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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 <u>Santa Marta</u>, 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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