castle of San Felipe de Barajas, the largest fortress built by the Spaniards in South America.  
The walls around the Old City (*Las Murallas*);  
The undersea wall across Bocagrande built between 1771 and 1778; and the forts of San Jose and San Fernando.

## SPANISH COLONIAL BUILDINGS

- **The Palace of the Inquisition**, Cartagena de Indias was the third and final site of the New World Spanish Inquisition. In this place hundreds of witches and other heretics were tortured and executed.
- **Every church** in Cartagena de Indias is worth visiting, the Cathedral, San Pedro Claver and Santo Domingo are among the most frequented.
- **The Convent of Santa Clara and Santa Teresa**. Previously convents, today they serve as five star hotels.
- **Las Bovedas Quarter (Old Dungeons)**. This Military Quarter was used as lodging site for the troops, military provisions and stores. Currently it is a market, with handcrafts from all over the country.
- **The Clock Tower**. Built in the XVIII Century, this tower rises above the main gate to enter the walled city. Today it is the symbol of Cartagena de Indias.
- **Heredia Theater**. Built in 1911, today it is a center for the arts and cultural events.
- **La Popa Monastery**. Founded by the Agustinos Descalzos Recoletos group in 1607, today is a site of devotion and pilgrimage.
- **The Monument to the Old Shoes** is a beautiful allegory of Cartagena de Indias.

## A GLIMPSE OF WHAT TO DO

### PORT OF CARTAGENA DE INDIAS

The Port of Cartagena de Indias is managed by the **Sociedad Portuaria Regional de Cartagena de Indias**. With over 12 years of experience and strategically located within the urban area of the city, the port provides the cruise lines the latest technology and excellent services for the inland logistics including:

- The Cruise Ship Terminal is located in a large, well protected bay with 45' depths.
- The access channel is 150 meters wide, well marked and lighted.
- Offers 8 docking positions with no size restrictions; capable of receiving all current cruise vessels.
- Provides many different types of services including but not limited to drinking water, waste disposal, provisioning and bunkers.
- The Cruise Ship Terminal is located less than two miles from the old city, five miles from the Rafael Nuñez International Airport, and near the major tourist attractions and main shopping areas.
- Also available at the port: Duty Free Store and shopping area, Juan Valdez coffee store, restaurant, information booth, independent city tours, telephones and internet access.
- The Port provides services 24 hours a day all year round.





# SAN FELIPE CARTAGENA DE INDIAS CASTLE

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# PANORAMIC VIEW

CARTAGENA DE INDIAS

# SANTA MARTA

## HISTORY

Located on the northeastern of the Caribbean coast of Colombia and at the foot of the highest coastal mountain range in the world, "La Sierra Nevada", Santa Marta has a dry climate with an average temperature of 82°F and a population of 410,309 friendly people.

Founded in 1525 by Spanish conqueror Rodrigo de Bastidas, was the first city to be founded in Colombia and second in South America after Cumana (1521) in Venezuela. Set against the backdrop of the Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta, this city is one of great contrast providing visitors a mix of history, Native American cultural heritage, charming people and an extraordinary diversity of landscapes and beaches.

TAGANGA  
SANTA MARTA



# A GLIMPSE OF WHAT TO DO

- **Quinta de San Pedro Alejandrino:** An 18th century villa where the Liberator Simon Bolivar died in 1830. Today the villa is divided in three main tourist attractions: the main house, the Bolivarian Museum of Contemporary Arts, and the Tayrona Museum.
- **The Cathedral:** A national monument built in 1766.
- **La Casa de la Aduana (Customs House):** This is the oldest house in America, built in 1530. Today it hosts the Tayrona Museum.
- **Madame Agustine House:** A jewel of the colonial architecture.
- **Visit the parks and the old town with its beautiful colonial architecture.**
- **Parque Tayrona:** Undeveloped paradise is to be found near Santa Marta, where more than 7,500 acres of land and coast form the bays of Parque Tayrona.
- **Ciudad Perdida, the "Lost City,"** A 14th century city built high in the Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta, at 18,942 feet (5,775 meters), it is one of the largest pre-Columbian towns discovered in the Americas.
- **Pueblito:** also known as Cahirama, it is one of the 200 prehispanic cities discovered near Sierra Nevada and where direct descendants of the ancient inhabitants still reside.
- **Quebrada Valencia:** Majestic waterfall emerging in the middle of the rain forest.
- **Taganga:** An authentic fishing town, it is known as a great place for scuba diving and it has beautiful beaches nearby.

