# Merlin's Guide to Cali, Columbia

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### INTRO

Yes, I seem to have a fascination with countries that begin with the letter "C" these days. I've been to Cambodia twice this year, am in Costa Rica now, and am planning on traveling to Colombia in a few days; with hopefully a trip to China later this summer (Macau). Anyway, a simple system for a simple person.

This was originally going to be a just a fishing trip with some buddies to Quepos, Costa Rica, but hey, once a monger, always a monger. I found ways to partake of some skirt chasing on the side in CR, and already hooked up with a few lovelies in Costa Rica. In reading this report, you'll have to excuse the liberal use of fisherman parlance and the occasional and accidental posting of pic of a sailfish as I'll be simultaneously filing a fish report for another site along with a TR report here.

On this trip, I'll be targeting a few select species: Sailfish (fish species) and Colombianas (Female Species). Both of these targeted species are without a doubt the crème de la crème in their respective species classes IMO --- true trophy specimens that are exceptionally beautiful with distinctive appendages (sails or a full chest and bootie).

Here's one fine specimen of a Cali, Colombiana working in Costa Rica that "tagged along" with us to Quepos. I blurred her eyes a bit as I consider this one a long time acquaintance.

**Photos:** Fine Specimen <u>48</u> <u>49</u>

For some reason, the girls were extremely shy this trip and I didn't focus too much on getting photos in Costa Rica. But I will have it ready for my Jaunt in Colombia.

Recent TR reports and pics from Colombia pushed me over the edge. I've always had a great fascination with Colombianas, especially the ones I came across at the Del Rey Hotel in San Jose, Costa Rica. These girls are, and were, uniformly hot (see my pic of Colombiana from a previous trip who is also from CALI) with bodacious bodies and ample chests. In addition to their ravishing good looks, the Cali girls have this incredibly cute lilting accent when they speak Spanish – kind of sing-songish. Very cute. Anyways, there must be something truly special in the water in Cali to churn out such beauties, just as there is something in the waters off Quepos to attract so many sailfish (excellent fishing, averaging 110-130 lbs). I'll be finding out first hand. There's a lot already posted about CR, so I'll save the write up for later; suffice it to say that the Del Rey was hopping with model-quality Colombianas this trip.

### **PREPARATION**

We're lucky on this board to have an excellent primer on Colombia by Gator (See Colombia Section). It's a bit dated, but has some useful information. There are also some good trip reports here, especially of Cartagena. In reading up on all this, I got the impression that Colombia is a vastly misunderstood hobby destination like Cambodia. Lots of confusion about safety issues, but reading between the lines, Colombia appears to have a treasure trove of good looking p4p venues to explore. I also studied at least 3 other adult travel sites and culled some very useful

information for all of you thinking about Cali. Although there is a lot on Cartagena and Bogota, there really wasn't too much information about Cali. I chose Cali because it was relatively easy to get to from San Jose, explained later, and because of the consistently great encounters I've had with Caleanos at the Del Rey in Costa Rica.

As some of you may know, Cali is the second largest city in Colombia as well as the Salsa Capital of the World. There are several airlines that fly there from Costa Rica into CALI. I actually chose to fly COPA (Panamanian) airline to Cali Directly from Costa Rica for about \$220.00 roundtrip, plus elite miles on my Continental Frequent Flyer program. COPA stops off in Panama City for about 2 hours and then flies directly to Cali. They have one flight a day from Costa Rica. When I was in the States, I checked fares to CALI Colombia with COPA and AVIANCA (Colombian) which both had decent fares out of LAX for about \$680.00, economy. Many more airlines go to Bogota for obvious reasons and Cartagena always required routing through Bogota from the West Coast.

VISA: There is no VISA requirement for COLOMBIA if you hold a U.S. passport. I read that the airport was about 25 minutes outside of the downtown. Although there are lots of taxis at the airport, I chose to have a hotel employed taxi meet me at the airport.

HOTEL: On the rec from posters here and on another board. I booked my room at the Windsor Plaza Hotel, which is located in downtown and which is walking distance to a lot of p4p attractions. They don't have any websites, but do have a friendly staff person who answers the phones. They don't speak English, so it was a wee bit rough getting across to them, but hey, my high school Spanish held up fine. No website unfortunately and they're not good about answering emails. The following info is posted in Gator's great Colombia guidebook posted on this site.

Hotel Windsor Plaza Calle 17 Norte 4n65 Phone: (2) 660-6390 Fax: (2) 660-1304

PHONES: A brief note about phone calls to Colombia. Many long distance carriers blocked calls to Colombia for some reason. You can dial COLOMBIA as follows: 011 572 xxx xxxx using prepaid long distance cards. I'm taking my GSM cellphone to Colombia with the understanding that they sell SIM Cards in Colombia.

Well, back to some more fishing and some rest before I venture into the unknown.

By Gregorio on Wednesday, March 24, 2004 - 03:39 am: Edit

¡Qué cuerpo! ¡Qué sonrisa! ¡Tiene mucha pechonalidad! Ya ni llorar es bueno...

By Wallstreet on Wednesday, March 24, 2004 - 06:48 am: Edit

Nice start Merlin! I'll be following in your footsteps, have a trip planned to Colombia over July 4th. Did you get EUAed on COPA on your trip from San Jose? It's supposed

to work the same way as CO - I think COPA is wholly owned by CO.

Looking forward to the rest!

WS

By Godfather on Wednesday, March 24, 2004 - 09:11 am: Edit

Looking forward to reading your report. By the way, as far as I know you can't buy a SIM card in Cali. Maybe the other cities. I went all over trying to find one. However, my GSM cellphone DID work in Cali and I was able to place and receive calls but God knows how much those phone calls were. I haven't gotten my bill yet. I imagine maybe like \$3 a minute.

Let me know if you found a SIM card. I went to several stores and they told me it wasn't possible. Maybe you can buy a cellphone there with a SIM card and take it out? I'm not sure. All the places I went said you needed a contract.

Good luck.

By Merlin on Wednesday, March 24, 2004 - 11:13 am: Edit

Gregorio, es verdad, mi querida tiene una cuerpa perfecto y una bien corazon. Que Padre!

WS: CO did upgrade me to CR and back, but couldn't do it for COPA for some reason. Not a long flight so not a big problem. Boy, WS, we have same tastes and the same adventurous instinct.

GF: your recent pics and report is what really did it for me, as I'm sure for others, in making this trip. Thanks for the info about the SIM.

By Godfather on Wednesday, March 24, 2004 - 02:12 pm: Edit

Cool Merlin. Glad to have helped. Please do report back and let us know what you thought. I really liked the people of Cali. The city as I mentioned is a dump but you're not going for the city I guess. That's why I like to balance trips out to beautiful places and other places.

I do plan on traveling throughout Colombia this year. I'll probably hit Medellin, Bogota, Cartegena and maybe some smaller cities like Armenia.

Good luck.

By Hunter on Thursday, March 25, 2004 - 08:21 am: Edit

Looking forward to reading your report.

One correction is Medellin is Colombias second largest City, Cali being its third largest.

By Merlin on Saturday, March 27, 2004 - 02:57 pm: Edit

Thanks for the correction Hunter, I will definitely have to make my way out to Medellin as I hear the girls are actually prettier than in Cali! I met 2 girls from Medellin, both stunning, and they both told me that most of the models in Colombia hail from that region.

By <u>Isinc2003</u> on Sunday, March 28, 2004 - 05:22 pm: <u>Edit</u>

Just got back from Cali and wanted to put my 2 cents in about Cell phones having sold and owned them since 1990. I went there with my GSM cell phone T-Mobile and it seems to work but in reality I did not place a call. The cost per min with them is .99cents a min, so its reasonable.

I also attempted to put my sim card from the states into a friends cell phone from Comcel to see if it would work .. It did not. and I wasnt surprised. Folks you have to buy a cell phone in cali or colombia to realy get the full monty of fun. I bought a prepaid Cell phone in Cali on my 2nd trip back in early 2002 and have been using it ever since I even have a easy to remember phone number. Since I got a prepaid one.. Or as they say prepago. All you need is a passport to get one. My phone is older now but still works perfect as I've only used it on 6 trips to cali now. I plan on selling it and getting a little phone now costing about 240,000 pesos which is not alot of money for the super convience of having a cell phone. a Cell to Cell phone call cost 1,000 pesos a min. to a local phone its cheaper much much cheaper. you can go to internet cafes and pay as low as 300 pesos a min to an avearage of 500 a min to call cell phones.

and get this . you can call the U.S.A for 300 pesos a min too.. amazing the price similarity. I always tell everyone its super expensive to call the U.S.A so I can get them off the phone fast as I'm on vaca and don't want to talk.

There's my 2 cents.. email me if u need more

By Socrates69 on Tuesday, March 30, 2004 - 05:00 pm: Edit

So this is what you've been up to. Great stuff. Talk about carpe diem. Really looking foward to reading this whole series of reports when time permits.

By Hunter on Thursday, April 01, 2004 - 07:06 am: Edit

Thanks for the good write up, although I have lived in Colombia for 2.5 years, never yet been to Cali. Although I plan on going there for a long weekend in June. Although not planning on any P4P action, just to go and have a look around and dance with some Calenas who I met in Cartagena when they were there on holiday.

