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Embajada de Colombia en Jamaica

Embassy of the Republic of Colombia in Jamaica

PRESS RELEASE

A.R.C. *Gloria* to Visit Jamaica November 22 – 25

The Colombian Ambassador in Jamaica, His Excellency Roberto García Márquez, has the honor to inform that the tall ship, A.R.C. *Gloria*, a Colombian Navy sailing vessel, will be arriving in Jamaica on Tuesday, November 22, 2016, for an official visit. Docking will be provided with extended courtesy of Aegean, alongside their pier located at Harbour Head Pen, Rockford, Kingston 2, for the duration of the vessel's stay until Friday, November 25th. The Embassy of the Republic of Colombia in Jamaica, cordially invites all Jamaicans to visit the A.R.C. *Gloria*, during the open hours as follows (free entry):

Tuesday, November 22 nd	02:00 PM to 05:00 PM
Wednesday, November 23 rd	09:00 AM to 12:00 PM & 01:30 PM to 04:30 PM
Thursday, November 24 th	09:00 AM to 12:00 PM & 01:30 PM to 04:30 PM
Friday, November 25 th	09:00 AM to 12:00 PM

All Jamaicans are also invited to participate in the Farwell Ceremony on Friday, November 25th at 4:00 pm, as the ARC *Gloria* will set sail for Cartagena de Indias, Colombia.

The Colombian Navy, in cooperation with PROCOLOMBIA, the Exports, Tourism and Investment promotion agency, has prepared an **On Board Exhibition** that portrays Colombia's landscapes from various, diverse regions of the country. Additionally, in keeping with Nobel laureate Gabriel Garcia Marquez literary style, the visitors to the A.R.C. *Gloria* can experience the beautifully curated *Magical Realism* exhibit, which includes audio guides in English, Spanish, and Portuguese.

Medellín Festival of the Flowers Special Exhibit

Exclusively for the A.R.C. *Gloria*'s visit to Kingston, the exhibition will feature one of Colombia's best folk traditions – the 10-day Festival of the Flowers, which has been held annually in Medellín since 1957. Today, this festival garners international attention and draws tourists from all over the world. Colombia is second to Holland as a major supplier of live flowers to world markets.



The highlight of the festival is the *Silletera* Parade. A wooden "*silletera*" was traditionally used by slaves to carry wealthy men and women up the mountains in the region of Antioquia, where Medellín is the capital. Thanks to Maria La Larga, farmers were convinced that a *silletera* was the easiest and most efficient method of carrying flowers to city markets. With the support of the Medellín Convention and Visitors Bureau, a *silletera* from Santa Elena, a rural zone of Medellín, will be on board the A.R.C. *Gloria* for the duration of the visit to Kingston.

Known by Colombians as “The City of the Eternal Spring,” Medellín was selected by Citi, the Urban Land Institute, and the Wall Street Journal as the “Innovative City of the Year” in 2013. Medellín beat out fellow finalist New York City and Tel Aviv.

Furthering Jamaican & Colombian Economic Ties

As part of the events commemorating the visit of the A.R.C. *Gloria*, the Embassy of the Republic of Colombia in Jamaica and PROCOLOMBIA, have organized a workshop for CEOs and Directors of the most important Jamaican and Colombian businesses and institutions involved with the production of goods and services. The goal is to find potential synergies for both nations in the areas of commerce, investment, tourism, agriculture, and development of production chains.

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Official Announcement from the Colombian Embassy in Jamaica

Tall Ship Escuela **A.R.C. *Gloria* in Jamaica**

AEGEAN Pier – Harbour Head Pen,
Rockfort, Kingston 2, Jamaica, W.I.

Kingston Arrival: **November 22, 9:00am**
Kingston Departure: **November 25, 4:00pm**

FREE ADMISSION TOUR

Tuesday, Nov. 22nd from 2 – 5 pm

Wednesday, Nov. 23rd from 9 – 12 pm; 1:30 – 4:30 pm

Thursday, Nov. 24th from 9 – 12 pm; 1:30 – 4:30 pm

Friday, Nov. 25th from 9 – 12 pm

FAREWELL CEREMONY



The Embassy of Colombia in Jamaica invites the public to participate in the Farewell Ceremony on:

Friday, Nov. 24th at 4:00pm

The ARC *Gloria* will set sail from Kingston on its way back to Colombia.

ALL ARE WELCOME!!

Announcement from Medellín Convention and Tourism Bureau



COME AND ENJOY
the Silletero Culture
from Medellín, Colombia
in Jamaica

Silleterera: **Nelly Alexanora García Zapata**
Second – place winner in the iconic Silletero contest, 2016

Silletero Culture
Intangible Heritage of the Nation

SHIP A.R.C. "GLORIA"
Lodging bay AEGEAN - Kingston, Jamaica

November 22ND Hour: 12:00 to 17:00	November 23RD - 24TH Hour: 9:00 to 17:00	November 25TH Hour: 9:00 to 12:00
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Free Admission

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A.R.C. *Gloria* 2016 Tour

Every year, the Colombian Navy, in conjunction with several Cabinet-level ministers, develops a sailing training program aboard the A.R.C. *Gloria* for cadets and seamen. The purpose of the tour is two-fold – on-board training and serving as a Colombian embassy in international waters.