## PORT OF SANTA MARTA

The Santa Marta Maritime terminal is managed by the **Sociedad Portuaria de Santa Marta S.A.** The port provides the cruise lines, the latest technology and excellent services for the inland logistics including:

- Located within the urban area of the city, walking distance from the old city and places of interest.
- The Terminal is located in safe deep waters with 60' of depth.
- Offers 7 docking sites available with prime conditions. With no size restrictions, it is able to receive any cruise vessel.
- Offers the services of drinking water, waste disposal, provisioning and bunkers.
- Also available at the port: Duty Free Store, restaurants, city tours, telephone and internet access, 24 hour a day year-round services.

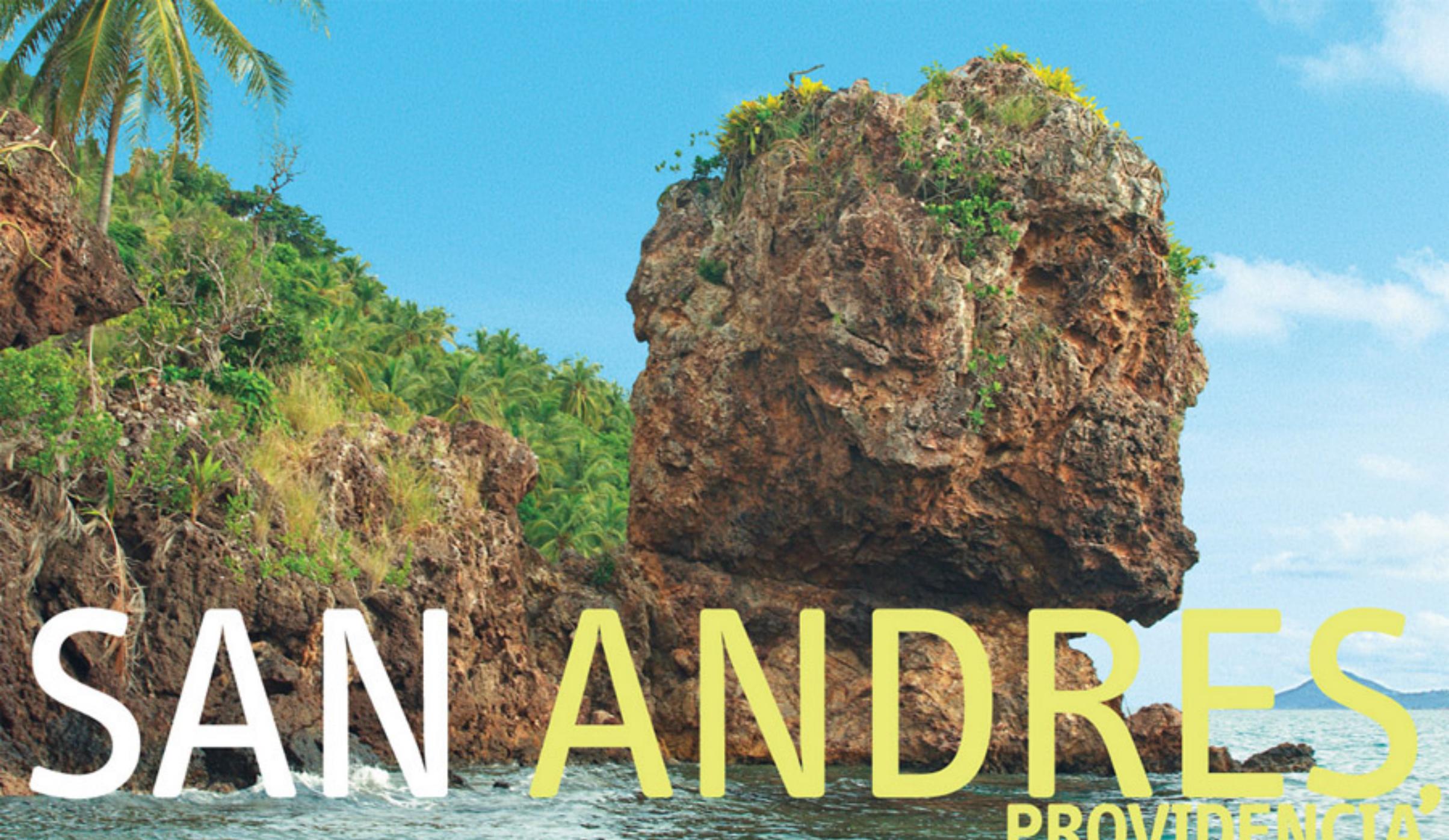


## QUINTA DE SAN PEDRO ALEJANDRINO

ECOHABS  
PARQUE TAYRONA  
SANTA MARTA







# SAN ANDRES, PROVIDENCIA, AND SANTA CATALINA ISLANDS

## HISTORY

San Andres, Providencia and Santa Catalina Islands consist of an archipelago of islands about 480 miles north of Colombia and 140 miles from the Caribbean coast of Nicaragua. San Andres is the main island of the archipelago. Providencia and Santa Catalina are located 60 miles to the north, enclosed by an extensive barrier reef system some 22 miles in length, making it the third largest coral reef in the world.

It has been theorized that the islands were first discovered by Christopher Columbus during his first voyage in 1492. For 200 years control of the islands changed hands several times, falling under the domain of Spain, Britain, France and The Netherlands at various times. The islands were visited often by pirates, among them the English pirate Henry Morgan who used them as a base of operations and, according to legend, as a hideaway for his much acclaimed treasure. In March 28, 1928, Nicaragua and Colombia signed a treaty that states that Nicaragua recognizes Colombian sovereignty over San Andres Island, Providencia Island, Santa Catalina Island, plus small islands and keys around the archipelago.