Cali, Medellin and Cartagena girls

On another thread you mentioned about the girls being better looking in Medellin and

Cartagena than Cali. Medellin and Cali have many of the best looking girls in Colombia, although you will find them everywhere, just far more of them in those two cities. In Cali they will tend to be of more mixed race therefore the skin colour is darker in Cali, in Medellin they are more white skinned, ie proto Latino look. That is why there are more models from Medellin, just the type of look preffered by the Latin fashion industry. They are also far harder in Medellin to approach than Cali. Cartagena, normally the best looking ones there are from other Cities. Depending on your taste in women, is wether Cali or Medellin has the best.

### City

I have been told that Cali is not very pretty, Medellin mostly is very pretty with the most perfect all year round climate I have come across on my travels.

### Internet

Medellin and Cali are better off cities in Colombia, so in the better neighbourhoods you will find less internet cafes because many people will have computers at home.

### Hunter

By Merlin on Thursday, April 01, 2004 - 12:25 pm: Edit

Hunter, thanks for the great write up. I'm already researching Medellin's p4p scene but there seems to be even less info than other places. I'd be very interested in any experiences you've had in Medellin.

I didn't realize you lived there, perhaps you can confirm the info about the safety thing as I am still getting alot of emails inquiring about this issue notwithstanding my recent experiences and GF experiences.

You're correct that CALI is an ugly city with little or nothing to do. I did enjoy the CASINOs, which were wide open, and the escorts and freelancers were all available during the daytime.

By Godfather on Thursday, April 01, 2004 - 01:16 pm: Edit

I'm also looking forward to hitting Medellin. A few dudes went lately and told me the P2P scene isn't as good or diverse as Cali's. I hear it's a beautiful city though. Even everyone in Cali kept telling me how beautiful it is.

I agree with you Merlin. I still get guys that email asking about the safety issue. That's why it will never be mainstream like other places. Think about it. These are guys that travel all around the world scared. Think about the rookie American that has never left the USA before. He will really be scared to go to Colombia. Maybe it's a good thing. I don't know.

The funny thing is many people from Cali have never even been outside of their own city. Many people I talked to didn't ever leave the immediate Cali area because of fear of traveling or moreso lack of money. It's sad.

By Lamuerte on Sunday, April 04, 2004 - 06:22 pm: Edit

We are somewhat off-topic now, but GF, you absolutely should check out Medellín. It's more reserved than Cali, but the women are beautiful, plentiful and very approachable if you've got game. The city is very clean, nice malls...blah blah blah. Definetley get yourself there sometime.

LM

By Hunter on Sunday, April 04, 2004 - 11:50 pm: Edit

Merlin first of all sorry for the delay in replying, I have just returned to the UK on businees, only for 2.5 weeks thank God.

There is plenty of p4p play action in Medellin, from what my friends tell me there is less than in Cali, but more than enough to go around. I have only touched on the p4p play scene in Medellin, I normally hang out with ordinary girls, just go the casas once and a while. Action with a 6/7 for about an hour costs about 30-40,000 pesos in the ordinary casas. The better quality casas costs about 80,000-100,000 pesos for a 7/8 for an hour. An all nighter can cost about 100,000 pesos plus, depending where you get the girl from, I have never had a girl for all night in Medellin, so I am relying on my friends info.

One guy who can help you regarding many things is Roberto who also lives in Medellin and knows the p4p scene inside out, email below:

### chgo01@aol.com

Regarding safety Medellin or Cali should be treated like any large City in the US. There is the possibility of being mugged, take the normal precautions as in the US and you can lesson the odds. One thing differant is the so called taxi bandits, where you can get in the wrong taxi and they will pull up in a out of the way spot and take everything with the help of some friends OR take you to an ATM and force you to use your ATM card to withdraw the maximum then take everything. Never had either happen to me, but met half a dozen gringos who have been robbed by taxi drivers. You can reduce the chances of the happening by getting people to call the taxi from where you are leaving and if you are in a popular area take a taxi from a taxi rank. But if either of those two is not always available you just take one from the street. I have been in Medellin 1.5 years and must have taken about 600 taxis from the street even at 3am in the morning and nothing has happened yet, just to put things in perspective.

Some neighbourhoods should not be entered as in any US city, just ask trusted local advice before you go anywhere new.

The Countryside is where most kidnappings happen, so if you are going to visit the Countryside ask trusted local advice to make sure that the area is safe.

Hope this helps.

Hunter

Excellent post Hunter, thanks for the info on Medellin and Roberto, I'll have to contact him for some insider information.

I'll refer email posters to your recent post re: safety issues as I state to them upfront that as a one-time visitor, I cannot do more than just tell them about my experience in Cali (no problems).

I didn't know about the Taxi bandit problem was that potentially problematic, and I can see how that can happen. I did use only the taxis lined up in front of shopping centers and never got into a taxi with someone I didn't feel comfortable with. Most hotels have taxis on staff that you can arrange for pickup to further ensure safety. But I didn't have any problems myself with the Taxis, even coming from casinos with winnings.

### General Observations of Cali

Thought I would check in with you all since a long lapse in posting might mean to some people of Sequestra -- I was kidnapped--or, for those that know me, that I'm having too good of a time to post. I assure you that it's the latter. I am having a blast and hooking up with some real GFEs. I'll post pics after my trip as I forgot my connection cable.

### **Brief Observations of the City.**

Cali is safe, put all the rumours and media hype to rest. Some guys may get spooked because there is a noticeable army presence in most places like the airports and lots of armed guards with Ak-47s or shotguns walking around everywhere, but I'm used to that after my trips to the Phillipines and Cambodia. FYI, the drive from the airport to town is safe also, I was wondering about that because the airport is about 25 minutes outside of town. My sources say that there is some sort of truce now with the guerillas so things have been pretty quiet as of late. So long as you don't venture outside the city or into their turf in the mountains, and why would you, it's fine.

As for the City, any areas around San Vicente and Versailles (where many of the things of interest to us are) appears to be very safe, even at nights. I was told to avoid the following places:

"Barrio Siloé Agua Blanca La Union Cuidad Cordoba The disused trainstation near the centre and don't walk down the railway line as a short-cut. At night: Galeria/barrio santa helena The area surrounding Terminal de transportes Barrio republic israel Barrio antonio nariÑo Confandi".

The people are indeed very friendly, as a general rule. Interestingly, whenever I engage in small talk and the locals find out I am American, they express to me their concern about the bad rap about their City in the U.S. papers they are angry at Bush and the media for bringing this about. Cali is like any other city, you will

occassionally run into drunks at the clubs and a few cold people here and there, but that's to be expected.

The City itself is kind of run down with no attempt at urban planning, similar to TJ or Manila. There is nothing to do in the Daytime aside from ordering out a call girl or spending some time with a favorita.

One of my favoritas tells me the city is going through some very hard economic times. Everything here is negotiable because people are hurting. There are just no jobs around and that manifests itself in interesting ways -- i.e. taxi drivers with college educations, college girls at the working venues and outcall agencies, etc. As for the peso, I'm getting about 2500 pesos per dollar, which is pretty good. A tax ride is about 3,000-5000 pesos for instance, coffee is about 1200 pesos, and the girls are taking 80K-150K. It's really a great deal.

There is a healthy number of good looking girls walking around in the shopping malls and streets. I was surprised that they are fairly approachable and willing to make small talk. Haven't hooked up with one yet, but am working on the receptionist at my hotel.

Another important thing about Cali is that some ability to speak Spanish will go a long ways. Most people I have met do not speak English, even at my hotel and even at the big shopping centers.

There are very few tourists here, I only met one other American at the hotel. He was here to participate in the matrimonial services offered by some agencies here, he tells me this is a big operation and that if you're willing to meet a girl and have the patience to go out on a few dates-- you can score. I don't have the patience I replied, but almost chocked on my words when he showed me some pics of some stunning women he's courting. Gotta give it try next time. WINDSOR PLAZA HOTEL

This hotel is good, but not great. The service is excellent and the location is in a nice, safe area close to Floras Frescas, Kaliente club, and Faroan (both of them). In fact, I walked to Floras Frescas at night. I'll explain the p4p scene in another thread.

By Wallstreet on Friday, March 26, 2004 - 06:46 pm: Edit

Glad to hear you alive and well and having fun. Really looking forward to the details. For hotel, I'll probably stay at the Intercontinental. They have a 21-advance day purchase for suites for \$75 a night - great for the Intercontinental. Is that hotel well situated?

I'm also brushing up on my Spanish. Would you say ability to speak Spanish in Cali is less important or more so than in Costa Rica? I would imagine more since Cali isn't a tourist town.

Have a great time!

By Merlin on Saturday, March 27, 2004 - 02:53 pm: Edit

Hi WS, I'm having a great time and I'll have to post the pics that will blow your mind and details later as there are few internet spots here. Some very good looking girls here who are eager to practice their English with you in between sessions :-) I will also have tons of numbers and addresses for you in the next few threads.

