

EXPLORE
the magic of the
RIO GRANDE
de la
MAGDALENA



Sail the Magdalena River's jungle-lined banks where scarlet ibis take flight and Afro-Caribbean traditions thrive on board the AMA MAGDALENA with just 60 passengers.



This unusual cruise visits colonial towns, alive with music and dance, colourful markets, and wildlife along the jungle-lined MAGDALENA river.
Running north, in a great valley between two dramatic cordilleras, the Magdalena flows through Colombia's vibrant heartland.



"Ahead lies a journey into a watery world of monkeys and buffalo, kapok and coffee, scattered fishing villages and lots of dancing, all summoning the stories of writer Gabriel García Márquez, naturalist Alexander von Humboldt and South America's great liberator, Simón Bolívar."

Financial Times, Ruaridh Nicoll, August 2026



CARTAGENA to BARRANQUILLA, 7 nights 2028

Monday 29th JANUARY 2028: CARTAGENA: stroll the colonial charms of **Cartagena** before embarking onto our newly built luxurious ship. We cross the city's bay to the **Canal del Dique**, the entry to the little-known **Magdalena River.**

Tues: 30th Jan SAN BASILIO de PALENQUE & PAOLA

Departing from the boat, tied to a levee amongst the vast wetlands, we visit to **San Basilio de Palenque**, the first "free town" in the Americas, where we learn of the music, language, and traditions telling a tale of resilience and pride. Continuing to **Calamar** to admire its historic charm, from graceful churches to colourful streets, exploring by rickshaw, if you wish.







Wed 31st Jan: wildlife & MOMPOX.
After sailing under a night sky bright with stars, dawn arrives with egrets, clumps of wild cashew, ceiba and balsam and we hope to see branches shaking with **howler monkeys**. Our morning is spent amongst the smaller channels, watching out for fishermen throwing their nets, and vibrant birdlife – **kingfishers, tanagers, parakeets**, **woodpeckers, orioles** and **long-toed jacanas**. In the afternoon we arrive at **MOMPOX,** where local musicians give us a taste of the tradition behind Colombia's nickname: the '***Land of a Thousand Rhythms'***.



Thurs. 1st Feb: MOMPOX
Early Spanish settlers hid their valuables here, too far upstream for the Caribbean pirates and where **Von Humboldt** came to study crocodiles. This morning setting off from the elegant colonial river frontage, we see the **well-preserved colonial streets,** blending Spanish and indigenous styles. A local silver workshop demonstrates the **traditional filigree work**, harking back to Spanish colonial rule, when the city handled the 'quintaje' sending one-fifth of all gold collected to the Spanish Crown. Later, whilst enjoying a 'sundowner' on the top deck, our **local bird expert** will point out different species from those we saw during the morning's tour.



Fri: 2nd Feb. MOMPOX
Today is all about the music of the **La Mojana Region** alive with **vibrant rhythm** and **dance**. There will be an on board workshop to demonstrate making the **tambora, alegre and llamador drums** that anchor the country's music. Local families will join us on board to teach the rhythms, share the music, its stories and dance.



Sat. 2nd Feb: SANTA BÁRBARA de PINTO
This morning we **walk in the countryside**, an area unvisited before Ama's boats arrived and where local school children come to meet us to practice their English. In the afternoon we visit the **Santa Barbara Church and Parque la Concepción,** before continuing to the **Ciénaga de Papelillo** nature reserve.



Sun. 3rd Feb: SABANAGRANDE Village & BARRANQUILLA CARNIVA. Iraca palm weaving has supported daily life across Colombia's Atlántico department for generations, turning dried palm fibre into bags, baskets and other handwoven pieces. We see the local workshops and village artisan creations. **BARRANQUILLA** hosts a spectacular **Carnaval**, a UNESCO-designated celebration of **Colombian music, dance and culture**, running for just four days a year, however AmaWaterways creates an exclusive Carnaval performance staged for our visit.