# GLIMPSE OF WHAT TO DO

- **Dive and snorkel** in several locations. Calm undercurrents, moderate temperatures, and almost limitless visibility make this a prime attraction.
- **Shopping area:** San Andres is considered a **shopping paradise**, where the value added tax is yet unknown, and therefore, not charged to the consumer. In addition, the island has the privilege of being a **free port** allowing visitors to enjoy shopping.
- **Adventure & Sports:** Swimming, horseback riding, parasailing, wind surfing or relaxing on a beach.
- **Blue Wall and Blue Hole:** vertical walls that goes down 300 ft, where you'll see spectacular coral and countless fish.
- **Johnny Cay**, also called Islote Sucre. It offers white sandy beaches, transparent waters and tropical vegetation that represents the essence of San Andres, complete with local music.
- **"El Hoyo Soplador" or Blowing Hole.**
- **La Cueva De Morgan or Morgan's Cave**, The famous pirate Henry Morgan was resident in the archipelago and it was from here that he planned various assaults on galleons laden with gold destined for Europe. It was said that his treasure was hidden in Morgan's Cave, a small deep lake within a cave of coral rock.
- **The aquarium:** an unspoiled natural spot for fish watching.
- **La Loma:** tiny hamlet where traditional island life is found.

## SAN ANDRES PIER

- San Andres offers a Brand New Pier of 2.153 square feet, built in 2005.
- It receives over 20,000 visitors a year from different cruise lines.
- City Tours are offered just outside the pier, the guides and most locals speak fluent English.