I think the Intercontinental is a good bet, it's one of the nicer ones I hear. You may want to check if there are extra fees for guests as I hear some upper end places have. Also, you an get some really nice digs for under \$50.00. There are some excellent hotels that I found which I will post details about later. As for my original hotel, the Windsor, it turned out to be a major dud. Awful service, small rooms, intermittent a/c, and construction noise next door. They repeatedly refused to change rooms so I high tailed it out of there to a great place called the Hotel de Las Americas, in Versailles, which is North Cali. North Cali is where you want to be, the downtown area is spook and run down. South Cali is not so bad, that's where they have the huge Unicentro Mall.

As for Spanish, it's more of a requirement in Cali as very few people speak English at all. You need to be able to communicate with the girls or the pimps and also the taxis. Costa Rica, espc. near Gringo Gulch is not so bad for the non-Spanish speaker.

By Merlin on Saturday, March 27, 2004 - 03:12 pm: Edit

BTW, for anyone interested, I moved to another excellent hotel in Versailles (North Cali) minutes from Floras Frescas, Faroan, etc. Truly good service, spotless clean facility and rooms with lots of space, quiet, kitchen, living room, dining room, etc. Girl friendly, as with many hotels in Cali, if the girls stay more than 3 hrs, they don't like it or they will charge you extra.

HOTEL PLAZAS LAS AMERICAS Calle 21 N No. 3n-34 Santiago Del Cali, Colombia Tel-680-1010 Fax-660-3225

email: <a href="mailto:hotel@plazalasamericas.com">hotel@plazalasamericas.com</a> Their website seems to be down.

By Godfather on Wednesday, March 31, 2004 - 09:37 am: Edit

I totally agree with your report. Everything you posted are things I noticed too. Thanks for posting an excellent report.

By FLhobbyer on Wednesday, March 31, 2004 - 10:22 am: Edit

I totally agree with everything, too, except the idea that GF's posts aren't creating new visitors!

By Godfather on Wednesday, March 31, 2004 - 12:39 pm: Edit

Hey FLH,

I'm not saying my reports aren't creating new visitors. Indeed they are and I'm getting emails telling me as such and thanking me for posting. All I'm saying is this dude that posts on Extreme was bitching and moaning like every single day. Almost crying about my posts. I've never quite seen anything like it before. Of course, anyone that knows me knows I'm a true adventurer and if I want to post I'll post. Ha, ha.

My point is that Cali will never be a San Jose or similar type city. Sure guys will go there and they have ever reason to. It just won't become a mainstream hobby destination. Sure there are pretty girls but there are better quality P2P girls in a number of other cities around the world for about the same price. I found the super cheap P2P places in Cali I didn't find any suitable girls.

The high end places including that one Merlin mentioned really aren't cheap. For the same price you can hobby in BA or Brazil with a super hottie. The only difference is that Cali is close to the USA. The disadvantages are the city has little to do during the day. The non-pro scene is the highlight for me.

P.S. I found it funny that you can't judge police walking around with machine guns as any indication of how dangerous a city is. Upon arriving at the airport in Nice, France I saw all these police walking around the airport carrying machine guns. Same thing outside of the airport. Ha, ha. Never judge a book by it's cover.

(Message edited by godfather on March 31, 2004)

By Lamuerte on Sunday, April 04, 2004 - 06:29 pm: Edit

Merlin, good observations about the neighborhoods. Others to avoid are Pizamos Decer Paz, Mojica and San Judas. In fact, many of the Caleñas in San Jose (Marcela, Johanna, Sandra and Viviana) are from San Judas. Many of the girls you'll meet in the P4P establishments in Cali are from these neighborhoods as well. If you become friendly with one of them and are invited to come visit, find an excuse not to. I've been to each of those neighborhoods and wouldn't do so again voluntarily.

By Merlin on Sunday, April 04, 2004 - 09:05 pm: Edit

LM, thanks for the heads up. I doubt I'll venture outside of North Cali. I drove through downtown and it's a bit uncomfy.

### THE WORKING GIRLS

Let me just say upfront that not every working girl in CALI is a Playboy type model. It's like any other place, mostly 5s &6s, several 7s & 8s, and the rare 9, sprinkled here and there. With that said, I will venture to say that there are some true diamonds in the rough here at most of the bigger houses/clubs. I liken Cali to the famed Outerbanks in the movie Perfect Storm – i.e. great fishing but since people believe it's too risky to go there, the place has become a teeming "fishery" with very few "fisherman".

One thing that struck me was the variety of girls here. Colombianas reflect the general population of most Central and South American girls in that they have white girls, black girls, and morenas (mixed). I discovered that the Colombianas in Costa Rica are the lighter skin girls who were savvy enough and saved enough money to get to San Jose (legally or illegally).

By and large, I was greatly impressed with the Booties as I think they can rival their Brazilian sisters in that department any day. They also impressed me with a great number of ample chests. I'll be sure to post lots of bootie and titties pics later. Many of the girls are taller than what I expected, 5'4" or above.

The girls for the most part are in their early to mid-20s, many of them have had kids. I didn't encounter the airtight pussies I've found in SEA, but the beauty and passion of some of these girls made the sex very good nevertheless.

BTW, I couldn't get a whole lot of pics here because most of the CASA venues and Clubs will search you thoroughly as you enter so it's difficult to take pics. The pics that I did get were mostly call girls or Club girls I took to my hotel (very expensive).

Generally, as I noted before, the sex was very energetic and passionate, and one girl, Gisella (explained later) was just an animal in bed. Every girl that comes to your hotel will shower with you if you ask them for it. Many girls will try CBJ, but I was able to negotiate several BBBJs. The girls were always very curious about me and wanted to practice their English a lot in between sessions. A lot of talk of politics and life in Cali with several girls who literally stayed at my hotel for 3 hours.

### CASAS AND CLUBS

Most of CALI's p4p scene revolves around Clubs/brothels and the residence type Casas (houses). There are also tons of classified ads for "adultos" services in the local paper, more on that later.

In my research, I came across several great posts on another website which gave an excellent outline of the p4p action in CALI. I borrowed some of the info from there and have incorporated it into this report.

### LAS PROFESIONALES (www.lasprofesionales.com)

(315-574 85 43, 310-371 59 35)

Well, this is really a call girl service, but I'm mentioning it first as this service was consistent in delivering up some stunners. This outfit will be a Clubhombre secret as I swear to you that every girl that I partook of was incredibly hot! Lots of pics will be posted and you can compare my pics with the website pics. Most of the girls' website photos did do them justice and one girl, Dalia, was more ravishing in real life! This service is relatively new, about six months old, and the proprietor, who is also a servicer, Dalia, promises me that they are recruiting newer girls each day. BTW, Dalia's mother answers the phones and is extremely pleasant. The high prices reflect the exclusivity. The prices range from 150K to 300K depending on the girl. I had five of these girls delivered during my week stay and I must say that each experience was very good -- very friendly girls with great looks to boot. Of the five girls, I will make note of 2 of them. Dalia is a stunning blonde with green eyes and HUGE titties. She is literally a model she tells me. Very great personality and just the most accommodating girl I've come across considering how great she looked. The other Girl was Gisella whose claim to fame is that she attacked me with roughplay and aggressive kissing-nibbling. She freaked out in bed and literally convulsed when having sex. AWESOME experience.

[insert pics of Dalia, Gisella here]

"FARAON FARAON DEL NORTE (Located Next Door to Each Other) Calle 2 #23-48 (NEAR THE CALI TOWERS, HIGHTEST LANDMARK) Phone: N/A Hours: N/A Prices: 20 minutes for 30k pesos 30 minutes for 40k pesos 60 minutes for 50k pesos don't believe these places are owned or run by the same people"

These are two clubs that are adjacent to each other and that was once owned by the same owner. FARAON Del Norte was the better club with more girls and prettier girls. All the girls at both clubs walk around in thong bikinis to permit closeup inspection. AGain, what booties on these girls! I went to these two places a total of 5 times as it was easy to get to and I felt more comfortable there than at Floras Frescas. Plus, the girls were more fun here. There is one girl named Julie (in Del NORTE who gave the most incredible head, with big time ball licking and deep throating action. More importantly, each time I was there, there were a minimum of three 8s in Foraon Del Norte. If you take the girl in-house, expect to pay 20K for 20 min, 30K for 30 min and 50K for 1 hour. The upstairs rooms are kind of dirty, the bed kind of worn and not comfy; there is only one room with its own bathroom, the others share another bathroom.

[insert pics of Julie here]

### **KALIENTE CLUB** (www.kaliente.com)

Calle 25 Norte No.2 Bis 47 Barrio San Vicente (653 6832-main, 315-597 2073-cel) \$70.000 ½ hour, \$100.000/hour, \$180.000/3 hours (3 hour service in-house or at your hotel). Kaliente is very expensive, but set up nicely. Kaliente is located down the street from Faroan. There were two other casas or houses on the same street, not worth checking out as there was nothing over a 6 at each of these house. I did want to check Kaliente because of another poster's recs and their fairly good website. When I arrived at Kaliente, it appeared to be just a residence with no distinctive markings. The interior of Kaliente was a good set up with an interesting waiting area with sofas, candles and coffee tables. There were about 10-15 girls each time I went, at least 3 of them very desireable each time. Each girl comes out of a curtained off area and introduces herself so you can get a great look at their face and body as they walk towards you, the lighting was a bit too dark, however. I took out a stunner of a girl named Angelina, who is a 19 y.o. from Medellin. I also did her in house. Incredibly beautiful face with an equally great body. Great sex, but a bit quick with the CBJ. She spent two hours with me at my hotel for about 180K pesos. Kaliente, like any other places, will check you for weapons and cameras so you can't take pictures if you do the girl in the rooms.

