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(1989) [The General in His Labyrinth].

Aside from being the capital of the department of *Magdalena*, the land of *Aracataca, Ciénaga*, the Banana Zone, and the universal
Macondo
of
Cien años de soledad
[One Hundred Years of Solitude],
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The *Quinta de San Pedro Alejandrino* [San Pedro Alejandrino country house] was a *hacienda* built in the 18th century. Liberator
Simón Bolívar
spent his last days there before his death on December 17, 1830.

San Pedro Alejandrino is located in the *Mamatoco* district of the city of *Santa Marta* , in the department of
Magdalena
and is considered a sanctuary of the fatherland. A 17th century
hacienda
devoted to the production of rum, honey, and panela (unrefined cane sugar) is also located here.

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The general in his labyrinth. Photo: Alejandro Zárate

The Liberator arrived on December 6, 1830, at the hacienda offered for his lodging by *Don Joaquín de Mier. Bolívar*
had planned to travel to Jamaica and then to Europe, but the state of his illness prevented the trip.

Consult the complete texts on *Santa Marta* in *Las rutas de García Márquez* guide, available at the following bookshops:
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