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YOUR HOST

CHAZ CHAMBERS

Chaz Chambers is an American drummer and music educator with a deep-rooted passion for music. His expertise in drumming and love for cultural exploration make him a captivating guide for music tours. Known for his warm approach and professional insight, Chaz is an avid music enthusiast, often sharing his favorite styles with travelers.







TOUR OVERVIEW

Join us for a tour of Colombia, where you can experience the rich culture and music scene. In Medellin, we'll visit Comuna 13, a transformed neighborhood known for art, music, and culture. Learn about its history and community initiatives that revitalized the area. Attend a live music performance featuring traditional and modern Colombian music.

The Petronio Alvarez Festival in Cali, Colombia, is the tour's highlight. The event celebrates Afro-Colombian culture and showcases the folklore, cuisine, and crafts of the Pacific region. Over 700 musicians and artists from all over the country come together to celebrate African and indigenous cultures. You'll learn about traditional Afro-Colombian beverages made from Viche, admire handicrafts created by the Afro-Colombian and indigenous communities, and dance to some of the most exciting music in the world.

In the last part of the tour, we will visit Cartagena, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and the Getsemani neighborhood, known for street art and nightlife. You can enjoy live performances of traditional Colombian music genres and explore San Basilio de Palengue, the first free African township in the Americas.







SAMPLE ITINERARY MEDELLIN

DAY 1: ARRIVAL AND WELCOME DINNER IN MEDELLIN

After you arrive at Medellín airport, we'll transfer you to your hotel (Hotel Quinta Ladera), where you'll have time to relax and freshen up.

Later in the evening, get ready to connect with your fellow travelers at a welcome dinner featuring local organic products. This will be the perfect opportunity to get to know your group and learn more about the journey ahead.

- **MEALS**: Dinner
- ACCOMMODATION: Hotel Quinta Ladera Medellin

DAY 2: EXPLORING MEDELLIN'S TRANSFORMATION

Discover the real Medellín with the "We Don't Talk About Pablo" tour. This tour will take you beyond the city's notorious narco past and show you the real Medellín.

After that, we'll dive into the rich Afro-Colombian culture with a tour of Comuna 13, a neighborhood famous for its cultural and social transformation through art.

- MEALS: Breakfast & Lunch
- ACCOMMODATION: Hotel Quinta Ladera Medellin







DAY 3: JOURNEY TO CALI

Prepare to fly to Cali, the "world's salsa capital." Once we arrive, we'll transfer you to your accommodation at Hotel Sonesta Cali.

The rest of the day is yours to explore the city's warm streets on your own or relax and prepare for the next day's adventure.

• MEALS: Breakfast

ACCOMMODATION: Hotel Sonesta Cali

DAY 4: CALI CITY ADVENTURE AND SALSA EXPERIENCE

Explore Cali with our Cali Fusion Tour, which showcases this city's historic and cultural spots. After that, get ready for a salsa dance experience, where you'll learn the basics of this joyful dance influenced by the Cuban sounds of Son Music.

In the evening, experience the highly anticipated Petronio Alvarez Festival and enjoy one of the biggest celebrations of Afro-American and Afro-Colombian culture.

• MEALS: Breakfast

• ACCOMMODATION: Hotel Sonesta Cali

DAY 5: MARIMBA EXPERIENCE AND FESTIVAL FUN

Discover Pacific sounds and flavors with our Marimba Experience. Engage with local music like Bunde, Rumba, Juga, and Currulao; traditional instruments like Marimba de Chonta, Cununus, Bombos, and Guasá; and indulge in fresh seafood and local drinks like Viche.

The evening continues with another night at the Petronio Alvarez Festival.

• MEALS: Breakfast

ACCOMMODATION: Hotel Sonesta Cali

DAY 6: FULL DAY AT PETRONIO ALVAREZ FESTIVAL

Spend your day immersed in the daytime and nighttime festivities of the Petronio Alvarez Festival. Enjoy a full day of cultural performances, music, and local cuisine, capturing the essence of the Afro-Colombian spirit.

• MEALS: Breakfast

ACCOMMODATION: Hotel Sonesta Cali





CARTAGENA ADD-ON

DAY 7: FROM CALI TO CARTAGENA (OPTIONAL ADD-ON)

Wave goodbye to Cali as we transfer you to the airport for your flight home or to Cartagena.

