



Many of you have asked us for ideas for long weekend escapes, and we have designed three trips — to destinations that will not take the better part of your available vacation time to get there. In keeping with the Cox & Kings style of travel to exotic places, you will know you are in a very different place the minute you exit the aircraft for your long weekend!

Each city is within a three-hour flight from Miami and a five-hour flight from New York. The time difference is minimal or nonexistent. Each place is warm, when much of the U.S. is cold. Each are historical cities with world-class colonial centers, offering music, art, shopping, dining and relaxation. None require a visa.

We feel that each one of these excursions is so worthy of your time, that for the first one of our clients who book (and take) all three trips in 2008, they'll receive a fourth long weekend with our compliments! This applies to land arrangements only.

Sincerely,

Nathaniel Waring, President, Cox & Kings USA

## Cartagena de Indias, Caribbean Coast of Colombia

Founded 1533

Average high temperature in January: 88° F

Flying time from Miami: 2.5 hours nonstop on Avianca

**Cox & Kings Suggested Program:** 4 days, 3 nights at \$1285 per person double, plus air

**Why Go Now:** Cartagena has gorgeous hotels and boutique villas that can be rented for a few days. While very popular with the international traveler, you will find few Americans. The walled city where you'll stay is one of the best-preserved colonial cities in Latin America. Even better, the locals live here, so it is not just another pretty city. The plazas hum with daily life and Colombian designer shops sit next door to local eateries. While you will want to spend most of your long weekend within the walls of the Old City, you can also venture out by boat to the nearby tropical islands and beaches.

**You on a Postcard:** Watching the sun set over the Caribbean while sipping a rum cocktail; you're seated on white cushions placed on the ramparts of the Old City. As you listen to cumbia, you now recognize the music as distinctly Colombian.



## La Antigua, Central Highlands of Guatemala

Founded 1524

Average high temperature in January: 65° F

Flying time from Miami: 2.5 hours nonstop on American Airlines, then a 45-minute drive

**Cox & Kings Suggested Program:** 4 days, 3 nights at \$1605 per person double, plus air

**Why Go Now:** A small gem of a colonial town, Antigua is the perfect place to experience Guatemala. The cobblestone streets hold popular restaurants and bars, bakeries, shops with high quality local crafts inspired by the artisan work of the monks, and beautifully restored architecture. Antigua is especially enticing during Semana Santa, the Holy Week leading up to Easter when the streets are packed with local indigenous groups performing colorful and elaborate re-enactments. Finally, the city is surrounded by an incredible vista of volcanoes that are easily accessible for day hiking or biking.

**You on a Postcard:** Having just climbed the 7430-ft. Pacaya Volcano, you peer into its crater, experiencing the energy of an active volcano, then take in the view all the way to the coast of El Salvador.



## Panama City, Pacific Coast of Panama

Founded 1519

Average high temperature in January: 85° F

Flying time from Miami: Just under 3 hours nonstop on American Airlines

**Cox & Kings Suggested Program:** 4 days, 3 nights, starting at \$1695 per person double, plus air

**Why Go Now:** Set along a large bay, Panama City is a very accessible international metropolis, bustling with energy. Its quieter old town is being restored — filled with colonial architecture, lovely plazas, new hotels, and restaurants. The area surrounding the City is part of a huge watershed that helps maintain the Panama Canal. So, just moments from the City, one can be in the midst of a tropical rainforest—surrounded by lush jungle bursting with colorful birds, butterflies and monkeys. And nearby, up the Chagres River, you'll find the Embera, one of the endemic groups that still maintains its traditional way of life.

**You on a Postcard:** In a gondola, dangling over Metropolitan Park's treetop jungle canopy from the Smithsonian Institute's research crane. You watch a sleepy sloth wake up to munch on his breakfast of Cieba tree leaves.



To book your Long Weekend Escape, or for more information on [Cartagena, Columbia at a Glance](#), [Guatemala at a Glance](#), or [Panama at a Glance](#), contact Rachel Robar at 1-800-999-1758.

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