



***“Behind the CODE: An ECPAT Advocacy Journey to
Colombia
May 27-31, 2016***

May 27. _____ (D*)

Am Travel to Cartagena, Colombia to the Rafael Núñez International Airport (CTG).

3:00 pm Please arrive during the morning or by 3pm to Cartagena.

Transfer to our hotel, a signatory to the CODE and time to rest.

6:00 pm Enjoy our 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 ECPATUSA staff about their international work and the history of the CODE.

7:30 pm **Welcome Dinner** at a CODE Supporting restaurant, **Cafe Del Mar Cartagena**

May 28. _____ (B, L,)

9:00am We start our morning with a briefing in Cartagena de las Indias with our partner organization, **Fundacion Renacer** <https://fundacionrenacer.org> 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 this 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 neighbourhoods: San Pedro, with the cathedral and many Andalusian-style palaces; San Diego, where merchants and the middle class lived; and Gethsemani, the 'popular quarter'. Cartagena was for several centuries a focal point of confrontation among the principal European powers vying for control of the "New World." Defensive fortifications were built by the Spanish in 1586 and were strengthened and extended to their current dimensions in the 18th century, taking full advantage of the natural defences offered by the numerous bayside channels and passes. The ownership of the Port, Fortresses and Group of Monuments, Cartagena, is shared among private individuals, institutions, the Roman Catholic Church and national and local government authorities. The historic centre was declared a National Monument under the provisions of Law No. 163 of 1959 and today is an important UNESCO World Heritage Site.

1:00pm Lunch at the CODE signer **Restaurant of Oh La La.**

3:00pm Next we meet with a representative from Renacer's program of **Huesped de Corazon.** This organization focuses on the action and prevention associated with tourism.

7:00pm Cocktail Reception with briefing by an **human resources representative** to discuss the why they support the CODE and how they implemented it at their properties.

8:00 pm Dinner tonight is free to rest but we will make reservations at a Code Signatory **Harvey Cartagena** and then enjoy the streets of colonial Cartagena.

May 29 (B, L)

9:00 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.

11:00 am Engage with **the El Instituto Colombiano de Bienestar Familiar**, created in 1968 that works to prevent and protect infants, and children through adolescence in Colombia.

<http://www.icbf.gov.co/portal/page/portal/PortalICBF/EiInstituto>

Lunch At Code signatory **Restaurante Portón de Santo Domingo**

3:00pm **Visit to local artisans for sustainable souvenirs.**

Dinner and evening Free for Cultural Activities like Music and Salsa Dancing.

May30 _____ (B, L D)

9:00am Meeting with a government representative, from the Ministry of Labor to discuss governmental efforts to protect children especially from labor exploitation.

<http://www.dol.gov/ilab/reports/child-labor/colombia.htm>

11:00am Site Visit with a local organization their own training program about identifying and assisting victims. This is important for learning how government and law enforcement can work with the hotel industry. Reservation for lunch is at the Code Signatory **Restaurant Montesacro** Then we will have free time enjoy the beachfront.

6:00pm **Wrap-up Meeting with your ECPAT USA representative.**

8:00pm **Farewell dinner at the Palo Santo Restaurant, a Code Signatory.**

May 31 _____ (B)

Breakfast and check out of hotel. There will be a group transfer to the airport for departure to the airport at 12noon to facilitate your afternoon return flights back home.

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.*