Upon arrival, settle into your hotel before enjoying a serene sunset concert featuring local accordion music, Carmelo Torres, and breathtaking views of Cartagena City.

- MEALS: Breakfast & Dinner
- ACCOMMODATION: Hotel Santa Catalina Cartagena

DAY 8: CULTURAL HERITAGE OF PALENQUE

Travel with our team to San Basilio de Palenque, the first free African township in the Americas, and experience its unique history, music, and food.

Cap off the day with a dance party featuring the local Sexteto Tabalá band.

- MEALS: Breakfast & Lunch
- ACCOMMODATION: Hotel Santa Catalina Cartagena

DAY 9: OPTIONAL BEACH DAY AT ROSARIO ISLANDS. FAREWELL DINNER AT CANDÉ RESTAURANT

Relax on the pristine beaches of Isla Bela in the Rosario Islands (Optional Add On – Not Included), an ideal setting for tranquility and natural beauty.

Conclude your adventure with a farewell dinner at Candé Restaurant, savoring Cartagena's best culinary offerings.

- MEALS: Breakfast & Dinner
- ACCOMMODATION: Hotel Santa Catalina Cartagena

DAY 10: ADIOS COLOMBIA!

After a memorable journey through Colombia's rich culture and breathtaking landscapes, prepare to bid a warm farewell to your fellow travelers and the team members of Musical Getaways. Your private transfer to Cartagena Airport will be ready for your departure.

• MEALS: Breakfast





LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR DAY TOUR & EXPERIENCES

"WE DONT TALK ABOUT PABLO"

DAY TOUR IN MEDELLIN

This unique tour offers a different perspective on the Narcos phenomenon in Colombia. Unlike the typical Pablo Escobar tours, this tour covers the whole context of narcotraffic and how it still affects society today. We will walk through multiple stops in the center-east of Medellin, using Metrocable, Medellin's innovative public transport system. To finish the tour, we will visit Medellin's House of Memory museum, which features interactive exhibitions. Here, we will learn about the positive change Colombia has undergone in recent years, and how it came about.







AFRO TOUR IN COMUNA 13

DAY TOUR IN MEDELLIN

Explore Medellín's Comuna 13 on an alternative tour that focuses on its cultural and social transformation. Led by local artists, visit innovative community projects and immerse yourself in the vibrant life of this iconic neighborhood. From the highest point of the Comuna to the bustling area of graffities and murals depicting the story of the Comuna, experience the contrast of the two faces of the community and learn about its inspiring transformation.

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CALI FUSION TOUR: CITY ADVENTURE AND SALSA DANCE EXPERIENCE

DAY TOUR IN CALL

Experience the dynamic Cali,
Colombia's salsa capital, on this day
trip that takes you on a journey through
the city's history and culture. From the
emblematic Grupo Niche Monument
and La Ermita Church to the charming
San Antonio neighborhood and the
iconic "Cali" word, this trip immerses
you in the soul of the city. After a
morning of exploration, enjoy a typical
snack at a craft warehouse before
taking a one-hour salsa class at one of
Cali's best schools, taught by champion
teachers in the art of salsa.





MARIMBA EXPERIENCE IN CALI: A PACIFIC RHYTHMIC JOURNEY EXPERIENCE IN CALI

Experience the local rhythms like Bunde, Currulao, Rumba, and Juga and play traditional instruments such as the Marimba de Chonta, Cununos, Bombos, and Guasá. You'll also get to taste the fresh seafood and Viche, a local sugar cane liquor, that are the culinary specialties of the Pacific. Whether you're a seasoned musician or not, everyone is welcome to join this musical celebration and create unforgettable memories together.





SAN BASILIO DE PALENQUE - MUSIC, FOOD AND FREEDOM

DAY TOUR IN SAN BASILIO DE PALENQUE, CARTAGENA

San Basilio de Palenque, the first free town in America, is located in the Montes de María region, about an hour and a half outside Cartagena. Founded by self-emancipated former slaves during Colombia's colonial period, this town remains a symbol of resistance and African pride. On a tour, you can learn about their history, traditional music, and try tasty food. During this tour you'll connect with the local culture, hear the language, and see important monuments and colorful paintings that will help you understand the history of this place. It's an experience not to be missed.





