



Colombia,
the only risk
is wanting
to stay.

COLOMBIA

Welcome to the country of passion, a land replete with surprises and contrasts, a land that encompasses every tropical environment, from the snow-capped peaks of the Andes Mountains to the warm beaches of the Caribbean Sea, and from the exuberant Amazon rainforest to the arid deserts of La Guajira. Colombia is also a modern and dynamic country that preserves invaluable treasures from its aboriginal and colonial past and whose jovial, hard-working, hospitable people are its main strength.

Villa de Leyva

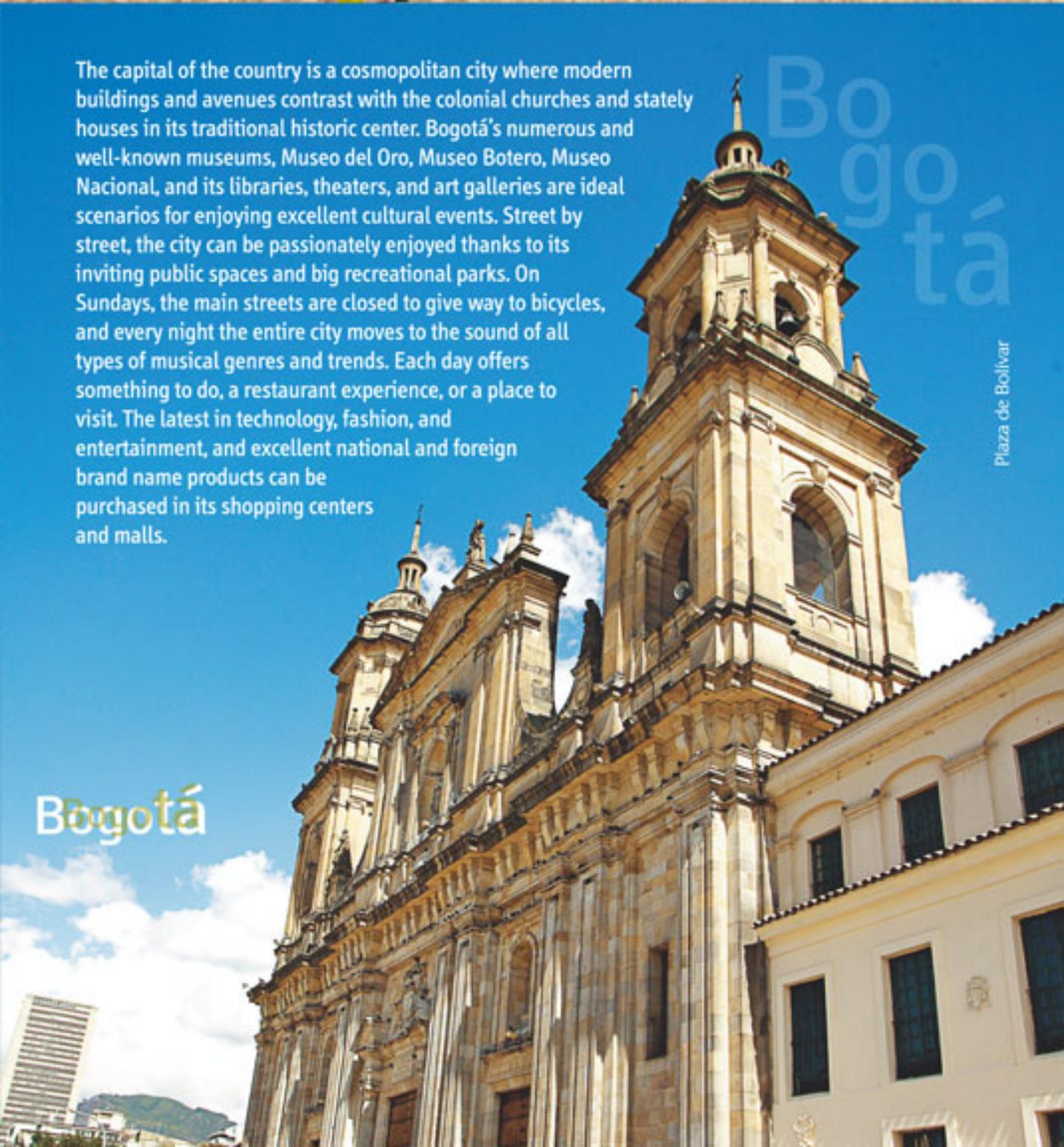
Time seems to have stopped in this quaint village that cordially invites you to go back in history. Old houses and cobble stone streets exert a very particular charm. The huge central plaza, surrounded by the church, restaurants, and handicraft shops, is the driving force behind the life of the town. Allow the magic of lovely Villa de Leyva carry you away! You will not regret it.