[insert pics of Angelina here]

### FLORES FRESCAS (www.geocities.com/ffrescas)

Calle 20N #4N-16 Barrio San Vicente

\$70.000 ½ hour, \$100.000/hour, \$180.000/3 hours

This place is over priced IMO, and some of the girls were a bit stuck up. I went there 3x and I did see the stunner that Godfather had taken out, but she seemed busy all the time. Aside from her and maybe two other 8s, the others were mostly 6s and 7s. The asking price for take out fee was a hefty 150K plus 70K barfine. There is a great lesbo show and strip show at 9:30 and 11:30 each night. The place is kind of spooky because you have to go through a darkened parking lot, and an even darker court

yard where several tough looking guards will check you out very thoroughly for contraband. I paid 15K cover on the weekends, but no cover on the weekday. You then need to go up to the 3rd floor where the girls, the bar, and the dance floor is located. A decent setup but kind of too dark to get a good look at the girl and the operative area was kind of small. The girls don't come up and introduce themselves to you like in the other places so you have to be patient and wait around. Also, note that everyone will be local there.

### FANTASIAS INTERNACIONAL (www.fantasias-internacional.com)

Calle 13 #22a - 44 Barrio Junin (514 2159, 557 1833) Cra. 23 #9e - 91 Barrio Bretana( 557 4672)

\$80.000/hour (out of house), \$50.000/hour (room, jacuzzi, girl), \$40.000/hour (room, girl)

This place has a decent website and you can either take out or dine in. Its kind of towards downtown so I don't advise going there after hours. The website shows most, but not all the girls. There were about 10 girls, with one of them being about an 8. I dined in and couldn't take pics.

By Wallstreet on Monday, March 29, 2004 - 07:17 am: Edit

Merl - Wow!

Now THIS is a trip report with useable details, a quintessential Guide to P4P in Cali! And they haven't even posted the photos yet.

Great, great details. Great, great report!

By Sf4dfish on Monday, March 29, 2004 - 05:53 pm: Edit

There is also a type of a lightly tanned Colombiana called "triguena". Also muy deliciosa:-)

By Merlin on Tuesday, March 30, 2004 - 05:11 pm: Edit

SF4dfish, I probably ran into a "triguena" as there were some beautiful, indigenous looking girls at some of the casas.

By Godfather on Wednesday, March 31, 2004 - 09:44 am: Edit

Good information. The only thing where i had a different experience with is the camera scenario. I was going to Kaliente so often that the guys knew me. I'd tip them fairly well. So they would allow me to bring my backpack in with me. Of course I had my camera in there with me. I only sessioned there one time. The rest of the times I'd pull the girl out with me to my hotel.

Same thing at another place. At first they wouldn't let me bring my backpack in but later they would after I explained I wouldn't session without it. I think if you are nice

and ask politely they will let you. It's probably easier to bring a bag then to have the camera on you as they frisk you everywhere you go.

FF IS expensive but I can say that my experiences with their girls was good. There are less expensive options as you found out though. Excellent information.

By FLhobbyer on Wednesday, March 31, 2004 - 10:21 am: Edit

My experience is that when frisking you they are looking for a weapon. I had my camera on me many times when frisked and they never made issue of it. OK, once, at a disco (can't remember the name) - one of the after hours places about 20 minutes outside town to the north... but never an issue at a chica de programma establishment.

By Merlin on Wednesday, March 31, 2004 - 11:46 am: Edit

You're probably right FLhobbyer, I didn't try taking my camera to a lot places b/c I was assuming they were searching for weapons and cameras. The reason I believed this was that on my first night, I high tailed it to Floras Frescas around 11pm and one of the beefy guards told me I'd have to leave my camera with him until I came out. Because of this, I didn't try taking in to other places. Maybe I just ran into bad luck at FF or it's some new policy?

(Message edited by merlin on March 31, 2004)

By Godfather on Wednesday, March 31, 2004 - 12:34 pm: Edit

Nah. They are just looking for guns and knives and that sort of thing. I had my camera on me lots of times. The only time was when I went to FF since of course I wouldn't bring a backpack since it was late at night. Seriously though I bet if I had it with me I could have talked my way into keeping it or offering them a tip. Remember, it never hurts to ask. Many times we assume the answer will be no but if you ask they will say sure.

I also would joke around with the guy at FF every night. Good guys. The manager was always nice to me too. It's interesting that the owner of FF is a gay guy from Brazil. Go figure.

By Hunter on Thursday, April 01, 2004 - 06:46 am: Edit

Trigueña...my favourite type of girl as well, SF4dfish.

Hunter

By Treeshark on Saturday, April 10, 2004 - 08:18 pm: Edit

I looked at the website for LAS PROFESIONALES before I looked at your pictures. Well, your pictures were just great. I wish I could just half as well as you did, I am going to look at your pictures just to learn how to pose chicas better, You did a

GREAT job.

And your whole report was great too.

the info you have shared was fantastic. I am all ready to go to Cali now just to check out of this all now.

I think that the city of Cali should hire you to do public realations for them. Fantastic job and thank you very much for sharing.

By Hunter on Saturday, April 10, 2004 - 11:01 pm: Edit

Treeshark, when are you going to Colombia.

Hunter

By Treeshark on Saturday, April 10, 2004 - 11:33 pm: Edit

Unknown at this time. Was trying to finish my taxes first. Trouble is that I have started working again. Things are a mess at work and Mr nice guy has been helping out a bit. like 20 hours a week that has slowed me down on taxes. also I am really just worn out. trying to recover from work before I swim on down. I may just go on and book my flights and head on down. But I am working like 20 hours just this Easter weekend, that is sat and sunday.

By Hunter on Sunday, April 11, 2004 - 05:32 am: Edit

Keep me updated.

I am in the UK on business at the moment, will be back in Colombia for 5 months in just over a week, Cartagena first 8 days, then onto Medellin.

I am working 30 hours this Easter Weekend as well, 15 hour days for the 20 days that I am in the UK, get in and out as quick as possible.

Hunter

By Merlin on Sunday, April 11, 2004 - 02:07 pm: Edit

Treeshark, thanks for the kind words, I appreciate it alot, especially coming from someone who similarly admires Colombia and its people. After my trip to Cali, I'm more convinced than ever that Cali and the Caleanos have received a bad rap. I think the residents know this and go out of their way to treat the few tourists well. Very friendly people who went out of their way to make me feel at home, and the girls were just way too much fun and accommodating.

By Treeshark on Tuesday, April 13, 2004 - 10:10 pm: Edit

well hunter april 28th may be the day that "I shall return" not sure where yet.

thanks merlin. really thinking about Cali now. may depend on whether i can sneak off to Cali before the wives track me down !!!!!

By Treeshark on Thursday, April 15, 2004 - 05:03 pm: Edit

ok change of plans yet again. early may now. no idea where I will end up though. will see you in Medellin

By Hunter on Thursday, April 15, 2004 - 09:34 pm: Edit

See you in Medellin or Cartagena.

I will await for you to arrive in Colombia until we decide where we will meet, can't rely on your plans.

Hunter

By Treeshark on Friday, April 16, 2004 - 06:03 pm: Edit

hunter

send me email at treesharkus@hotmail.com

will explain to you in private. some things better to talk about in private and not on public board. sure you understand and ido have my tickets.

By Hunter on Sunday, April 18, 2004 - 05:52 am: Edit

OK just sent.

Hunter

By Treeshark on Sunday, April 18, 2004 - 05:01 pm: Edit

Merlin sorry about the other day. you just get awful intense at times man. Nemesis is a GRINGA. I understand how you feel but like everyone is jumping on her. again sorry but maybe cut the GRINGA some slack. at least she is making things lively !!!!!

# An Exhaustive Inventory of the Scores of Other P4P Action

As noted, because of the bad economy, there are dozens of girls advertising their services on the local newspaper <a href="www.elpais-cali.com">www.elpais-cali.com</a>. Look in the classified ads under "Adultos" for some interesting services, it's in Spanish so you need to be able to read some basic Spanish and to speak it when you call the girls as none of them spoke any English. Here is a posting from another poster on another site who did some research on his own. I called most of them to confirm the information. I didn't

sample too many because I was having fun with the other p4p venues I wrote about earlier. The ones I sampled have my comments in brackets, the quoted info (All of it) is from the other poster.

### **FREELANCERS**

"Adriana (cel. 315-584 7678) – She answers the phone herself.

Things get a bit more interesting. Adriana charges \$80.000/hour for oral/vaginal sex. She only makes house calls w/20 min. notice. She lives near Chipichape mall in the northern part of the city. She's 25 years old and says she'll do a BJ w/o protection as long as you 'appear to be clean.'

Andrea & Johanna (cel. 310-449 6372) – Ask for Andrea when you call. This service is for the 2 girls at the same time and they charge \$120.000/hour for oral/vaginal sex (no anal). Everything is done w/condom and you should call them w/at least 1 hour's notice. They only make house calls and are a bi-sexual couple.

