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Cartagena is a romantic blend of old-world architecture and exciting night life.



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CARTAGENA, COLOMBIA

WHY GO THERE If you adore architecture, are die-hard foodies or love music, you'll see why Latin and European socialites are flocking to Colombia en masse. Cities like Cartagena and Bogota have become dramatically safer in recent years, with drug-trafficking related violence relegated primarily to rural areas. The Cartagena's restored colonial mansions, innovative fusion restaurants and tropical music-tinged nightlife are perfect if you prefer a spicier first trip as a married couple than a beautiful beach alone can provide (although the latter can be perfect in our opinion too!).

WHERE TO STAY The Sofitel Legend Santa Clara lies inside the walls of the old city and is within walking distance of the beach and historic sites, such as the home of Nobel Laureate Gabriel Garcia Márquez—avid readers will remember the city from his writing. Book the whimsically named "So In Love" package that includes breakfast in your room or in the restaurant, a bottle of sparkling wine, a welcome bouquet of flowers and a box of chocolates to sweeten your stay (from \$385, Sofitel-Legend.com). At the nearby Casa San Agustín, old-world charm collides with modern creature comforts. You'll feel like you're staying in a private colonial residence, but will enjoy luxurious in-room amenities like Frette sheets. Techies will love the complimentary iPads for use in the guest rooms. Choose the "Romancing Cartagena" package and it includes a private dinner for two on your room terrace or in the Solarium, a bottle of champagne served with petit fours, a rose bouquet and in-room breakfast (from \$400, HotelCasaSanAgustin.com). >>

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