DANCE PARTY WITH SEXTETO TABALÁ

EXPERIENCE IN SAN BASILIO DE PALENQUE, CARTAGENA

Sexteto Palenquero is a renowned band originating from Cuban workers' migration to the Dique Canal region. Founder Rafael Cassiani passed away recently, but his son, Juan Cañate, and other members continue his legacy. The band has toured internationally, and Juan Cañate is also a respected musician in Palenque. Pepe Cañate joined the band after working as a chef in Cartagena, and Franklin founded a school to preserve local music.





ACCORDION SUNSET - SOUNDS OF COLOMBIA

EXPERIENCE IN CARTAGENA

Carmelo Torres, the king of accordion cumbia will lead a one-of-a-kind workshop or "parranda" rooftop concert that will introduce travelers to the music genres of the Colombian accordion. In this two-hour stage-free experience you will share, dance, and even have a chance to play instruments. Learn about Colombia's accordion music from one of the country's best musicians in a private concert at one of Cartagena's most scenic rooftops.





ISLA BELA, ROSARIO ISLANDS DAY TOUR IN CARTAGENA (OPTIONAL)

Escape to the tranquility of Hotel Islabela, an eco-hotel located on Isla Grande, Colombia. This premium experience offers barefoot luxury amidst lush greenery and pristine beaches, with rustic bungalows that provide stunning Caribbean views. Islabela is a conscious pleasure that supports the local community and nature, where rest and tranquility meet in a sophisticated stay that adopts environments and social practices to make the natives of Isleta the hosts in their own home.





YOUR STAY



HOTEL QUINTA LADERA

LOCATION: MEDELLIN

NIGHTS: 2

ROOM TYPE: ARTISANS ROOM,

STANDARD ROOM

















HOTEL SONESTA CALI

LOCATION: CALI

NIGHTS: 4

ROOM TYPE: STANDARD









SANTA CATALINA HOTEL

LLOCATION: CARTAGENA

NIGHTS: 3

ROOM TYPE: SUPERIOR











WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- All entrance fees covered for planned activities and performances, such as a private Marimba lesson, visit to iconic places like Comuna 13, and more.
- Guided explorations focusing on Colombia's musical and historical significance, including tours of iconic sites like Comuna 13 and San Basilio de Palenque.
- Personalized assistance with reservations and recommendations for leisure time, ensuring an enjoyable experience during free periods and optional meals.
- Accommodation at unique premium Hotels in each one of the cities visited during the tour, ensuring a comfortable and culturally immersive stay.
- Transportation is provided for all scheduled activities, with a blend of van services and walking tours, so you can truly experience the country's vibrant atmosphere.
- All breakfasts are included, along with three dinners and two lunches at renowned Colombian restaurants or during experiences showcasing the best of local cuisine.







UPCOMING TOUR DATES & PRICES

August 13th-19th, 2024

Medellin & Cali, Colombia

Price Per Person

- \$3,985 Hotel Double Shared Room
- \$4,645 One Person in a Standard Hotel Room
- Room Upgrades: <u>Contact Us</u>

August 13th-22nd, 2024

Medellin, Cali & Cartagena Add On, Colombia

Price Per Person

- \$6,435 Hotel Double Shared Room
- \$7,290 One Person in a Standard Hotel Room
- Room Upgrades: <u>Contact Us</u>





PRICING AND PAYMENTS:

Prices are per person and vary based on your selection of accommodation. To reserve your spot, we require a \$500 USD deposit (50% of the total price for private tours.) Final payments are due around 60 days before tour departure. We have some options for multiple payment plans if needed. Just contact us and let us know.

The prices on our website are all in US Dollars and based on an ACH/Wire bank transfer from our 3rd party merchant or directly from your own bank. If you wish to use a credit or debit card, a 3.5% fee will be added. We do not accept cash or checks.

We have plenty of individuals, couples, groups, and families that travel with us, and everyone has a blast. If you have any special requests, please let us know. We will work with you to make sure you have the perfect space and feel comfortable during your stay.

If our dates do not work for you, keep in mind that we also do personalized tours with custom dates and group sizes.