Brenda (cel. 315-492 3402) – answers the phone herself.

She is a light skinned blonde who charges \$50.000/hour plus transportation (about \$5.000 wherever you are, most likely). This is for oral/vaginal sex only. She is 29 years old and only does house calls. She turns her cell phone off at 10:30pm, so call her early to schedule.

Viki (cel. 310-371 5935) – answers the phone herself.

This one offers quite a unique service and she is all about customer satisfaction. She really likes taking care of her clients so they come back. She only deals w/upper end Colombians and American tourists. She charges \$200.000 for 2 hours w/her and a 23 year old friend named Angie. This includes any and all of the following: FULL lesbian show (including 69, masturbation and even toy action if you like), oral sex and vaginal sex. They will both perform oral sex w/o condom as long as you don't have something hideously wrong w/your penis. Now, get this!! They actually WANT you to cum either on their tits, ass or on

their faces!! You can also get the same service for just Viki @ \$100.000 for the 2 hours, but I personally will have to try this service w/both of them. Viki is 37 years old and works in the gym all day long so I believe her when she says she has 36 busto (chest), 60 waist and 90 hips. Angie, as I mentioned earlier is 23 years old. Mondays and Tuesdays you can schedule at any time but if you want something for the weekend, try calling Wednesday for sure availability. This lady gave me some great details .... like I said already, she's all about customer satisfaction! (only house calls).

Konny (cel. 310-448 7332) – answers the phone herself.

This is another quite unique service. Konny initially told me about service w/just her, but when I asked if she had some other friends, she told me some good stuff. First, for just her, she charges \$70.000/hour for oral/vaginal sex (plus \$5.000 taxi) and massage. She will give you a BJ w/o condom once again, as long as you got your stuff lookin' good AND will have you cum on her tits, face or even in her mouth!! She is 26 years old and has 2 other girls that live with her (20 year old, 18 year old). I didn't ask if her friends will let you cum in their mouths, but I imagine so. Anyhow, the same service with 2 girls is

\$120.000/hour and for 3 girls it is \$180.000/hour (slight price break). I will definitely give her a ring as well, you can bet on that!!

*Angie (cel. 315-568 2077)* – answers the phone herself. Lives in Northern part of city near Barrio Granada. She is 20 years old and

requires about 30 minutes notice before scheduling a time and place. She charges \$80.000/hour plus transportation for complete service. She's kind of an underground wanna-be pro.

Daniela & Liliana (cel. 310-849 8430) --- must call for availability (Very Private Service)

Cra. 26J #54-51 Barrio Nueva Floreza

\$40.000/hour for 1 girl (massage, oral, vaginal)

\$60.000/hour for 2 girls (all inclusive threesome)

This is not really a casa because you absolutely have to give them notice or else the girls may not be available. This particular service caters to tourists.

Jeimmy (pronounced Jamie) – cel. 310-833 1464 ---- answers the phone herself. This one is a little bit more special. She charges \$60.000/hour and \$20.000 extra for anal (ah yes, but of course). She is 25 years old and is very pleasant on the phone. She only makes house calls, so you will have to have a room yourself.

Yessi (cel. 310-418 8408) - answers the phone herself.

OK ... this one appears to be the most innocent of these independent girls. She simply "sounds" like she's new to the game. She's 29 years old and is a University student. She charges \$40.000/hour (oral/vaginal) and is available until 4pm M-F and until 8pm on the weekends. She only makes house calls.

Andy (cel. 315-555 9326) – answers the phone herself.

Lives in the Northern part of the city and I have no idea what she does for a living. She is 20 years old and charges \$80.000/hour plus transportation. She needs to be called with at least 20 minutes notice and told me that if I want her to bring a friend, it can be arranged. I would imagine she'd just double the price, who knows.

Vanessa (cel. 315-556 3551) – answers the phone herself.

\$80.000/hour for oral and vaginal sex. She will only come to you. She lives in the northern part of the city near Chipichape (outdoor mall). She is 18 years old and is tall, blonde and slender. She sounds very, very sweet on the phone. [A sweet girl who was decent, but not great. She brought a cow of a girlfriend so you may want to be careful when ordering two girls. Vanessa herself has a nice body, fairly slender, and nice bootie. Only thing was that her tits sagged and she was a bit loose]

Camila (cel 310-410 1332) – answers the phone herself.

Cra. 18a. #15a-18 Bario Guayaquil

\$60.000/hour for oral and vaginal sex. She can come to you or you can go to her. She runs her business out of her condo. She is 25 years old, about 5'6", lightly tanned skin with long blonde hair. I asked her specifically if she gives her BJ w/condom and she says that if you prefer, she does not have to use the condom."

### SCORES OF SMALLER CASAS ALL THROUGHOUT CALL

I went to so many smaller casas that I won't even try to list them all. Tell the taxi

driver you want to go to a "Reservado". Here is a great listing prepared by a poster from another board that outlines some of the worthwhile ones. I didn't find too many keepers in the smaller casas, but again, you should be out searching for the diamond in the rough.

### "Geisha's Club

Avenida 2E Norte #24N-114 Barrio San Vicente (682 3164)  $$40.000/hour \& $30.000 \frac{1}{2} hour$ 

### Albaricoque Club

Avenida 2E Norte #24N-76 Barrio San Vicente (681 3427) \$45.000/hour & \$35.000 ½ hour

### Cristal Club (Open 24 hours/day)

Pasoancho & 72 near Davivienda (331 7963, 333 6827)

\$72.000/hour & \$42.000  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour (BBBJ depends on which girl you talk to) Cristal Club is on Avenida Pasoancho (which is, in terms of numbers, Calle 13) close to Carrera 72 . . . you've been to Cali, so you know what I mean. As far as landmarks, there's a "Brasa Roja" place close by.

It's been five years, and I can't get over this town. I mean, the pro and non-pro action a man gets is simply incredible. Only place that comes close IMHO is PEREIRA - but that town warrants a thread of its own . . .

### Vannessa's (Open to men and couples)

Cra. 32 #6-42 Barrio Los Cambulos (556 5321)

Cra. 40 #9-14 (551 1644)

\$40.000/hour & \$30.000 ½ hour (BBBJ depends on which girl you talk to)

### Eros

Cra. 30A #7-73 Barrio El Cedro (557 6918, 557 4283, 557 4391) \$40.000/hour & \$30.000 ½ hour

### **Amores**

Avenida 3 Norte #47CN12 Barrio La Merced (683 0494) \$35.000/hour & \$30.000 ½ hour

### Dinastia Club

Calle 48 #8A08 (Near Air Base [438 7618]) \$40.000/hour & 30.000 ½ hour

## Club Social Dina's

Cra. 50 #10-31 Barrio Villa Depal (553 5007) \$40.000/hour & \$30.000 ½ hour

### Apolo's

Calle 15 #21-78 Barrio Guayaquil (557 8572) \$40.000/hour & \$30.000 ½ hour

### Chicas del Norte

Avenida 2Bis Norte #28N57 Barrio San Vicente (668 1191, 660 0134) \$60.000/hour (out of house), \$45.000/hour & \$35.000 ½ hour (in-house) Complete service includes nude massage, oral sex and vaginal sex

### Florecitas Caché

Calle 36 #34-40 Barrio La Gran Colombia (335 94437) \$13.000/hour (nude massage) --- anything "extra" is negotiable w/individual girl

### Sueños

Cra. 44 #5B79 Barrio Tequendama (551 7748) \$40.000/hour & \$30.000 ½ hour

Cra. 24 #51-79 Barrio Nueva Floresta (444 3378) Nude massage 1 girl/\$12.000 or 2 girls/\$15.000 w/handjob included Any additional services can be negotiated individually w/the girls.

Cra. 39 Pasoancho #13-71 Barrio El Dorado (335 7948) \$32.000/hour or \$21.000/ ½ hour (room included) Usually there are about 9 girls on duty.

Calle 9B #20-25 Barrio Bretaña (557 5409) \$25.000/nude massage w/hand job or \$50.000/complete 1 hour service

Calle 23 #18-81 Barrio Las Casas (683 5240) \$20.000/hour or \$15.000/ ½ hour for 1 girl \$30.000/hour for 2 girls at once!!! J

*Calle 9B* #19-48 Barrio Bretaña (554 3214)

Nude massage w/handjob \$12.000 for 1 girl or \$15.000 for 2 girls Any additional services can be negotiated individually w/the girls. Smaller business w/only 5 girls, open 9am – 8pm.

*Calle 15* #21-78 Barrio Junin (557 8572) \$40.000/hour or \$30.000/ ½ hour on location, \$60.000/hour if they come to you.

Another casa where I had good luck was a place called Cambiadero De Aceite (Calle 5 B3BIS No. 38-60, tele- 514 0355). There, I met a VERY sweet 18 year old named Tallia and she was another very motivated chica. Tallia had just moved to Cali a month ago. All the other girls there, however, were 4is and 5is, in my opinion. I wanted to check Tallia out again the next day but she was occupied, if you know what I mean. She was an excellent value; I believe at this place it was 45,000 for 1 hour.

