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Santa Marta, Colombia

Port information

Currency

Colombian Peso is the local currency. American Dollars are not readily accepted in town however, some of the tourist locations will possibly accept them, but only small bills and the exchange rate will not be as good as in the bank.

Language

Spanish is the local language. Some shopkeepers and taxi drivers may speak basic English.

Getting around

Distance to town centre

From the ship, you have to take the port shuttle bus to the terminal, and from the terminal, it is a 10-minute walk along the seafront into the town centre.

Taxis

Licensed taxis are available outside of port exit/entrance.

Main highlights

La Quinta de San Pedro Alejandrino is a beautiful and famous sight in the city. Roughly translating to "country estate" in English, this beautiful Quinta is where revolutionary hero Simon Bolivar lived out his final days. The stunning colonial-era estate currently serves as a monument to the liberator of South America, featuring all the pomp and grandeur you would expect to honour such an important historical figure.

Main highlights

Santa Marta is the oldest Spanish Colonial city in the continental Americas. Take a relaxed walk along the seafront through the narrow streets of the compact centre.

The main sights are the **Cathedral**, **Bolivar Plaza**, **Santander Plaza**, the **seafront** and the narrow bustling streets of the historic town centre. A few blocks between the beach and the historic district is **Parque de los Novios** (Lover's Park), the heart of Santa Marta's entertainment area. Restaurants, bars, coffee shops, and bakeries surround the plaza. The sounds of salsa, vallenato, and classic rock serenade you as you stroll along the cobblestone streets

Tayrona National Park is located approx. 90 minutes' drive from the city and is a beautifully preserved coastal eco system.

Essential information

Tourist information

There is a tourist information booth at the exit of the port terminal.

Internet access

Wi-Fi zone located in port terminal.

Nearest beaches

The closest beach is **town beach**, only an approximate 10 minute walk from the terminal.

Useful Phrases

Hello	Hola
Goodbye	Adios
Yes	Si
No	No
Please	Por favor
Thank you	Gracias
How are you?	Como estas?
Beer	Cerveza
Coffee	Café
Toilets	Banos
Do you speak English?	Hablas ingles?
Where is...?	Donde esta...?
How much is this?	Cuanto cuesta esto?

Shopping

PLEASE NOTE: The city is generally very safe, but as anywhere else be aware of your personal belongings and take the usual precautions in not showing lots of cash or jewellery.

There is an artisan market by port entrance and there are number of shops selling handicrafts along the sea front and throughout the town.

For shopping, you have the historic centre, San Andresito. Ocean Mall Shopping centre, located on Avenida del Ferrocarril with Avenida del Rio, 15 minutes ride in taxi. Best buys in Santa Marta are hammocks, paintings, woven bags & woodcraft.

Your Destination Services team would like to wish you an enjoyable day in Santa Marta, Colombia.

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