



OFFICE OF HIGHER EDUCATION
LATIN AMERICA COMMITTEE
2010 Colombia Tour

October 2009

Dear Colleague,

The CIS Latin America Committee is pleased to announce a recruitment tour to Colombia that will take place from March 2 to March 10, 2010. The tour is a service of the Council of International Schools (CIS) which has been sponsoring tours to Latin American, Europe, the Middle East, Africa and Asia for more than 30 years. We are a non-profit organization and a committee of admission professionals who volunteer our time to plan recruitment tours targeting secondary schools around the world.

This year's tour will include stops in Barranquilla, Bogotá, Cali, Cartagena, Pereira and Medellin and will target national and international schools that traditionally send students to the United States for undergraduate education.

The application deadline is January 8, 2010 and a deposit of \$1000 is required with the application. Below please find the preliminary itinerary (subject to change), terms and conditions of participation and cost. The application for participation can be found on the CIS website under Higher Education (tours) at www.cois.org. If you have any additional questions do not hesitate to contact me at 813 257 3796 or at gdaponte@ut.edu. You may also contact the CIS Higher Education Office at 607 272 5758 for general questions.

Colombia is a vibrant country with a wonderful, welcoming and knowledgeable counseling community. US Higher Education Institutions have historically been the premiere destination for qualified Colombian students. IIE Open Doors lists Colombia as the 19th place of origin of international students to the United States with 6,662 students and 3rd in Latin America after Mexico and Brazil.

We welcome your application and I look forward to traveling with you next March!

Sincerely,

George daPonte, Tour Director
Director of International Admissions
The University of Tampa

Council of International Schools
Spring 2010 CIS Colombia Tour
Itinerary

Barranquilla, Bogotá, Cali, Cartagena, Medellin, Pereira

Date/Weekday	Overnight City	Description
02 March / Tuesday	Arrivals in Bogotá	Orientation & Opening Dinner Overnight at Hotel
03 March / Wednesday	Bogotá	Breakfast at hotel. Morning flight to Pereira. School visits and college fair. Afternoon return to Bogotá
04 March/Thursday	Cali	Breakfast at Hotel. Morning flight to Medellin. School visits and college fair. Afternoon flight to Cali
05 March/Friday	Cartagena	Breakfast at Hotel. School visits and college fair. Afternoon flight to Cartagena via Bogota
06 March/Saturday	Cartagena	Cultural/Institutional time
07 March/Sunday	Cartagena	Cultural/Institutional Time
08 March/Monday	Barranquilla	Breakfast at hotel. School visits and college fair. Late afternoon coach drive to Barranquilla
09 March/Tuesday	Bogota	Breakfast at hotel. School visits and college fair. Late afternoon flight to Bogota
10 March/Wednesday	Bogota	Breakfast at hotel. School visits and college fair. Closing dinner.
11 March/Thursday		Return to USA

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Included Features**

- Destinations:** Barranquilla, Bogotá, Cali, Cartagena, Pereira and Medellín
- Transportation:** By Economy Class Jet Bogotá /Pereira; Pereira/ Bogotá; Bogotá /Medellin; Medellin/Cali; Cali/Cartagena; Barranquilla/ Bogotá; and by private coach bus Cartagena/Barranquilla.
- Accommodations:** 9 Nights at first class hotels, single rooms, private bath
- Transfers:** Included from the airport to the hotel and vice versa, by private motor coach or taxis. All group transfer for school visits and college fairs are included.
- Orientation:** Orientation meeting in Bogotá and debriefing in Bogota.
- Meals:** Opening dinner in Bogotá and closing dinner in Bogota. Daily breakfast.
- Gratuity and Taxes:** All gratuities and taxes in connection with the “Included Features” are included. Airport and Hotel porters, drivers and guides gratuities are also included. Airport departure taxes and entry fees are also included.
- Visa:** No visa required for US Citizens. Non US passport holders will be responsible to obtain their own entry visa for Colombia in advance of the tour.
- Tour Director:** George daPonte, Director of International Admissions
The University of Tampa-Tampa, Florida
- Tour Escort:** Maria Clara Gutierrez, Metas Claras, Orientation and Consultoria
Medellín, Colombia
- Pre-Trip Materials:** Appropriate Tour Information and pre-trip literature will be mailed to all tour participants.
- Tour Materials:** Tour booklet and table sign will be provided to all participants.

Excluded Features

The following services/items are NOT included in the price of the tour. Passport, passport photos, meals not specified in the itinerary, telephone calls, laundry, valet service, room service, or any other items of a personal nature or any other services/items not specifically mentioned in the itinerary or under “included features” above. Travel insurance is not included, but is recommended.

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COST

CIS Spring 2010 Colombia Tour (Land & Air Package)

Starting in Bogotá and ending in Bogotá

CIS Member College Participants	\$4,990
Non CIS Member College Participant	\$5,190

All prices are derived from exchange rates of foreign currencies as of October 2009 and are subject to change in accordance with currency fluctuations.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Registration/Payment:

- Your deposit of \$1000 must accompany the enclosed application form. Participants must meet the conditions for participation. Applications should be submitted by **January 8, 2010**. If for any reason an institution cannot be accommodated on the tour the deposit will be fully refunded.
- Payment for the full balance of the tour will be due no later than **January 23, 2009**

General Conditions for participation:

- The Colombia Tour is a rigorous recruitment tour designed for experienced full time international admission counselors. A minimum of three years of admissions experience is preferred.
- The tour will be limited to 20 participants plus the tour escort.
- Non-U.S. institutions are generally welcome on the CIS Latin America spring tours but U.S. institutions will have priority for participation.
- No institution may send more than one representative.
- Participants must be prepared to make presentations on U.S. higher education and/or the college admissions process in general. They must also be familiar with the concerns of international students.
- Participants must adhere to the statement on ethical professional practice and behavior of the Council of International Schools and the National Association for College Admission Counseling.

Cancellation/Penalties:

Fees will be assessed for cancellations in the following manner:

Date of Cancellation:

Refund Policy:

On or Before **January 8, 2010**

Full refund including \$1000 deposit

After **January 8, 2010** through
January 23, 2010

50% of the total tour fee is refundable, less
the tour deposit of \$1000 plus any
unrecoverable tour expenses

After **January 23, 2010**

No refund

All cancellation must be provided in **written** form to CIS or to Tour Director.

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APPLICATION DEADLINE

January 08, 2010

Please send the completed application form along with your US\$1000.00 deposit made payable to CIS to:

Council of International Schools

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