Two other casas I visited were called Empaques Milenium. They had 2 locations: #1) Principal- Calle 9B #39-14, B/Los Cambulos, Frente a las Canchas de Patinaje and #2) Sucursal- Calle 5A #39-76, B/Tequendama, Frente a Colseguros. I visited these 2 places in the daytime and they had limited talent, however, both guys insisted (at each casa) that after 8 pm there is a much better selection. I didn't have time to find out, unfortunately."

By FLhobbyer on Sunday, March 28, 2004 - 06:04 pm: Edit

Wow, excellent. Thumbs up on providing such an informative and usefully detainled post.

By Merlin on Monday, March 29, 2004 - 06:30 am: Edit

Thanks FL, your report was also very helpful in steering me the right way.

By Blazers on Tuesday, March 30, 2004 - 10:28 am: Edit

If you can combine both p4p chapters, this guide should be placed in the Smithsonian. Unreal.

By Merlin on Tuesday, March 30, 2004 - 01:31 pm: Edit

I really appreciate your enthusiastic thumbs up on this one Blazers, I obviously took a cue from your many excellent guides for AC/Manila/Pattaya, etc. I truly believe that such reports are the most invalauble stuff on this board. I did the easy work of compiling the mass of information from a bunch of reports, webistes, and discussions, etc.

By Godfather on Wednesday, March 31, 2004 - 09:46 am: Edit

Damn you were one busy beaver! Ha, ha. I had that kind of energy two years ago but kind of lost interest in the seeing 4 girls a day thingy. Thanks for posting all those places. I found the smaller houses had mostly ugly girls but there might be 1-2 decent ones. You don't know if you don't go I guess. Thanks.

By Merlin on Wednesday, March 31, 2004 - 10:02 am: Edit

Yup, energy compliments of Cialis:-) I also didn't care too much for the smaller houses and by and large stuck to the bigger venues and classified ads -- interestingly, about a good half of the girls that showed up from the ads were doable, the others, I sent back with taxi fare.

By Godfather on Wednesday, March 31, 2004 - 06:03 pm: Edit

Yeah. A lot of the cheapo guys rave about those houses but I'd probably not even go back to places like Doctor of Love. Personally I'd rather pay \$80 and do a model type than \$18 for an average or ugly girl. Where is the value in that? If I wanted to do average girls I could just go out in the USA....

# Misc Thoughts

### GUIDE

This again, is a person that was recommended by another poster, I thought I'd pass it on to you if you are thinking about using his services. Note, I did not use a guide this trip and found it manageable with my high school Spanish.

"All he charged me was \$30 a night plus I took care of drinks for chicas (Ramon, himself, doesn't drink alcohol) and cab fare. If any of you need a reliable guide for chica-hunting in Cali, here is Ramon's contact info-ballesteros@usa.com, tele- 5133458. Heis a good guy and won't rip you off."

### THE NON-WORKING GIRLS

Maybe its me, but I only scored 1x with a non-pro. It was easy meeting the non-working girls and many girls loved to talk and shoot the breeze, but it did not appear as though they were terribly interested in doing the wild thing with a stranger. I have more luck in ASIA. But then again, I wasn't actively targeting them this trip, but I can see how the non-pros are there if you have the patience and persistence. Also, I noted earlier that I met an American who "scores" through the many matrimonial services offered in CALI. I saw some pics and some of the girls were very pretty. Definitely "good girls" that require some maintenance.

### MALLS

A lot of socializing takes place at these wonderful outdoor malls like Unicentro (South Cali) or ChipeChape (Northern Cali). Very modern with all the hippest stores. Lots of security guards around. Unicentro has a great Casino with slots and table games. Lots of beauties to admire. On weekends or most nights, there are dozens of kiosks that are cafes-bars where all the younger people hangout. Pretty cool.

### DIALING CELLPHONES AND INTERNET

Colombia has to be the least connected place as far as internet is concerned. ChipeChape had a great internet cafe called MATRIX with decent speed, but other than that, not too much around and if you did find one, the connection was unreliable and slow.

Remember when you dial the cellphones that you need to dial "03310...or 03315..." depending on the service. Most girls will give you 315 xxx xxx or 310 xxx xxxx, and it took me awhile to figure out how to call them from here. Also, you can't just use any landphone to call a cell phone, which is kind of weird, you need to use another cellphone or the hotel operator has to do something before you can access.

### PARTING THOUGHTS.

As I said, CALI is a fresh experience and there are some stunners here and there for the taking. Although it won't rank as my favorite destination, I will go out of my way to come back here for the girls and the passionate sex. Very few, or non existent competition from other mongers, really appeals to me and means no competition for the hotties like in RIO. The cost for everything was incredibly good, for instance, a nice filet mignon dinner for under \$10.00. My favorite restaurant was actually a franchise called Lenos & Carbon found in all the malls, great food, some of the best steaks I've had, but I was condemned to eating only medium steaks because I couldn't figure out the word for medium well done.

It's a nice diversion from SAN JOSE, where it's wall to wall Mongers and mercenary type girls demanding \$100.00 or more.

By Wallstreet on Tuesday, March 30, 2004 - 10:53 am: Edit

Merlin,

After reading the report from start to finish and looking over all of the photos, I'd have to say this is the best report I've ever read on this board. Chock full of up-to-date on-the-ground info it is an incredible guide.

You have set the bar high, my friend.

I'm almost sorry my Thai trip is in May and Colombia is in July, not the other way around. Almost.

You can be sure that I'll print out several copies of this report to take with me - thanks so much for opening up Cali.

WS

By Merlin on Tuesday, March 30, 2004 - 01:26 pm: Edit

WS, I'm always thankful that respected vets such as yourself got something out of this report. I really enjoyed putting it together and really appreciated the complete change in scenary and girls of Colombia. LOS is still my favorite, but I was craving a bit of bootie, evidenced by the numerous pics of such. I hope others won't have to re-invent the wheel too much in CALI, and in all fairness, a lot of this info is already posted in this site and others. As I noted before, we have a lot in common in that we just LOOOOVVVEEE women! Of all shapes, sizes and stripes. Like anything else, variety keeps things fresh and in perspective.

By Sf4dfish on Tuesday, March 30, 2004 - 04:28 pm: Edit

Merlin, for medium well-done say this in Spanish: termino medio pasado, hopefully it will be cooked to your liking next time?

By Merlin on Tuesday, March 30, 2004 - 05:09 pm: Edit

Hey, Thanks Sf4dfish, I was thinking about posting a question on the SA thread but was embarassed to do so and was too proud to buy a dictionary. I kept saying "Mediano Bien" and they actually nodded as if they knew what I was saying.

By Sf4dfish on Tuesday, March 30, 2004 - 05:59 pm: Edit

Merlin, your welcome. The way you wrote your post, any fellow hombre (in the know) should help one another out.

You asking for mediano bien, got you your medium good, as asked!

I've been to ChipeChape once before, and to Lenos & Carbon.

I too, love the Colombianas! When are you going back? I've been to Bogota, Cartagena, Medellin, and of course once to Cali;-) I try to hobby there once a year, even though Brasil is my favorite destination. The Miss Colombia beauty pageant is in CTG in November. sf4dfish

By Merlin on Tuesday, March 30, 2004 - 11:21 pm: Edit

Sf4dfish, I'm very interested in checking out Medellin and Cartagena next as I hear the girls are even prettier than in CALI! But Alas, I have commitments to SEA in the near future, but rest assured I'll be scheming to get out to Colombia as soon as possible. What I would do to be able to be in Cartagena in November! I'd be interested in your thoughts on those two destinations.

By Godfather on Wednesday, March 31, 2004 - 09:56 am: Edit

Merlin,

I agree that this is one of the best reports full of great information. It's all about sharing information. It's funny that one dude from another site I'm on kept bitching and complaining about my various reports. Saying that I was going to cause every dick head and his brother to visit Cali. I just don't see that happening. First of all, you MUST be able to speak some Spanish to have a good time. Another is that many guys are scared shitless to go to Colombia (even though they have no real reason to if they use common sense).

I really loved Colombia. It's NOT a beautiful city (Cali) but the people are just so friendly. I agreed with just about everything you posted in the report.

Especially the things about the non-pro girls. Guys have to understand about these non-pros. Many are virtuous girls. Even if they are not so innocent it seemed to me they go out of their way to make you realize they aren't some slut. It takes time to cultivate a relationship with a hottie non-pro. As I mentioned before, there is a reason they are slaving away at a normal job making \$150- \$200 a month instead of per night. I've been talking to my non-pro girl every night on the phone and I'm super excited to see her in Peru in 2 weeks.

I'm also very interested in traveling around to Medellin, Cartagena, Bogota and smaller cities like Armenia and some others. Must be the explorer in me. Ha, ha. I

just ordered about 9 books on Amazon.com about the history of Colombia and intersted in learning more about the country.

Merlin, kudos! Excellent report. I'd nominate it for best and most informative report of the month. Congrats and glad you had a good time.

By Merlin on Wednesday, March 31, 2004 - 11:26 am: Edit

Thanks for the thumbs up GF and also for being the inspiration for my trip to CALI. I genuinely had a blast in CALI, and I'm also in daily contact with Julie and another non-pro. I get the suspicion that their taking things a bit too quickly for my comfort, but hey, incredibly sweet girls that gave me their all when I was with them.

