



Afro-Colombia Solidarity Tour July 21 through July 29, 2013

With whole communities forced off their lands resulting in over 1.5 million people internally displaced, their leaders assassinated and their organizations threaten, the war that Afro-Colombians are living as the third largest population of Black people outside of Africa behind Brazil and the U.S., is a war that surprisingly few seem to be aware of. While many are aware of the repressive situation that labor organizers face and the continued oppression of indigenous communities, the struggle of Afro-Colombians to survive armed conflict in their territories, sexual violence against Afro-Colombia women, the collusion of paramilitary thugs with foreign and national corporations to steal their land and their efforts to maintain the integrity of their unique culture and autonomous existence and development, are realities that are not part of the contemporary drama that is imagined to be Colombia.

The Black Community Process of Colombia (PCN), Afro-Colombian Solidarity Tour in July will be the first of many that the will attempt to bring a comprehensive understanding of the Colombian reality that includes the plight of the 26% of the population that is Black. It is hoped that by bringing activists from the U.S. to visit communities, share experiences and see first-hand the challenges that Black political movements face in Colombian, those activists will bring their experience back to the U.S. to educate others and help forge more effective bonds of solidarity, especially as it relates to the role the U.S. plays in shaping Colombian internal policies.

We hope that you join us.

Tour highlights:

- Arrive and Depart from Bogota, Colombia
- One day tour of Bogota with visit to community of internally displaced persons
- Bus trip from Bogota to Cali
- Visit Afro-Colombian communities and meet with activists in Bogota, Norte Del Cauca, and the coastal city of Buenaventura
- Boat trip to river community of La Plata
- Meeting with members of grassroots environmentalist organization Econatal and eco-tour Eco-tour .
- Day and a half visit to beaches at Juanchaco

Cost: \$1,350

Price includes

- All airport transfers fees
- In country transportation

- Accommodations in 3-4 star hotels
- All program activities and entrance fees
- One way flight from Cali to Bogota on morning of July 29
- Three meals per day
- Translation services
- Price is based on single room accommodations

Price does not include:

- International airfare, tips, and personal expenses are not included

How to apply

- Send registration form and a deposit of \$200 by June 7th
- Deposits are non-refundable unless trip is canceled
- Balance is due by July 5th

Application form and more info at <http://www.afrocolombianhr.org/support.html>

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