The capital of the country is a cosmopolitan city where modern buildings and avenues contrast with the colonial churches and stately houses in its traditional historic center. Bogotá's numerous and well-known museums, Museo del Oro, Museo Botero, Museo Nacional, and its libraries, theaters, and art galleries are ideal scenarios for enjoying excellent cultural events. Street by street, the city can be passionately enjoyed thanks to its inviting public spaces and big recreational parks. On Sundays, the main streets are closed to give way to bicycles, and every night the entire city moves to the sound of all types of musical genres and trends. Each day offers something to do, a restaurant experience, or a place to visit. The latest in technology, fashion, and entertainment, and excellent national and foreign brand name products can be purchased in its shopping centers and malls.

Bogotá

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Plaza de Bolívar



Valle del Cauca



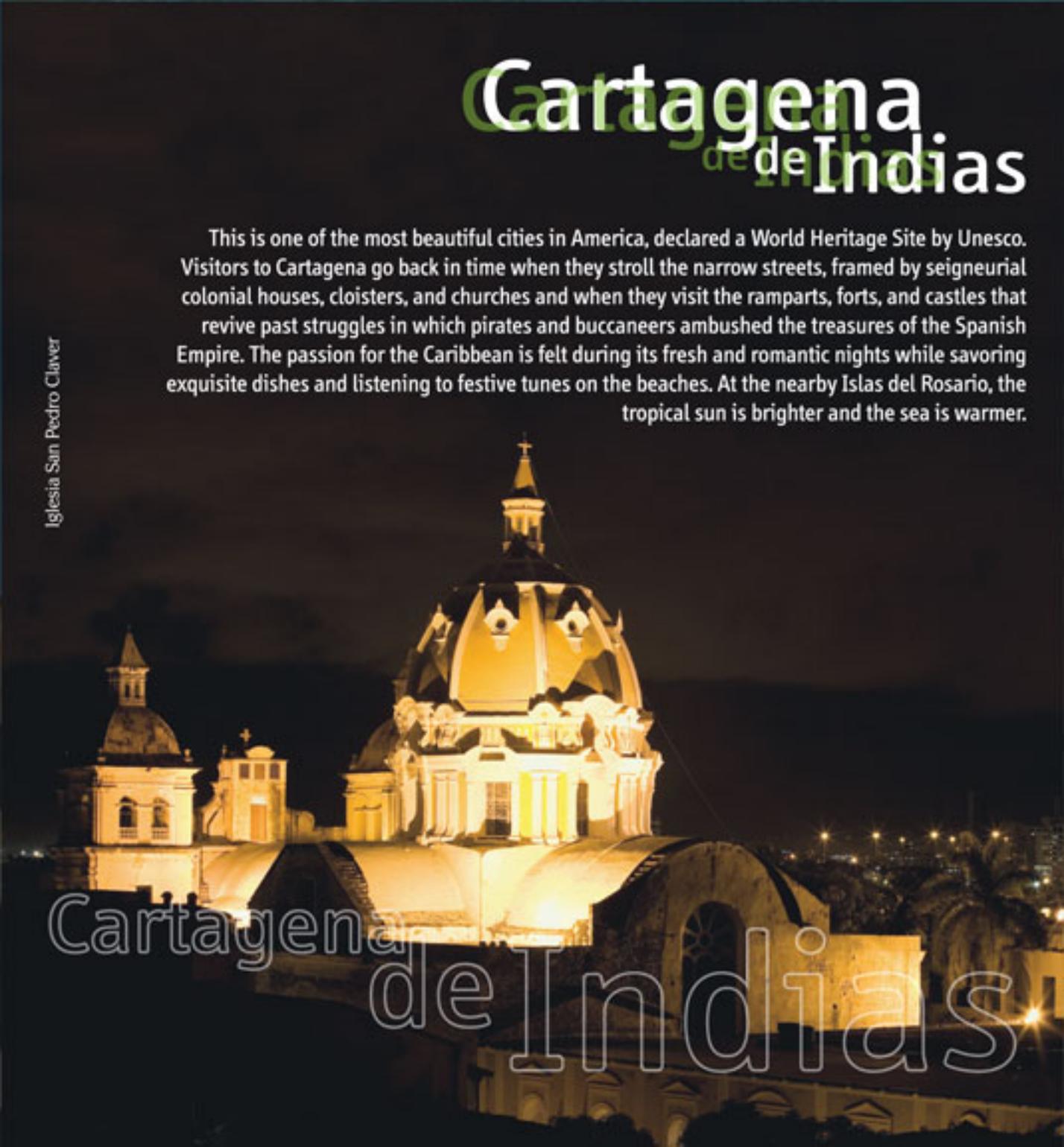
Cali Valle del Cauca

In the warm, fertile valley of the Cauca River in western Colombia, there is this inviting city with wide tree-lined avenues, where modern and old colonial buildings are harmoniously combined. Cali is an industrial development pole thanks to its strategic location on the route to the Pacific Ocean, as well as an urban center, famous for the beauty of its women and its night life enjoyed to the rhythm of salsa. Here, people happily share their passion for music and dancing. Not far from Cali, visitors will find El Paraíso and Cañasgordas, handsome colonial houses that were a source of inspiration for famous Colombian novelists.