I'm going to be very interested in your experiences in Medellin, Bogota, and other places. Hope you post lots of pics and info.

You're absolutely right that the floodgates of mongers will never get opened up in CALI b/c of the language thing and the damned paranoia. It'll always be a secret haven for the few open minded and adventurous hobbyiest IMO.

By Blazers on Wednesday, March 31, 2004 - 11:29 am: Edit

I am looking into flights into Cali out of LAX and was wondering if anyone had information on a good travel agent for South American flights in San Diego.

By Godfather on Wednesday, March 31, 2004 - 12:31 pm: Edit

Blazers,

Not sure if anyone flies direct from LAX to Cali. American will fly from Miami or you can try Avianca from LAX. They have a stop in Bogota though. Very easy trip though.

http://www.avianca.us/default.asp?chapter=2

800-284-2622

Good luck!

By Xenono on Wednesday, March 31, 2004 - 12:38 pm: Edit

Blazers, if you make it to Cali I might well follow in your footsteps in a couple of months...

Colombia still scares me greatly though.

I look forward to reading about your adventures.

By Merlin on Wednesday, March 31, 2004 - 04:46 pm: Edit

Blazers, I think COPA (Panamanian) and AVIANCA are your best bests, check out their websites. I didn't find any carriers flying directly to CALI, COPA has a hub in Panama City and AVIANCA goes through Bogota. If you look at some Spanish papers, there are some discounters/consolidators that specialize in Central and South America that may have some great deals.

Xen, I think the PI, RIO, TJ or even CR, was more scary to be honest with you. Not one single incident of concern in CALI during my week there, whereas I've had incidents or saw incidents of crime in PI, RIO, TJ and CR. The only time I was a bit concerned was when I started winning big at Carribean Stud Poker at the CASINO and all these tough looking guys who were seated next to me started eyeing me and my winnings. But I had no problems taking my winnings and bailing afterwards, at 3AM. North CALI is safe IMO, I was walking around in the streets at night by myself. All the taxis I took were ok as well.

By Godfather on Wednesday, March 31, 2004 - 06:02 pm: Edit

Yep, I agree with Merlin. CR was a craphole and had more seedy people. Rio's Copacabana you have more of a shot at having something happen to you. TJ is..well TJ. In MY HUMBLE OPINION.

I'm NOT saying Cali is a totally safe place. I'm just saying in 10 days I had absolutely no problems and couldn't see how if you are not being an ugly American or stupid something happening. I also walked around very late at night by myself. It was funny that this local dude from WSG read my report and he knew exactly the area I was walking in.

Honestly, I felt safer in Cali than walking around Copacabana late at night.

By Blazers on Wednesday, March 31, 2004 - 07:51 pm: Edit

IMHO, TJ is the most dangerous mongering destination in the world. Your chances of day to day crime are much higher than in other destinations. Some people talk about Rio but we hear about muggings all the time in TJ but rarely in Rio. I just checked priceline and they have deals from LAX to Cali for \$649 including tax. There is a agency here that concentrates on Central and South America that I will try out as well. I used them for my ticket to Costa Rica that I cancelled and received a partil refund. I still want to go t CR as it can be a short trip for me. The other idea is to combine the CR/Cali trip as Merlin did.

By Merlin on Wednesday, March 31, 2004 - 10:48 pm: Edit

You're exactly right about TJ Blazers, of the many places I've been to (colombia & Cambodia, etc), TJ is the only place I ever got mugged, by the police in fact. I also witnessed a choke hold mugging in Zona Rosa as well.

I think it's a good idea to stop over in Costa Rica for a few days and then to CALI, really gives you a perspective on how great CALI and the girls are compared to CR in terms of hobbying.

By Godfather on Thursday, April 01, 2004 - 07:03 am: Edit

### Blazers,

Do let us know how your trip goes. Just my personal opinion but I'd avoid Costa Rica entirely. Unless you plan to go do some eco-touring and see some beautiful areas. There is NOTHING you will get in San Jose that you can't get in Cali for a lot cheaper. While I did have some good sessions in San Jose the girls weren't all that. Both cities are ugly for sure but if you have to be in an ugly city why not spend it with a hottie??

I think Costa Rica is the most over rated hobbying destination based on posts I've read. If you're going down that way anyway you might just want to hit Cali and maybe hit another city like Medellin. All the hotties in CR are from Colombia anyway. Why not save yourself some time and go right to the source?

I never felt threatened in Rio. I do walk around alone very late at night and nothing happened to me. I didn't have any problems in TJ either although it's a seedy place and I can see where you can get in trouble there. The police looked a bit shady.

Definitely hit Cali Blazers. Good luck.

By Merlin on Thursday, April 01, 2004 - 12:33 pm: Edit

GF is 100% correct in that CR is not the best hobby destination, but it's still kind of fun for me, especially in light of the stunning eco-tourism stuff, incredible volcanoes to visit, and the excellent fishing. Right now, there are a bunch of college kids on spring break whooping it up big time with pool parties and wet-t-shirt contests, etc at some of the resorts near the Coast. In San Jose, the inventory of gals changes each time I'm there, and I saw some stunners at the Del Rey this time around. It's kind of cool b/c you have so much variety at the Del Rey (Dominicans, Nicas, Ticas, Colombianas). Also, this last trip, there were not so many punters around like in my earlier trips.

By Godfather on Thursday, April 01, 2004 - 01:09 pm: Edit

### Merlin,

Definitely. However, I doubt most guys going doing there are hitting the eco-tourism type stuff. The only ecology they are seeing is the female type. Still, maybe I hit San Jose on a horrible weekend. My buddy wants to go back down sometime so maybe I'll give it another chance.

I will say that it's a very easy trip. Non-stop direct flight makes it a very easy destination. You're right there is a lot of variety. Unfortunately when I went all the Dominicans, Nicas, Ticas and Colombianas weren't that great.

By Mcdiji on Friday, April 02, 2004 - 10:32 pm: Edit

Blazers,

If you went into the same sort of neighborhoods in Rio as you do in TJ you would quickly change your tune about the dangers of the respective cities. You are comparing fresh peaches and rotten week old bananas and then rightly observing that there are more flies on the rotten bananas.

In Rio we hang out in neighborhoods like Copacabana and Ipanema where the millionaires play and the beachs make the worlds top 10 list year after year. A condo one block off Ipanema Beach goes for \$1,000,000 USD !!! Even so taxi do not stop at intersections starting a few blocks off from Atlantica Ave late at night for fear of being highjacked. This time last year the drug lords where tossing hand grenades into Rio Sul shopping Mall just to let the cops know who is boss.

In Tj we talk about our \$20 rooms next to the slums where the biggest threat is getting shook down by those ratsbellies in blue for \$50. There aren't any beachs that don't stink and no Million dollar condos ( I know Ben goes to TJ, but one millionaire doesn't count ) Everybody in TJ just stares across that open cesspool they call a river at the towers of SanDiego and resents the people who live there ... a few of them commute every day to mow lawns and clean swimming pools. There aren't any Shopping Malls like Rio Sul ... people with enough money to buy the sort of things they sell there go to San Diego.

If you make Rio be sure and visit Vila Mimosa, which is Rio's equivalent to the Alley, and then tell us which is the roughest town.

My personal experience is out of over 100 days in TJ I have the CD's stole out of my car in the paid and guarded parking lot and been shook down by the Police twice, all late at night. 23 days in Rio and I was mugged in broad daylight right on Copacabana Beach. Rio is the only place I have visited in the entire world where someone actually threw shit on my shoes and then wanted me to hire them to clean it off.

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P.S. Please don't go to the same sort of neighborhoods in Rio that you do in TJ. I rather enjoy your posting style and though I have never attended a Web/Wake I wouldn't want yours to be the first.

By Mcdiji on Saturday, April 03, 2004 - 01:02 am: Edit

P.S.

Blazers, Merlin;

You guys are both experienced world travelers and more than capable of taking care of yourselves ... just don't play down the dangers of SA OK?

By <u>d'Artagnan</u> on Saturday, April 03, 2004 - 01:26 am: <u>Edit</u>

I'll have to strongly agree with Mcdijj here. Of over 500 visits to TJ and 2 to Brazil, I've only had one crime incident in TJ (not counting police shakedowns) However, I don't thing the crime risk should be minimized in either, and especially not in Brazil. Besides some hairy encounters I've read about from experienced Brazil travelers, I've also heard of a number of crime stories by the girls themselves. Also, the taxi drivers' fear is well known and documented and is a good indicator of the kind of risk the street can pose at night.

I'll walk through much of the TJ Zona at night.

In Brazil, I'd walk Help to Copacabana or Debret at night, but that's about it. The crimes I've heard described in Brazil have almost always been significantly more aggressive and violent than the choke-hold muggings common in TJ.

P.S. I've walked the area by the park near Del Rey and the street near Vips2/Molino Rojo in San Jose, CR despite the reported danger. I had no problem, but still would feel more comfortable walking TJ than those areas.

