Salsa dancers

In southwestern Colombia, music and dance attract music lovers and travelers. Cali is a city embedded between the slopes of the Western Range of the Andes and the valley of the Cauca River. It is full of festive people who carry salsa in their genes and open their doors to the world to extend an invitation to enjoy its culture.

All visitors enjoy nightlife to the rhythms of orchestras and traditional groups that play the traditional music of the Department of Valle del Cauca with trumpets and drums in dance academies, discos, and dancing sites. Since 1958, at year's end, the Cali Fair is celebrated with horseback riding parades, bullfights, concerts, and professional dance shows.

Tourists encounter a world of sensations, tastes, and aromas in the small restaurants that line the streets of the Granada sector.

Cali's gastronomical offer captivates the palates of visitors

The gastronomy of the Colombian Pacific delights locals and foreigners with a wide variety of desserts and typical beverages that originate in sugar cultivation, and dishes based on fish and shellfish.

"El gato del río", Luis Tejada

Marranitas, champús, chontaduro, chuleta valluna, sancocho de gallina, aborrajados, avena, pan de yuca, and *lulada* are some of the names of the dishes and beverages that are part of the traditional gastronomy of Valle del Cauca.

The “subsidiary of heaven”, the name by which Cali is known worldwide, also offers large parks and green areas for extreme sports, churches and museums for cultural tours, and colonial haciendas for lodging in a placid, traditional atmosphere that would complement a stay in the city proper.

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