

CARTAGENA DATA FESTIVAL
Cartagena, Colombia, 20-22 April 2015
Venue: Casa 1537

Logistics note for participants

1. VENUE OF THE CONFERENCE

The Cartagena Data Festival will be held at Casa 1537 in Cartagena, on 20-22 April 2015. The event will start at 8am on Monday, 20 April; and it will end at 1.30 pm on Wednesday, 22 April and participants may plan their departure accordingly.

Address and contact information of the Casa 1537:

Calle del colegio 34 -75 Centro Histórico
Cartagena, Colombia
Phone: + 57 (5) 647 8898
<http://www.casa1537.com>

2. LANGUAGE OF THE CONFERENCE

The working languages of the conference will be English and Spanish. Simultaneous translation will be available during the plenaries and tracks of the conference.

3. REGISTRATION

You can register at the following website: <http://www.cartagenadatafest2015.org/>
Submissions will be accepted until 5 April 2015.

4. LUNCHES & CATERING

Coffee breaks will be covered during the conference. For lunch and dinner, we have arranged special agreements with restaurants near to the venue, with special discounts or benefits for participants, who will simply have to show their official Cartagena Festival registration ID.

5. INTERNET ACCESS

Free Wi-Fi will be available at the Casa 1537.

6. SOCIAL EVENTS

The organisers will host the following evening events:

- **Welcome cocktail reception at the Casa 1537 at 6 pm on 20 April**
- **Dinner at the San Felipe Castle at 8 pm on 21 April**
Please collect your invitation during conference registration.

7. HOTELS

Please find below some suggested accommodation options. For reservations, please contact Sindi Castañeda (hotelescongresos@gematours.com) who will secure your reservation.

Hotel Charleston Santa Teresa	Calle 31 # 31-23, Cartagena, Bolívar www.hotelcharlestonsantateresa.com
Hotel Caribe	Carrera 1 # 2-87, Bocagrande www.hotelcaribe.com
Allure Chocolat Hotel	Calle Arsenal # 8B-58, Getsemaní http://allurechocolathotel.com/
Kartaxa Hotel	Carrera 9ª # 39 - 120 Calle de las bóvedas, San Diego http://hotelkartaxacartagena.com/
Movich Hotel	Calle Velez Danies 33 #4-39, Centro Histórico https://movichhotels.com/index.php?option=com_booking&view=hotellist&city_id=2&Itemid=3&lang=es
Atlantic Lux Hotel	Avenida San Martín No. 8-20, Bocagrande http://www.hotelcasinoatlantic.com/index.php
Regatta Hotel	Avenida El Malecón Carrera 1 No. 5 - 82, Bocagrande http://regattacartagena.com/sitio/templates/index.html

8. VISA AND PASSPORT INFORMATION

All travellers should obtain their entry visa (where required) from the nearest available Colombian Embassy/Consulate, prior to departure. Please refer to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' website for information on which nationalities require visas:

www.cancilleria.gov.co/sites/default/files/VisaColombiaPaises.pdf

If you require an invitation for visa processing, please contact Priscilla Miranda p.miranda@cepei.org, copying in Camilo Gamba c.gambagamba@gmail.com. Please refer to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' website for information on the process to obtain this visa:

http://www.cancilleria.gov.co/en/procedures_services/visas/types .

9. AIRPORT TRANSFERS

For all participants, we recommend to take official taxis from the airport to your hotel. The average charge is 20 dollars.

10. WEATHER

Cartagena's weather is dry tropical, with temperatures averaging 29°C at day and 24°C at night. Due to the tropical climate, it is recommended you wear light comfortable clothing for all seasons and more formal clothes for the social events.

For information on weather conditions in Cartagena, please visit the official website

www.pronosticosyalertas.gov.co/jsp/index.jsf#

11. CURRENCY EXCHANGE

The monetary unit in the country is the Colombian peso (COP). Circulating coins are 50, 100, 200, 500 and 1,000 pesos and bills are 1,000, 2,000, 5,000, 10,000, 20,000, and 50,000 pesos. Currently, the rate of the dollar against the Colombian peso is approximately 2,400 pesos per dollar.

12. HEALTH FACILITIES

The closest hospitals to the venue are the following:

Naval Hospital (3km from the Venue)	San Martin Avenue, Cartagena. Phone: (+57-5) 6655360
Cartagena del Mar Hospital (3km from the Venue)	Calle 30 # 20-71, Pie de la Popa Phone: (+57-5) 6724260, 6724261

Also, we recommend all participants acquire international medical insurance for the duration of the event before arriving in Cartagena.

13. SAFETY

Cartagena is one of the safest cities in Colombia, but there are some sensible precautions that can help avoid any unpleasant experiences. As in any city the general rule is to be alert to suspicious behaviour and maintain caution and vigilance at all times. Avoid carrying large amounts of cash or wearing expensive jewellery or valuables and, of course, never leave your belongings unattended. Please do not hail taxis on the street or enter a car that stops for you or is stopped by others, instead organise a taxi through trusted local sources, such as your accommodation. If it is safe to do so, strongly consider exiting a taxi if it stops to pick up additional passengers. Do not use ATMs on the street, particularly after dark or in a deserted area. If possible, only use ATMs that are located in relatively secure environments, such as in busy shopping centres, stores, banks and hotel lobbies. Be careful with the use of credit and debit cards, etc.

14. ENERGY PLOTS

American type, with two inputs (flat) and a grounding (round), 110 V.

15. WATER

It is recommended you do not drink the tap water, but instead use bottled water. Hotels provide purified water bottles and these can also be purchased in supermarkets and pharmacies.

16. CITY

Cartagena de Indias is one of the most important tourist destinations in Colombia and Latin America thanks to its natural attractions and its rich history evident in its variety of architectural styles, such as the Spanish Baroque, the Spanish colonial architecture and the neoclassical style. UNESCO considers the city a World Heritage Site. Several important political and cultural events have taken place in Cartagena, such as the Americas Summit and the Hay Festival. The city has among its main destinations historical places such as

the San Felipe Castle, the Inquisition Palace, the Clock Tower, the walls, the colonial streets, and natural beauties such as Bocagrande beaches, Castillo Grande, the Little Lake and nearby Rosario islands and Baru beaches.

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