THE  
AQUARIUM  
SAN ANDRES



**SEA OF  
7  
COLORS**

**SAN ANDRES,  
PROVIDENCIA  
AND SANTA CATALINA**



# TYPICAL ARQUITECTURE

SAN ANDRES,  
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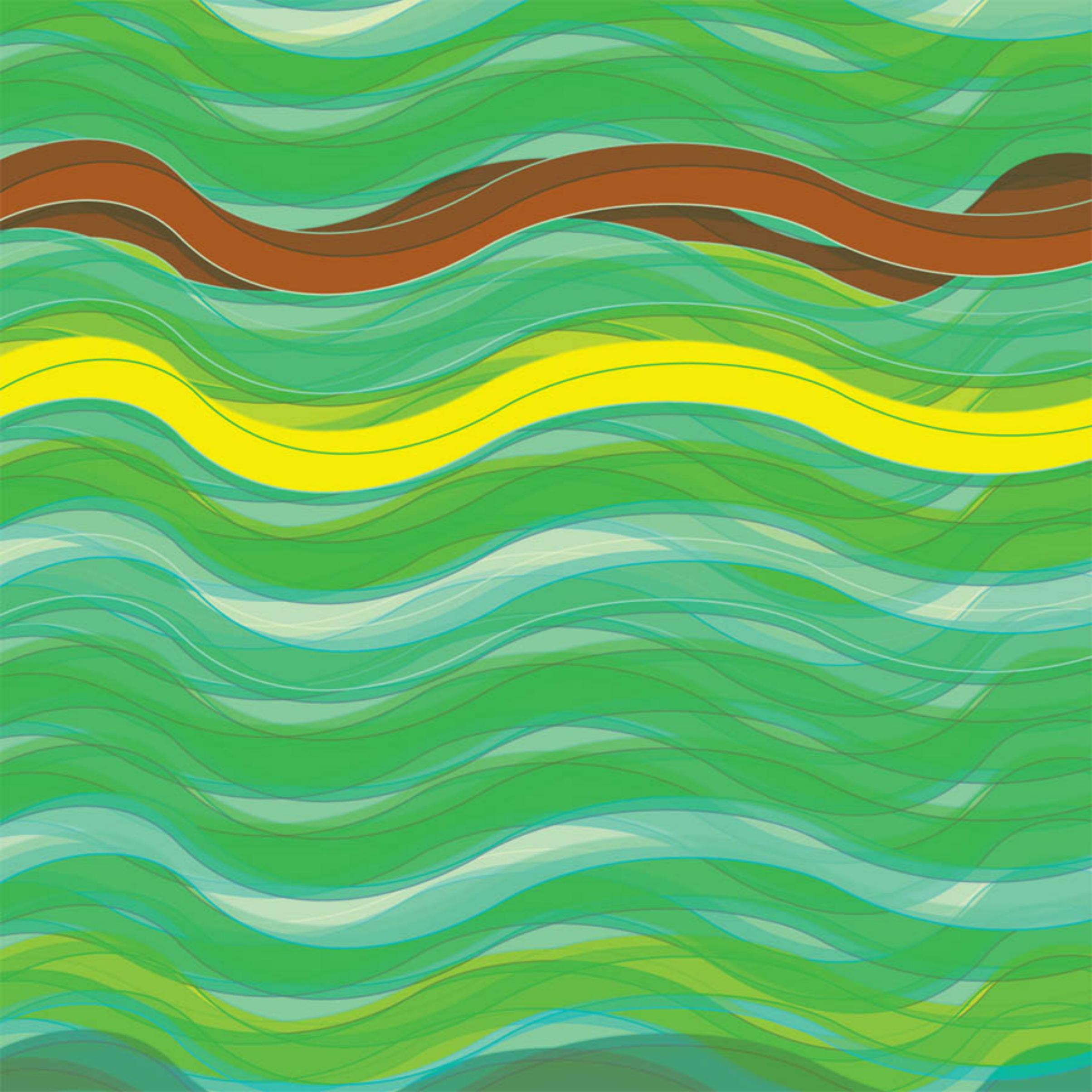
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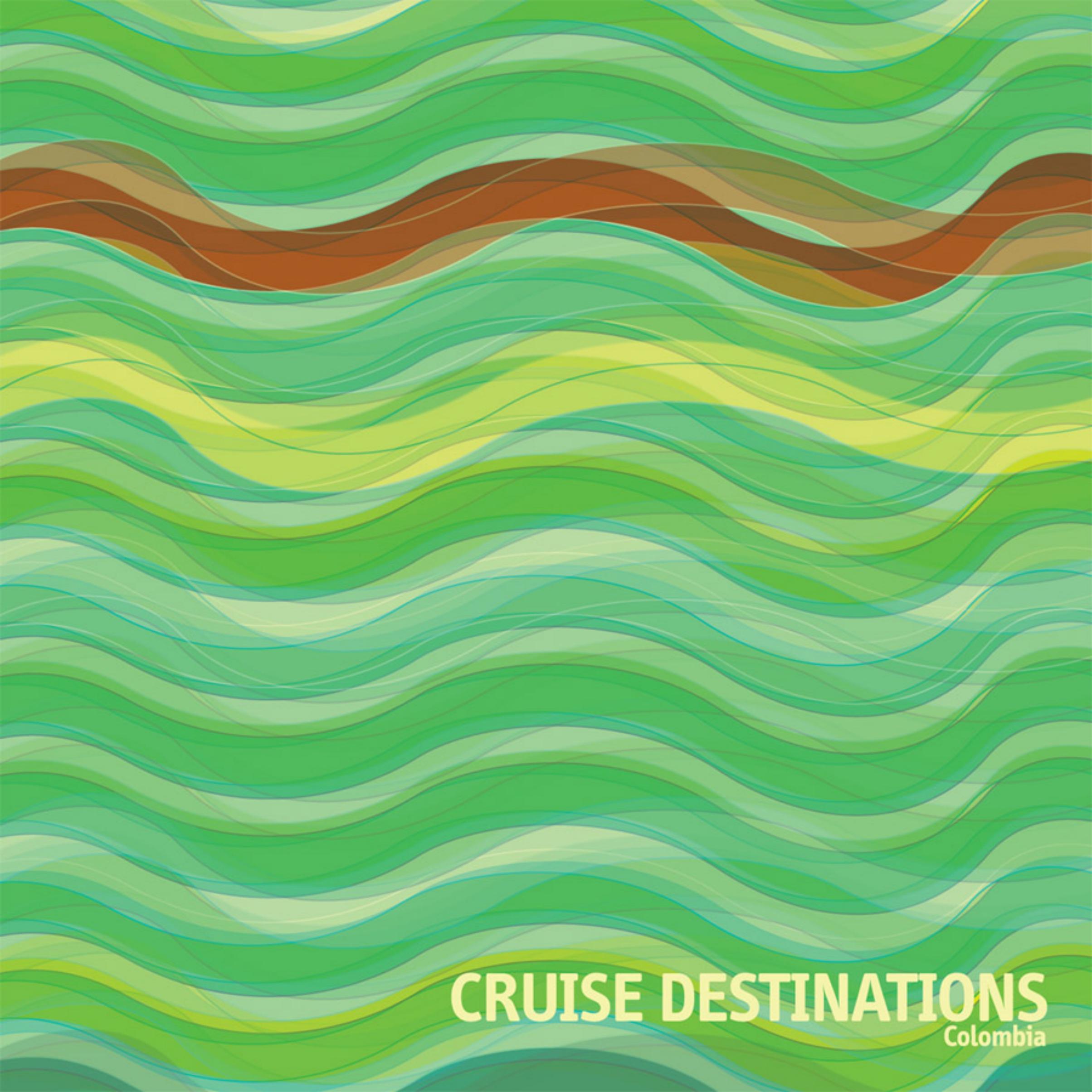
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