Cartagena de Indias

This is one of the most beautiful cities in America, declared a World Heritage Site by Unesco. Visitors to Cartagena go back in time when they stroll the narrow streets, framed by seigneurial colonial houses, cloisters, and churches and when they visit the ramparts, forts, and castles that revive past struggles in which pirates and buccaneers ambushed the treasures of the Spanish Empire. The passion for the Caribbean is felt during its fresh and romantic nights while savoring exquisite dishes and listening to festive tunes on the beaches. At the nearby Islas del Rosario, the tropical sun is brighter and the sea is warmer.

Iglesia San Pedro Claver



Cartagena
de Indias

Santa Marta

Located on one of the loveliest bays of the Caribbean Sea, this city, aside from its historic attractions such as the Quinta de San Pedro Alejandrino, where Liberator Simón Bolívar passed away, is the point of departure for visiting interesting places that awaken a passion for adventure and ecological tourism. Among those interesting places, the *Parque Tayrona* stands out with its pretty coves, archeological sites, the majestic Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta, and the tourist complexes in its surroundings.

Parque Tayrona

santa Marta

The industrial and trade center of the western part of the country is Medellín, a vigorous city with an excellent infrastructure. Its pleasant spring-like weather is ideal for enjoying public spaces such as the Plaza Fernando Botero, which resembles an open air art gallery.

This metropolis has a passion for beauty, fashion, flowers, and design. In addition to its active cultural life, it offers visitors the Museo de Antioquia, the *Colección Botero*, modern recreational centers, and shopping malls where the latest fashion collections and a great variety of articles may be obtained at good prices. Nights are convivial and unforgettable to the tempo of tangos and the warmth of "aguardiente".

Medellín

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San Andrés, Providencia and Santa Catalina

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In the midst of the warm and clear waters of the Caribbean, 700 kilometers away from the continent, there rises an archipelago that evokes a remote past of buccaneer and pirate adventures and now offers the visitor scenes of amazing beauty. San Andrés is a magical island that awakens a passion in all who visit it. Its tourist services are excellent, as well as its active shopping places and extensive beaches of white sand, bordered by palm trees and a balmy sea where many water sports are practiced. Providencia, on the contrary, is a remote island where mountains and beaches offer perfect places for resting and its coral reef is ideal for scuba diving.

In the fertile mountain soils of the central mountain range, farmers in the image of Juan Valdez produce the mildest coffee in the world. From the midst of the coffee plantations emerge the traditional coffee "haciendas", with their colorful architecture and infinity of flowers, where the tourist will find welcoming accommodations from which to depart to visit picturesque villages, spectacular natural environments, such as the Parque Natural de los Nevados, and interesting places like the Parque de la Cultura Cafetera and the Parque de la Cultura Agropecuaria. This is the ideal location for becoming passionate about coffee and Colombia.

Café Triangle

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Amaz zonas

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In the heart of the Amazon jungle, the largest ecological reserve in the world, on the shores of the Amazon River, we find the Colombian port of Leticia, the starting point for getting to know the exuberant tropical rainforest with its infinite variety of species of fauna and flora. Visiting the Parque Natural Amacayacu, with its streams and lakes, where the Victoria Regia, the world's largest water lily grows; touring Indian settlements and observing pink dolphins, jaguars, and anacondas are truly passionate experiences.

Located in the northwestern Colombian Andes Mountains, Santander is one of the departments in Colombia with more passion for historical wealth. Bucaramanga, the capital, is the center of a metropolitan area surrounded by eight cores of regional development. A few kilometers from Bucaramanga, in the jurisdiction of Rionegro, at the site called Galápagos, we find the largest volcano in Santander. San Gil, located on the banks of the Fonce River, is a national monument where the Gallineral Park offers an opportunity for adventurous entertainment in canoeing and other sports. A spectacular landscape can be admired from the Chicamocha Canyon, which comprises the mountainous zone where the Fonce and Suárez Rivers meet. Additionally, it possesses the largest water sports and adventure facility in the country. Last, there is Barichara, a village of cobble-stone streets and wooden balconies, a National Monument since 1975.

Rafting



Santander

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MAP OF COLOMBIA

ARCHIPELAGO DE SAN ANDRÉS,
PROVIDENCIA AND SANTA CATALINA



REPÚBLICA DE COLOMBIA

- Main Airports
- Main Seaports
- Department Limit
- Department Capital
- Main Roads
- Main Rivers

CARIBBEAN SEA

PACIFIC OCEAN

VENEZUELA

ECUADOR

BRAZIL

PERU

MAIN TOURIST DESTINATIONS

- Bogotá
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