

PORT INFORMATION



CARTAGENA



SHOPPING INFO ASHORE

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In Case Of Emergency:

Port Agent: Intercruises

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Port Adventures:

Check your ticket for the correct meeting time and location for your tour. Your Port Adventures Team will direct you to transportation.

Take Ashore

- ✓ This Map
- ✓ Passport for adults and children & Key to the World Card
- ✓ Cash & Credit Cards

Travel Safety Tips

As in any tourist destination, you will want to take some basic precautions to make the most of your time ashore.

- Be aware of your surroundings, especially in crowded areas.
- Avoid wandering from the main shopping and tourist areas into unfamiliar territory. If venturing out independently, have a plan, use only licensed taxi operators.
- Leave your valuables in your stateroom safe and avoid carrying large amounts of cash. Exercise caution when using ATMs.
- Cameras and handbags should be carried close to your body or concealed out of sight. People who carry handbags or backpacks are particularly vulnerable to purse snatchers on scooters.
- When going ashore, each adult and child is required to carry a passport or other government-issued photo ID. – Note: Some ports may require Guests to carry passports ashore.
- In general, use the same level of precaution you would use in any tourist destination.

Please remember that while in a foreign country, you are subject to its laws.



CARTAGENA OVERVIEW

Cartagena is a port city and naval base in the Murcia region of southeast Spain. Founded by the Carthaginians around 220 B.C., the city boomed during the Roman period. Among its many Roman ruins are a 1st-century B.C. theater and Casa de la Fortuna, a villa with murals and mosaics. The Muralla Púnica (Punic Wall) interpretation center houses the remains of a 3rd-century B.C. defensive wall.

With one of the world's great natural harbours and rich mineral mines, Cartagena has been a prized location for millennia. In the 19th century there was a mining boom, bringing a lot of wealth to Cartagena and transforming the historic centre with art nouveau architecture. In the late-1800s the mining industry made a handful of people very rich, and the most obvious expression of this wealth can be seen in the historic centre of Cartagena and nearby La Unión. Cartagena's centre already needed rebuilding in the late-19th century, after a federalist insurrection in 1874 wiped out half the city. So towards the end of the century some gorgeous art nouveau buildings went up.

Calle Mayor is the main shopping street that runs from the port area into the town. There are many shops, bars, restaurants and cafés in this lovely blue marble paved pedestrian area. Fresh dairy, vegetables, and fruits are plentiful in Cartagena as well as fresh seafood from the nearby waters. Don't miss the olives, peaches, apricots and dried fruits, some of the area's most popular exports. Another unusual specialty of the region is asiatic coffee, laced with condensed milk, 43 Liquor, cinnamon, and lemon peel.

Capital: Madrid

Location: South-eastern Spain by the Mediterranean coast

Currency: Euro

Language: Spanish

Population: 214,759 (2016)

Banking: Generally Banks are open Monday to Friday 8:30am - 2:30pm.

Post Office: Post Offices are generally open from 8:30am - 8:30pm Monday to Friday and 9:30am - 1:00pm on Saturdays.

Transportation: Taxis are available