

# CARTAGENA



Located in the north of Colombia, Cartagena de Indias is considered the most important touristic destiny in our country. Thanks to its strategic localization in the Caribe, it was the main port in America during the Spanish colonization, also the home of a lot of treasures. That is why the city was protected with fortresses against any pirate attack, which can be appreciated now a days, and earned it its recognition as Historical and Cultural Heritage of the Humanity by UNESCO in 1984.

Although the vestiges of colonial and republican architecture can be appreciated through the streets of the Historical Center and Getsemaní, the city has given way to modernity with contemporary structures, generating a unique contrast, which has allowed the mixture of different cultures.

The city offers visitors a long list of plans with 11 kilometers of beach, and an archipelago of near islands, ideal to enjoy the breeze, the sun and perform all kinds of water sports. Streets, alleys and walls waiting to be explored, squares and parks where you can feel and live the mixture of cultures between Cartagena and visitors. There are natural settings, among other spaces, that will make you understand why the city is considered the birthplace of magical realism, and where your people will wait for you with open arms.



## Educational Institution Pies Decalzos Foundation, Lomas del Peyé

Lomas del Peyé School in Cartagena, is located among a vulnerable community, made out of 11 neighbourhoods built in the last 15 years as a result of the forced displacements from María Mount and Medium Magdalena. You can see high poverty levels, no public services access and almost no connection to the sewage system.

It has 14,000 meters built in a mountain lot, the only space free of invasions and that in its beginnings constituted a total area of 34,000 M2 with important inclinations and great presence of native vegetation. It has 49 classrooms distributed in early childhood, primary, secondary and technical training, as well as specialized rooms, a library, an auditorium-restaurant, sports area, administrative areas, among others.

It attends 1,373 students, their families and other members of the community, through the implementation of extracurricular activities that seek to provide them with tools to improve their quality of life. Currently has 43 teachers and the Principal is Father Alfonso Moreno Grau.



# Architecture and ecosystem

The School is located between the intersection of the Ciénaga de la Virgen ecosystem and Cerro de la Popa, in a property of the social interest housing and urban reform fund of the district of Cartagena (Corvivienda). This project designed by the renowned architect Giancarlo Mazzanti is also an ecological and friendly proposal with the environment. The School is an environmental barrier that will try to stop the urban expansion on the ecosystem.

Like all our Educational Centers (we contribute to improve their instalations or we build them from the beginning), we look for the architectural project to become an urban reference of great social impact and that generates a change chain for the inhabitants of this important area of Cartagena.



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