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VIRGINIA MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS

COLOMBIA REDISCOVERED

January 18-28, 2019

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Dear VMFA Members,

Journey with the VMFA on an exclusive 11-day program that weaves through the lush landscapes and captivating spread of Colombia's natural attractions and cultural sites.

Begin in Bogota, Colombia's capital and one of the largest cities in Latin America. Explore this colorful colonial city with its bustling markets and museums and see Zipaquirá's "Salt Cathedral" before traveling to Armenia. Embark on a full-day tour of the pastoral Cocora Valley and its outstanding cloud forest scenery. Next, fly north to discover vibrant Medellín and the town of Santa Elena, known for its traditional flower growers and where you experience a tour highlight: lunch with a local family. Continue on to Cartagena, a UNESCO World Heritage site and historic port city on the Caribbean coast. Your explorations conclude here with a traditional horse-drawn carriage ride to a farewell dinner.

Space on this program is limited to 24 VMFA members. We expect it will fill quickly; your early reservations are encouraged.

Sincerely



Adele "Hutch" Livingston
Coordinator of Member Travel

VMFA RESERVATION FORM: COLOMBIA REDISCOVERED

Enclosed is my/our deposit for \$ _____ (\$500 per person) for _____ person(s) on **Colombia Rediscovered** departing **January 18, 2019**. I/We understand the final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, VISA, or by personal check. **Please make deposit check payable to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. and send, with completed reservation form, to: Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., Attn: Special Interest Groups, One Newton Place, 275 Washington Street, Suite 300, Newton, MA 02458. You may also call Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. toll-free at 888-370-6765, or you may fax your reservation to 617-454-9199.**

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I will share a room with _____ I request a single room (limited availability)

Please book my/our air from _____

Post-Tour "Cartagena – On Your Own" Extension: Please sign me/us up

Please Note: The undersigned has read the schedule of activities for **Colombia Rediscovered, January 18-28, 2019**, and agrees that their signature below represents their acceptance of the General Terms & Conditions.

Signature(s) _____ Date _____

Method of Payment Check American Express Discover MasterCard VISA

Account # _____ Security Code _____ Exp. Date _____

Name of Cardholder _____

Signature _____

Final invoicing will be sent by our tour operator, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. The balance of the program price must be paid to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. Final payment is due 95 days prior to departure, and is payable by check or credit card.

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Once and again a treasured destination, Colombia warmly welcomes visitors to experience its wealth of indigenous cultures, evocative Spanish Colonial heritage, lush landscapes, and Caribbean sun. Colombia is back – and our small group is poised to discover its many jewels, from Bogota and the Coffee Triangle to Medellin and Cartagena, with some hidden gems along the way.



Day 1: Depart U.S. for Bogota, Colombia We arrive today in the Colombian capital and transfer to our hotel. As guests' arrival times may vary greatly, we have no group activities or meals planned; on our own we can explore the area surrounding our hotel or simply relax. Dinner tonight is on our own.

Day 2: Bogota After a briefing this morning on the journey ahead, we set out to discover Bogota, one of the largest cities in Latin America. Our first stop is colorful Paloquemao, Bogota's major market visited by restaurant chefs as well as locals shopping for meat, fish, and exotic produce from around the world. Then we continue on a walking tour through the nearby colonial district of La Candelaria. Founded in 1538, La Candelaria became the core of Bogota as the city grew up around it. Our tour includes the Gold Museum, featuring the world's largest collection of pre-Hispanic gold work; and the Botero Museum, housing paintings and sculpture by Fernando Botero, Colombia's foremost living artist, along with his collection of mid-19th-century works by such artists as Corot, Renoir, and Monet. Tonight we gather for a welcome dinner. *B,L,D*

Day 3: Bogota/Zipaquira We begin this morning in the Usaquén neighborhood, whose colonial buildings, trendy restaurants, and flea market draw Sunday morning visitors. Then we travel north through the center of Colombia's flower-growing industry to the town of Zipaquira, where we tour the "Salt Cathedral" – an underground church built inside a salt deposit. A functioning Roman Catholic church (not an actual cathedral), the Salt Cathedral is considered an architectural and engineering marvel, having been carved from the halite rock of subterranean tunnels. Then we stop for lunch at a local restaurant and have time to admire the historic city center. We return to Bogota mid-afternoon, with the remainder of the day at leisure. *B,L*

Day 4: Bogota/Armenia (Coffee Triangle) Early today we fly to Colombia's heartland: Armenia and the Coffee Triangle, where some of the world's best coffee grows in the fertile valleys surrounded by

