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Four Seasons restores historic portion of Colombia

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Four Seasons Hotels and Resorts and San Francisco Investments to Revitalize three iconic architectural buildings in the historic district of Cartagena. Image credit: Four Seasons

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Hospitality group Four Seasons is investing into Cartagena, Colombia as it works to restore historic portions of the city.

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A variety of historic locations dating back to the 16th century will be part of Four Seasons' restoration initiative, which will result in a new hotel and private residences. The spot is located nearby the walled city of Cartagena, which is labeled as an UNESCO World Heritage Site.

A piece of history

Four Seasons will be working on preserving the facade of the buildings and restoring their iconic architecture.

A portion of the project includes the Cloister of Saint Francis, which incorporates 16th-century Saint Francis Church, the Club Cartagena, a 1920s Beaux Arts masterpiece and four renowned theaters.

The hospitality brand is working with Valorem's San Francisco investments to make the restoration and new location in Colombia happen. The hotel will feature 131 rooms, designed by Francois Catroux and Wimberly Interiors with a Royal Suite and Presidential Suite.

In addition, the Cartagena Four Seasons location will feature six food and beverage concepts, created by design firm AvroKO. This includes both indoor and outdoor spaces, as well as an atrium and rooftop pool with a bar and grill.

There will also be a spa, 16 private residences and 16,000 square feet of event and meeting space.

"This new hotel and private residences is the perfect project for us to expand our presence in South America, providing us with the rare opportunity to convert such an exceptional collection of historic buildings within a marquee location in one of the region's most alluring cities," said Bart Carnahan, executive vice president of global business development and portfolio management at Four Seasons Hotels and Resorts, in a statement. "Together with our partners at Valorem, we look forward to bringing the very best in luxury hospitality to Cartagena."



Four Seasons' has a variety of historic locations around the world, including Athens. Image credit: Four Seasons

Similarly, the hospitality group is moving into marina-front territory with a new resort, as it debuts the first resort of its kind for the brand.

Having never had a marina-front resort before, Four Seasons opens up its new Los Cabos hotel on the less trafficked area of the East Cape for reservations. Four Seasons claims it is redefining the East Cape area, as it has remained untouched for many years ([see story](#)).

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