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In Colombia, there are dozens of magic little villages which will make you feel like one of those characters in a Gabriel Garcia-Marquez book. Built in the era when Spain ruled the region and when Colombia was in its infancy, each of these little villages is a kind of representation of the Spanish influence on architecture and customs.

Barichara

[Barichara](#) means "place of rest". Its white-walled buildings rise out of the reddish soil, which turns to dust in the dry season. At night, you can take a walk through the streets and find the hidden corners of the town, discover the typical dishes of the region, and by day, you can fill your suitcase with local craftwork made from jute and leather.

Villa de Leyva

[Villa de Leyva](#) Villa de Leyva is famous for its cheerful way of life, and the historic legacy of its houses and churches. Nearby, one can travel through desert-like scenery, look for fossils, visit an ostrich-farm, or ride horses. The town is full of enchanting hotels with good food, and places to share an experience. Nightlife is one of the major attractions, because of Villa de Leyva is ready to party.



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Santa Fe de Antioquia

One of the places that best expresses the story of Colombia is the pleasant town of Santa Fe the Antioquia, west of Medellin. The air is redolent of the tamarind and the aroma of restaurants with unique styles of cooking that will surprise you. And a ride in a horse-drawn carriage through streets lined by very particular style architecture is something to remember.

In every corner of Santa Fe you will find traces the heroes of history, tales of unrequited love and of eternal love - to bewitch the ear. Romance lies in wait at every turn, in details and decoration of the houses and hotels, in the smiles of the local people, and in the warmth of the afternoon sun.

Mompox



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Mompox, on the Magdalena river, has the most extraordinary history. It was one of the favorite places for the wealthy to go at the time of the conquistadores. It was conceived by its creators as a kind of paradise, with imposing, impeccable facades, worthy of the power they reflected. But one day, the river changed its course, and turned a town on the banks of a river to an island which is difficult to access, suspended in time.

This is the history of a settlement which inspired some of the best scenes in Garcia-Marquez's books, and you can see some unique characters today, and they still make some of the finest emerald-green lemon candies, in the world.

Mompox has a number of extraordinary hotels and hostels, to make your trip even more memorable.

The Casa Amarilla is a beautiful inn on the banks of the Magdalena, a huge old colonial mansion whose courtyards are a perfect setting to relax in a hammock, read a book, and isolate yourself from the world in total intimacy. It is the perfect place for lovers to discover a fascinating place to go, a place frozen in time. The inn will rent bicycles, to ride around this

enchanting place.

Guatavita



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Myth and legend fill the ears of the lovers who will walk down the cobbled streets of Guatavita. It is close to Bogota and offers unrivalled tranquility and beauty. Although it was built only in 1967, two houses those displaced by the Tomine dam, it retains the beauty of the Spanish colonial age of more than 200 years ago.

Antes Guatavita quedaba donde hoy es el embalse de Tominé, por se reconstruyó unos kilómetros más hacia el norte.

From almost any of these houses you can see the brilliant green and of Lake Guatavita, and the blue sky above, the center of the legend of Eldorado which has hypnotized people from all over the world. Even today, it is said that Muisca treasures can still be found there, originally thrown into the water to worship their gods, and to solemnize the naming of a new cacique, or prince.