Small Group Tour Highlights

Bogota sightseeing, including Gold Museum and Paloquemao market • Visit to Salt Cathedral, Zipaquira • Armenia and the Coffee Triangle • Breathtaking Cocora Valley scenery and cloud forest walk • Coffee plantation tour and tasting • Medellin touring • Flower-growing town of Santa Elena • Lunch with a local family • Cartagena's Spanish Colonial architecture and atmosphere • Walking tour through Cartagena's old city

Day	Itinerary	Hotel	Rating
1	Depart U.S. for Bogota	NH Andino Royal	Sup. First Class
2-3	Bogota	NH Andino Royal	Sup. First Class
4-5	Armenia	Casa San Carlos Lodge	Not rated
6-8	Medellin	NH Medellin Royal	Sup. First Class
9-10	Cartagena	Tcherassi Hotel + Spa	Deluxe
11	Depart Cartagena for U.S.		

Ratings are based on the Hotel & Travel Index, the travel industry standard reference. Unrated hotels may be too new, too small, or too remote to be listed.

Cover photo: On Day 10, we explore Cartagena's walled colonial city.



We explore the beautiful Cocora Valley on Day 5.

snow-topped mountains. Upon arrival we visit a coffee plantation for a tour and to learn about Colombia's role as a top producer of some of the finest java on Earth. We savor a coffee tasting, learning first-hand how to analyze the aroma, flavor, and body of good coffee. Then we continue on to our intimate *hacienda*, where we dine tonight. *B,L,D*

Day 5: Armenia/Cocora Valley Today we embark on a full-day tour of this pastoral region, beginning in Cocora Valley, in the Central Cordillera of the Colombian Andes. One of the last remaining homes of the giant Quindio wax palm tree, Colombia's national tree, Cocora Valley is part of the larger Los Nevados National Natural Park. We reach a cloud forest, where we set out on an easy hike for outstanding views and to get up close to the diverse biome here at an altitude of about 6,000 to 8,000 feet. We may see the Andean condor and several species of hummingbird that live here. Then we continue on to Salento, a tranquil and picturesque town with much of its traditional architecture intact and where we enjoy a tour through Bolivar Square with its colorful balconies and handcraft shops. Late this afternoon we return to our lodge, where we dine tonight. *B,L,D*

Day 6: Armenia/Medellin We fly this morning to Medellin, Colombia's second largest city known for its social and political advances. Upon arrival we head downtown for lunch before embarking on a panoramic tour of the "City of Eternal Spring," so named for its temperate climate. Then we visit the Museo de Antioquia, Colombia's second oldest museum with a noted collection of pre-Columbian, colonial, and modern art, as well as paintings and sculpture by native son Fernando Botero. Late this afternoon we reach our hotel; dinner is at a local restaurant. *B,L,D*

Day 7: Medellin We get to know Medellin in more detail today – and learn why in 2012 it was named one of the 200 most innovative cities around the world. This morning's city tour features a walk around Botero Square, the inviting sculpture plaza melding art, nature, and culture, with 23 outdoor works by Fernando Botero. We also visit Cerro Nutibara for lovely panoramic views; and get a close-up look at some of Medellin's vibrant neighborhoods. Our tour ends in time for lunch on our own and an afternoon at leisure to explore this lively city as we wish. Tonight we dine together at a local restaurant. *B,D*

Day 8: Medellin/Santa Elena Today we visit nearby Santa Elena, a typical – and beautiful – colonial town where traditions related to Colombia's flower-growing prowess live on. After touring here, we

Post-Tour Extension

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- Transfer to airport

enjoy lunch with a local family. Next we board the Medellin Metrocable, the city's iconic gondola that traverses a 1.2-mile route to the Santa Domingo *barrio* to Biblioteca España, Medellin's treasured ultra-modern library complex. Then we descend by Metrocable to the city center. We return to our hotel late afternoon; dinner tonight is on our own. *B,L*

Day 9: Medellin/Cartagena We fly this morning to Cartagena, where upon arrival we set out on a city tour. An important center of political and economic activity during the Spanish Colonial era, Cartagena today remains a center of economic activity for the Caribbean, as well as a major city and beach resort. Tour highlights include 16th-century San Felipe Fort, strategically located atop San Lazaro hill to defend against attacks by land or sea; and Las Bovedas, archways – formerly dungeons – built into the city walls that now house artisan shops and boutiques. Dinner tonight is on our own. *B,L*