By Merlin on Saturday, April 03, 2004 - 08:09 am: Edit

McDijj & D'Art, it was not intent to downplay the dangers of RIO, I did observe that I did not feel safe there. I did, however, agree that TJ is dangerous IMO based on my personal experience there. I don't go to TJ anymore, and when I did before my mugging, it was maybe 1x a month. But I've been reading more about crooked cops assaulting tourists, robbing them, and even raping one tourist. Moreover, I cannot tell you how traumatic it was to be mugged by two armed cops and to be driven around for a few hours hitting dozens of ATM machines. They held my wallet and ID, and would not let me leave until they found a working ATM in a desolate area, their verbal threats and aggressive mannerisms during this ordeal didn't help either. I realize this type of stuff happens often and very few of them end up as violent crimes, but whether reasonable or not, I feared for my safety the entire time.

IMO, I think an area where the cops, who are supposed to protect you, are to be feared more than the muggers, is a place I don't wish to be. I'm willing to take risks if the benefits are worth the risk, and I don't believe TJ offers up anything special for me. RIO, I would not hesitate to go again despite the dangers as the Terma experience warrants it.

By Mcdiji on Saturday, April 03, 2004 - 09:03 am: Edit

"as the Terma experience warrants it" ... Oh, my God does it ever! I live 20 minutes south of the Canadian Border and TJ is a town I drive through on my way to some where warm. Nothing special there (of course while traveling I usually arrange to spend the night) When I want to go some where to Hobby I usually head for South East Asia ... but, ever since I did a double at Monte'Carlo I've not been back to Eden's

By Merlin on Saturday, April 03, 2004 - 04:39 pm: Edit

Eden is also a place I don't frequent anymore, if I want duplas, I save it for RIO, or even Cambodia. I would never pass up an opportunity to hit up RIO for the passionate sex and the incredible booties. The CALI girls were just as passionate in bed and just as beautiful IMO, and it's wide open as you can imagine.

By Blazers on Saturday, April 03, 2004 - 08:35 pm: Edit

I should have rephrased my response in that TJ's Zona Rojo is the most dangerous mongering spot in the world. I was also pulled over, handcuffed and robbed in broad daylight in Zona Rojo. My comments is that we always hear of police problems and muggings in TJ but never in other places.

By Godfather on Monday, April 05, 2004 - 07:47 am: Edit

Hmm. I just got back from TJ. Surprisingly one night I didn't even hobby or go in that area. I walked all around the city one day and night. I was curious what was up near that huge Mexican flag at the other end of the city so I walked all the way up that hill. Probably isn't the smartest thing to do at night but I wasn't too worried or nervous. There is a military compound with a alot of guys in uniforms standing around the gate when you walk past.

One of the officers did look at me like I was nuts to be walking up here alone at night. He asked if I was lost and I told him I was just walking around. Ha, ha. There were NO gringos up here. It's kind of interesting seeing the city from up there. There's also a big park on top of that hill.

The Zona Rojo is probably more dangerous than this area. Not sure. At least in that area there are more people. I think if you are careful in most cities you go to you won't experience crime. Good luck.

By Merlin on Monday, April 05, 2004 - 10:12 am: Edit

Man GF, you've got some balls, and I mean that in the most respectful way. TJ's zona Roja makes me uncomfortable, more so than when I was in Colombia because at least in Cali, the monger places were in a relatively quiet, safe area with each venue having lots of big, security guards. Again, it's a cost benefit analysis for me, if the West Bank of the Gaza strip had some stunners, I'd be willing to risk it anytime.

By Godfather on Monday, April 05, 2004 - 01:21 pm: Edit

Hey Merlin,

Not sure if it's balls or stupidity. I've really just enjoyed exploring cities lately. It was interesting seeing the city from on top of that hill. I walked around Cali too at night and had no problems. I'm long overdue to get mugged on one of these trips. I think half the time the locals assume if I'm walking in that area I know what I'm doing. I don't walk around like I'm nervous. I think theives can pick up on your confidence level.

The other funny thing around that area during the day is there are all these shops with tons of electrical equipment. If you ever want to buy a chain saw or electrical generator in TJ I can recommend a few stores..ha, ha.

I also drove around the city quite a bit. I'd highly recommend you NOT take the other border crossing (other than the one near Centro). It took 2 hours to get across the border by car.

# Airport Tips

I forgot to mention something important (Godfather mentioned this as well), when you get to CALI, immediately after the immigration checkpoint is a desk where they will issue foreigners a special tax exemption/discount voucher document that you should make sure you get and keep with you until you leave the country later. This voucher gives you a \$20 credit off the normally \$46 exit fee when you leave Colombia. If you forget to do this, you will be told to get it when you leave.

Also, it may have been just me, but my port of entry was Houston and the Customs people singled me out for a thorough check of my luggage. This has never happened to me before. They really questioned me thoroughly about the purpose of the visit, including requests for details on hotels, # days in Colombia, etc. Obviously, very few people go to CALI for "tourism" as you can imagine. Additionally, you should give yourself about 1.5 hours before your flight when you leave Colombia as there was a long line to get processed by Customs and they manually go through all your carryons. The Colombian customs took so long as the officials were really scrutinizing each passport (with magnifying glasses, etc) and I saw them take a couple with Guatamalen passports off to the side when their passport looked apparently looked unsuual.

By Godfather on Wednesday, March 31, 2004 - 10:06 am: Edit

Yeah. Actually you don't have to get it when you arrive. The office was open even very EARLY in the morning when I was leaving. Just make sure before you go to your airport check in you go upstairs and to your left. There is an office with a window and a guy will stamp your passport showing you are a foreigner. Not sure about the \$20 credit you are talking about. With this exemption stamp in my passport I didn't have to pay any taxes at all. Did you pay \$26 exit fee?? I didn't have to pay anything besides what the airline already charged but I don't think that was an exit fee moreso an airport tax.

I think the customs thing is random. As I also mentioned, the lines going through to my final airport security were LONG and SLOW. They didn't question me but they did take out everything out of my suitcase. They made me turn on my laptop, they even

went through the lining of my suitcase. Don't sit in the Admiral's club. Go directly to your gate as the lines get long.

By Merlin on Wednesday, March 31, 2004 - 11:30 am: Edit

GF, for some reason they were really insistent on the \$26, saying that the normal fee was \$46. My Spanish wasn't good enough to debate the merits, so I paid up b/c I was running a bit late. But I'll be sure to push the issue on my next trip.

By Sf4dfish on Wednesday, March 31, 2004 - 04:22 pm: Edit

Hombres, the tax exemption you guy's are refering to is called in Spanish: extencion

As stated, it is better to get it upon arrival than when departing.

By Godfather on Wednesday, March 31, 2004 - 05:58 pm: Edit

Merlin,

Did you get your passport stamped with the "extencion" that Sf4fish is talking about? They stamp it right near your entrance stamp. If you have that you shouldn't have paid anything. Personally, if I went back i'd probably do it again before I left as the open was open and I'm told always open in the morning.

I think upon arrival you'd have to go back upstairs and that's too much trouble for me. It only took 5 minutes before leaving...

By Merlin on Thursday, April 01, 2004 - 12:35 pm: Edit

GF, I didn't see the "Extencion" stamp, just a computer printout type of thing with data. Is this a separate stamp?

By Godfather on Thursday, April 01, 2004 - 01:04 pm: Edit

Yep. If you go to that office upstairs this dude will actually stamp your passport with an "Exención". Sf4fish and I mis-typed above. It's an Exemption stamp NOT extention. They will stamp it next to your entry stamp. Definitely ask specifically for this Exencion stamp and once you have it you won't have to pay any taxes at all.

I had other dudes tell me they went and had to pay some exit taxes too. They didn't speak Spanish too well and didn't ask for this exemption stamp by name. I'm sure you'll be back so ask for it next time and save \$26.

(Message edited by godfather on April 01, 2004)

By <u>Isinc2003</u> on Saturday, April 03, 2004 - 05:56 pm: <u>Edit</u>

I just got back from cali March 9th 2004 and had a extencion tax stamp done as I was departing from my plane on Feb 25th my arrival. I fully expected to pay

taxes.. and I was quoted it to be around 80,000 pesos.. but when I when I was inline checking in my baggage I was told that the taxes at American Airlines.. are already paid now. Supposedly this is new. .but I wonder if its only w/ AA? any comments on this? .. Now all I need is 30,000 for the taxi.. and money coming back.. for trip 7! I LOVE CALI!

By Merlin on Saturday, April 03, 2004 - 07:21 pm: Edit

Maybe it's particular to AA, because I flew COPA from San Jose, CR and don't recall any stamps being used on me or the other passengers that were in front of me in the line (all from COPA). I know some airlines pre-charge taxes in some Asian countries as well.

By Godfather on Tuesday, April 06, 2004 - 08:22 pm: Edit

For future reference, here is what the exencion stamp looks like. You MUST go upstairs to that office to get it stamped on your passport. They will stamp it next to your entrance stamp as you can see on my passport. I doubt it's just American passengers that are exempt. I think as long as you get this stamp you shouldn't have taxes. Good luck.



By Merlin on Tuesday, April 06, 2004 - 08:39 pm: Edit

GF, thanks for the picture. This clears up a lot of things as now I am definitely sure that I did not get this stamp. I'll be sure to insist on it next time. Thanks for the tip.