



## An ECPAT Advocacy Journey to Colombia COLOMBIA • July 30-August 3rd, 2017

Cost: \$2,300 for 10-12 people, \$2,050 for 13-15 people: Includes \$500 donation for ECPAT



### About ECPAT

**ECPAT-USA** is the leading anti-child trafficking organization in the United States working to create a world where no child is bought, sold, or used for sex. It is the U.S. branch of ECPAT International, representing 95 members in 86 countries. To learn more, visit [ecpatusa.org](http://ecpatusa.org)

ECPAT-USA and Altruvistas have joined forces to create a new sustainable travel partnership. Recently featured in the New York Times Travel section, our Advocacy Journeys educate and inspire. On this journey, you will gain invaluable perspective on the issue of human trafficking while experiencing the beauty of Colombia: its world heritage sites, its incredible cuisine, and the hospitality of the people.

This summer, ECPAT-USA will lead a delegation to Colombia to learn about human trafficking and

what our on-the-ground partners are doing to combat it. This is the first Advocacy Journey to Colombia (there have been two trips to Thailand) where Altruvistas, a leader on the forefront of socially responsible tourism, and ECPAT-USA, the leading anti-child trafficking organization in the United States, are working together to end child slavery at the source.

**Join us on this unique  
Advocacy Journey!**

## Daily Itinerary

### Sunday, July 30th

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- 3 pm Arrive by 3 pm to Cartagena. Transfer to our hotel, a signatory to The CODE.
- 6 pm Welcome Meet and Greet reception followed by an Orientation Briefing with your ECPAT program staff and ECPAT International in Colombia. We will review the cultural and safety norms of the trip, discuss group dynamics and review the intentions for our journey together. Enjoy a briefing by ECPAT-USA staff about their international and local work.
- 7:30 pm Welcome Dinner at a CODE signatory restaurant, Cafe Del Mar Cartagena. The CODE is an industry driven responsible tourism initiative, which provides awareness, tools, and support to the tourism industry to prevent the sexual exploitation of children. CODE signatories commit to implementing policies and training on how to identify and respond to potential victims of trafficking.

### Monday, August 1st

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- 9 am We start our adventure in Cartagena with our ECPAT partner organization, Fundacion Renacer. We will spend the morning learning about their mission and projects to preventing human trafficking, advancing legislative reform and promoting children's and women's rights. They have developed a training program for medical professionals, service providers, and teachers on how to prevent and respond to exploitation. We will learn about their work and the historic reality of tourism in Cartagena, Colombia.
- 11:30 am Enjoy a Walking City Tour of a UNESCO World Heritage site. Situated in a bay in the Caribbean Sea, Cartagena has the most extensive fortifications in South America. A system of zones divides the city into three neighborhoods: San Pedro, with the cathedral and many Andalusian-style palaces; San Diego, where merchants and the middle class lived; and Gethsemani, the 'popular quarter'. The area is now an important UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- 1 pm Lunch at the CODE signer Restaurant of Oh La La
- 3 pm Meet with a representative from Renacer's program of Huesped de Corazon, an organization focused on prevention.
- 7 pm Cocktail Reception with a briefing by a human resources representative to discuss why they support The CODE and how they have implemented it at their properties.
- 8 pm Dinner reservations at the CODE signatory, Harvey Cartagena, and then enjoy the streets of colonial Cartagena.

### Tuesday, August 2nd

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- 9 am We start our morning with a guided tour to the beautiful Castillo San Felipe de Barajas. The fortress was begun in 1536. It was significantly expanded in 1657.
- 11 am Engage with the El Instituto Colombiano de Bienestar Familiar, created in 1968, an NGO that works to protect children through adolescence in Colombia.
- Lunch CODE signatory Restaurante Portón de Santo Domingo
- 3 pm Visit local artisans for sustainable souvenirs.
- Dinner and evening are free for cultural activities, music, and dancing.

### Wed. August 3rd

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- 9 am Meeting with a government representative, from the Ministry of Labor to discuss governmental efforts to protect children, especially from labor exploitation.
- 11 am Site Visit with a local Colombian organization focused on their training program to identify and assist victims. Highlights the importance of government and law enforcement working with the hotel industry. Reservation for lunch is at the CODE Signatory Restaurant Montesacro, followed by free time to enjoy the beachfront.
- 3 pm Exchange with a local human rights lawyer to discuss a Colombia's human rights commission, where a "sex tourism alert" was issued as travelers came to the city during peak tourist season. About 35,000 minors face sexual exploitation in Colombia, and 2,000 of those are in Cartagena, UNICEF reported in 2015.
- 7 pm Wrap-up Meeting with your ECPAT USA representative.
- 8 pm Farewell dinner at el Santisimo.

Please note this program is subject to confirmation and evolution. Some activities times and dates may shift.

\* Signifies the meal included daily. B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, and D-Dinner.

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