Day 10: Cartagena Today we explore Cartagena's emotional heart: the walled colonial city (*Ciudad Amurallada*), a UNESCO World Heritage site that has



We visit a coffee plantation on Day 4.

remained vital – and alluring – for almost 500 years. Our morning walking tour takes in the 12-foot-high city walls, winding cobblestone streets lined with colorful buildings bedecked with flowers, and intimate plazas. Then the remainder of the day is at leisure for independent exploration. Lunch today is on our own in this vibrant seaside city;

tonight we take a traditional horse-drawn carriage ride to our farewell dinner at a local restaurant. *B,D*

Day 11: Depart for U.S. We transfer this morning to the Cartagena airport for our flight to the U.S., where we connect with our return flights home. *B*



We ride the Medellin Metrocable over the city.

Tour Departs: January 18, 2019

Prices include int'l airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees.

Miami	\$3,798
Atlanta, Dallas, Houston, New York, Orlando, Tampa	\$4,098
Baltimore, Boston, Charlotte, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Denver, Detroit, Los Angeles, Minneapolis, Philadelphia, Washington, DC	\$4,198
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Land Only (transfers not included)	\$3,395

Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees of \$203, which are subject to change until final payment is made.

Single travelers please add \$995. All tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed.

Please note: The high altitudes of Bogota (8,700 feet) and the Coffee Triangle (7,900 feet) could pose problems for travelers with certain health conditions. Please consult your physician if you have concerns.

For reservations and information, please call Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. toll-free at 888-370-6765

Monday–Friday, 9:00 AM–7:00 PM, Eastern Time
For further information, contact VMFA Member Travel at 804-340-1519

Your Tour Price Includes

- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities; all flights within itinerary
- 10 nights' accommodations in Deluxe, Superior First Class, and unrated hotels
- 23 meals: 10 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 6 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
- Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers



GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Please read this information carefully, as payment of a \$500 deposit per person represents your acceptance of the following Terms and Conditions.

Not Included in Tour Price: Airfare when purchasing a Land Only package; costs of passports and visas; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; airport transfers when purchasing a Land Only package; communication charges; optional sightseeing; gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. Tour Director, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities: \$10-\$15 per traveler, per day); and travel protection insurance. Additional baggage fees may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline(s) prior to departure.

Cancellations, Refunds, and Changes: If you must cancel your trip, the effective date of cancellation will be upon Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.'s receipt of your written notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges: **cancel 95 days or more before departure: \$200 charge; cancel 94-65 days before departure: 25% of tour price; cancel 64-45 days before departure: 50% of tour price; cancel 44-30 days before departure: 75% of tour price; cancel 29-0 days before departure: no refund.** If you make any changes to your reservation from 94 to 30 days prior to departure, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. will apply a \$100 per person administrative fee, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by third parties. Changes are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. If your reservation changes from double occupancy to single occupancy for any reason, you will be charged the single supplement. **No changes are allowed within 30 days of departure. Upon reservation, you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport, as well as your date of birth and gender. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with the ticket's reissue.**

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Health and Medical Issues: We request that you be in good health to participate in this tour. There is a reasonable amount of walking, and you must be able to get on and off motorcoaches on your own. We regret that we cannot offer individual assistance; in such cases you must be accompanied by a companion who will assist you. Please note that many of our tour itineraries, for reasons beyond our control, do not accommodate wheelchairs. Please call or e-mail us to inquire and we will do our best to answer any questions you may have. We reserve the right to remove anyone whose physical or mental condition, in our opinion, compromises the operation of the tour or detracts from the enjoyment or safety of the other passengers. In that event, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. and the VMFA assume no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour.

Air Transportation – Important Information: Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. includes in its tour price round-trip economy air from designated gateway cities as shown, and contracts with those airlines the company feels provide the level of service, routings, and value necessary for your entire trip. While another airline may offer a more direct connection, it may be at a price unavailable at the lower group rates. You will receive your preliminary air schedule approximately 2½ months prior to departure. **Please note that seat assignment on your international flight is usually done at airport check-in. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. is unable to guarantee any seat assignments.** Due to the nature of our operator tickets, other restrictions apply, including, but not limited to, frequent flyer mileage accrual, stopovers, alternate travel dates, upgrades, and airline taxes and fees. If you prefer to make your own travel arrangements, Land Only is available on most tours. **Since international and domestic air schedules are subject to change at any time, we recommend that if you choose to make your own airline reservations, you do not purchase non-refundable tickets or those with high penalties for changes. If you choose to make your own air arrangements, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. shall not have any liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of this tour or changes in this tour.**

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