



6 nights in Colombia, including air, for \$1,017 per person



Tripmasters' package spends three nights each in Bogota and here in Cartagena. (Associated Press)

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• Colombia tour packages don't pop up as often as many destinations, but Tripmasters has a very affordable package that spends three nights each in Bogota and Cartagena. You can build your custom package, picking your own dates and departure location and even adding days. We priced an itinerary leaving Chicago on Nov. 9 and returning Nov. 15. With round-trip international air included, as well as an internal flight, the price was \$1,017 per person double occupancy. 800-430-0484, <http://tinyurl.com/p8pm2m9>

Beginning in March 2016, Pearl Seas Cruises will offer 10-night Cuba cruises round-trip from Miami. The 100 cabins on the Pearl Mist all have private balconies, and pricing is from \$7,580 per person double occupancy. Port stops will include Havana, Maria La Gorda, Cienfuegos, Trinidad, Santiago de Cuba, Parque de Nacional Alejandro de Humboldt and Holguin. 800-981-9146, <http://tinyurl.com/psenyq>

Visitors to Chicago Oct. 17-18 can get behind-the-scenes access to 200 buildings, all for free, thanks to Open House Chicago. www.openhousechicago.org

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Downtown Disney Resort Area Hotels in Florida have rates as low as \$69 a night Sept. 25 to Nov. 16 — also the dates for the Epcot International Food and Wine Festival. <http://tinyurl.com/nv2mhl>

If you're an adult who's never lost your fascination with coloring books, you'll want to visit the New Zealand tourism website and download coloring pages for four of the country's most famous sights. <http://tinyurl.com/nl3yetm>

Check out what the Colorado tourism folks think are five of the best fall-color drives in their state at <http://tinyurl.com/o5q73gx>.

Quebec City is a picturesque location, and the tourism folks there have a list of 10 great places to photograph. <http://tinyurl.com/qfzra7a>

For a list of 10 tourist destinations in San Francisco that the locals like, too, go to <http://tinyurl.com/o2hpad6>.

CruiseCritic.com lists what it thinks are the 15 best cruise ship specialty restaurants at <http://tinyurl.com/oargeyl>.

Take IndependentTraveler.com's quiz to see if you're an old-school traveler at <http://tinyurl.com/qewo2jc>.

The Great Acadian Awakening Music Fest is Oct. 2-4 in Lake Charles, La. <http://tinyurl.com/ofqac2o>

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