

MEDELLIN: PARADOX AND VITALITY

City Tour: Heritage, history, culture and social organization

Medellín is a city of contrasts, heterogeneous and attractive due to its cultural, social, economic, natural and landscape differences that are integrated in a diverse and plural territory. This tour allows us to observe and experience the contrasts that derive from this diversity for an approach to its architectural and artistic heritage, urban development based on its most essential aspects, its origins, and its proposal for social change, visible and solid in community processes.

Medellín is a large open-air classroom that is visited, known, experienced, recreated and learned. Enjoy it!

Información general:

- Tour date: Tuesday, July 2nd
- Duration: 5 hours
- Date of departure and location: 1:30 p.m - Universidad Eafit
- Date of arrival and location: 6:30 p.m - Estación Aguacatala (five minutes away from Universidad Eafit)

Tour stops:

- a. **Estación Medellín del Ferrocarril de Antioquia:** Built in the early twentieth century and restored as a heritage site of the city. This work by Enrique Olarte welcomed the Ferrocarril de Antioquia for the first time in 1914. The mural by Ramón Vásquez, a photographic exhibition of urban changes in the Guayaquil sector in the first half of the 20th century, is also on display here, as well as models, a train locomotive. The perimeter of the La Alpujarra Administrative Center is located nearby.
- b. **Parque Berrio:** Foundational site of the Villa de Nuestra Señora de la Candelaria, in the year of 1675, it is today a space inhabited by trades that describe a plural, cultural and traditional city. In the sector there is also the mural by Pedro Nel Gómez about the economic evolution of the department, several significant sculptures, banking buildings, and the church of La Candelaria, the first in the city.
- c. **Plaza de Botero:** Without fulfilling 30 years of existence, this square has significant relevance in the cultural heart of Medellín. 23 sculptures by Fernando Botero are surrounded by contrasts of a huge force: the Rafael Uribe Uribe Culture Palace (formerly the seat of the Antioquia Government), the Antioquia Museum (former

Municipal Palace), the Nutibara Hotel, the covered ravine, and an area where many citizen difficulties and problems related to sexual exploitation and drug use converge.

- d. **Sistema Metro:** Since its inauguration in 1995, the Metro has not stopped growing; from only having two basic lines, today this massive transport system (which has not been free of controversy due to its layout and the contracting of its construction) now has aerial cables, integrated routes for buses, electric tram and bicycle system. In Metro, we will go to the northeastern zone, specifically to the Commune Two, Santa Cruz.
- e. **Casa para el Encuentro Eduardo Galeano:** Located in the neighborhood of Villa del Socorro, Comuna dos de Medellín, this house is the headquarters of the Corporación Mi Comuna, which has been promoting popular communication, meeting of knowledge, and the artistic take over of the public space for ten years; In addition, this is home to the Feast of Utopia, a celebration of the representative threads that unite us, as a community and neighborhood, to the citizen senses.

Price of the tour:

- USD 25 or \$ 80.000

Price includes:

- Bus transportation
- Metro rides
- Tour guide
- Walking tour
- Snack
- Interactive dialogue with member of Corporación Mi Comuna



Additional information:

- Wear comfortable clothes, bring water and protection for both heat and rain
- Follow the guide's recommendations in case you wish to take pictures during the tour
- If you suffer from any medical condition, report it to the tour guide

Payment:

You can make your payment through Corporación Región webpage www.region.org.co pressing the button PAGA AQUÍ and sending the proof of payment to centrodeestudios@region.org.co with the following information:

- Name and surname
- Birth country
- Tour date

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