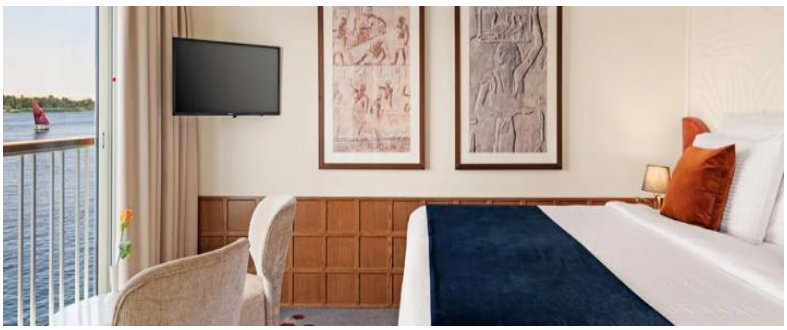
Mon. 4th Feb: DISEMBARK. Continue your holiday with a post cruise extension in **PANAMA**

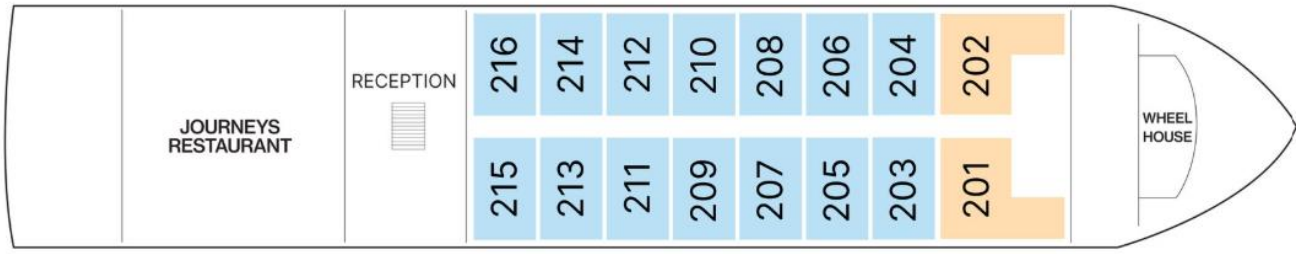


NEW to the Ama fleet in 2025, AMAMAGDALENA is an elegant, modern ship with a top deck for viewing and 2 accommodation decks with **30 staterooms,** plus a small pool, gym and a crew of 30. The Main Restaurant serves Latin American dishes and Western favourites, an al fresco specialty venue offers outdoor dining, and a Daily Sip & Sail hour is included. The lounge hosts live Colombian music, there are exercises classes, a spa and hair salon, but there is no lift.

CABINS: all have a marble bathroom, & balcony, Luxury Suites have a sitting area.

- Exercise classes, fitness room, hair salon, spa treatment room
- Colombian music and cultural performances in the lounge
- Included excursions in Cartagena, Mompox, Palenque, Magangué and Sabanagrande
- Guided wildlife outings for howler monkeys, iguanas and tropical birds
- A Barranquilla Carnaval performance
- Wifi in cabins and public areas.





CUMBIA DECK
Category A: £6,254 pp / single £8,561
Category LS £7,513 pp / single £13,387

LS Luxury Suite 306 sq. ft.

A Category A 237 sq. ft.



SALSA DECK
Category C: £5,292 pp / single £7,118
Category B: £5,884 pp / single £8,006
Category GS: £8,254 pp / single £14,868

GS Grand Suite 516 sq. ft.

B Category B 237 sq. ft.

C Category C 237 sq. ft.

EARLY BOOKING DISCOUNT of £375pp has been applied and is ONLY AVAILABLE through AMELIA DALTON TRAVEL, LTD.

Cost INCLUDES All meals, beer and wine with lunch and dinner, daily Sip & Sail cocktail hour, al fresco specialty dinner, guided excursions in every port, port charges, transfers, & gratuities.
Does **NOT** include flights or travel insurance: please enquire for further information.

Pre & post cruise programmes in Cartagena & Panama City are available at extra cost as below.
Cruise & additional excursions accompanied by Amelia Dalton







CARTAGENA 2 night pre cruise tour: will include: **Walled City** walking tour, a visit to the 16th Century **San Felipe Castle,** the **Gold Museum** the **Caribbean Naval Museum,** and a visit to the **18th-century Vaults,** a colonial brick structure with 23 interconnected vaults built into the city walls and now containing a collection of artisan craft shops. We will also visit the vibrant **Getsemani** area.
Please enquire for complete itinerary and cost.

PANAMA, 3 night post cruise tour: a short flight takes us to Panama city with its modern skyscrapers and charming historic centre, complete with elegant opera house. We have a full day to learn about the history and sights of the **Canal** including a **boat expedition** on **Gatun Lake**, once the world's largest artificial lake. Surrounded by lush **rainforest**, the lake is a vibrant habitat for local wildlife, including many species of **tropical birds** and **monkeys**. After lunch at a local restaurant, we continue to the **Miraflores Canal Centre** showcasing the Canal's fascinating history of development and mechanics.
Please enquire for complete itinerary and cost.