2016 Itinerary

June 17	Cartagena de Indias, COLOMBIA
July 3-6	Charleston, South Carolina, USA
July 18-21	Halifax, Nova Scotia, CANADA
Aug. 19-22	Antwerp, BELGIUM
Sept. 7-10	St. Petersburg, RUSSIA
Sept. 19-22	Gothenburg, SWEDEN
Oct. 5-8	Vigo, Pontevedra, SPAIN
Oct. 14-17	Casablanca, MOROCCO
Nov. 22-25	Kingston, JAMAICA

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. What is the role of the A.R.C. *Gloria*?

A. The ship is an academic vessel for cadets and seamen in the Colombian Navy. It also serves as a Colombian ambassador in international waters. The A.R.C. *Gloria* carries out diplomatic missions and promotes Colombia abroad. Aboard the ship, international treaties have been signed, important negotiations have been undertaken, international leaders including Presidents and Prime Ministers have been received, and thousands of guests have been welcomed to learn more about Colombian gastronomy, patriotic symbols, landscapes, and history.

Q. How many crew members are on board the A.R.C. *Gloria*?

A. This year, the ship has 82 crew members, including officers, non-commissioned officers, and marines. The majority of the crew consists of 73 cadets from the Colombian Naval Academy “Almirante (Admiral) Padilla.” This year, Colombia has also invited 5 navy officers from Mexico, Spain, Peru, Chile, and Uruguay, and members of Colombia’s other military branches to participate.

Q. Who is the Captain of the A.R.C. *Gloria*?

A. As of January 2016, the A.R.C. *Gloria* is led by Captain Mauricio Echandía Zuluaga.

Q. How far has the A.R.C. *Gloria* traveled since it was commissioned on September 7, 1968?

A. In its first 46 years, the A.R.C. *Gloria* has traveled approximately 808,759 nautical miles, which is equivalent to having circling the world over 117 times.

Q. How many ports of call has the A.R.C. *Gloria* visited?

Since she was commissioned, the A.R.C. *Gloria* has gone to 183 ports in 72 countries. This year, the ship is visiting Belgium, Canada, Jamaica, Morocco, Russia, Sweden, Spain, and the United States. In previous years, the A.R.C. *Gloria* has toured Argentina, Brazil, China, Denmark, Finland, Israel, Japan, New Zealand, and the United Kingdom.

A.R.C. *Gloria* Information Brief

The A.R.C. *Gloria* is a training ship and official flagship of the Colombian Navy. It has become a Colombian ambassador in international waters.

Commissioned: September 7, 1968
Built by/at: Shipyards and Workshops CELAYA, S.A. of Bilbao (Spain)
International Maritime Organization (IMO) Number: IMO 8642555
Call Sign: 5KMT



A.R.C. Commissioning History: In 1966, the Colombian government authorized the Navy to purchase a 3-masted vessel to convert it into a school-barque to train Colombian cadets and seamen. The formal contract authorizing the construction of the A.R.C. *Gloria* was signed in October 1966. Construction started in April 1967 and completed on December 2, 1967. She was officially commissioned on September 7, 1968, and set sail for Cartagena de Indias, Colombia, on October 9, 1968 from the port of Ferrol, La Coruña, Spain.

Ship Type: The A.R.C. *Gloria* can be referred to as a tall ship or barque. Either term refers to a large, traditionally-rigged sailing vessel; a barque is a type of sailing vessel with three or more masts having the fore- and mainmasts rigged square and only the mizzen (the aftmost mast) rigged fore-and-aft. According to the Sail Training International classification, the ARC *Gloria* is a Class A vessel. STI classifies its A Class as "all square-rigged vessels and all other vessels over 40 meters (131 ft) length overall (LOA)", in this case STI LOA excludes bowsprit and aft spar. STI defines LOA as "Length overall measured from the fore side of stem post to aft side of stern post, counter or transom".

1. Length	64,6 meters (max. 76 meters include bowsprit)
2. Beam	10,60 meters
3. Draft	4.50 meters
4. Draft fresh water	4.80 meters
5. Minimum depth at dock	8.0 meters
6. Depth	6.60 meters (Upper deck) – 4.20 meters (Lower deck)
7. Rail height	1.60 meters
8. Mast height	40 meters
9. Displacement	1300 Ton
10. Number of sails	23
11. Distance between yardarms	21.5 meters
12. Motor	01 MAN 6 L23/30

A.R.C. *Gloria* Press – 2016 Tour

(In ENGLISH)

Post & Courier (South Carolina, USA)

ARTICLE – Ship honors Colombia's ties to S.C.

http://www.postandcourier.com/opinion/ship-honors-colombia-s-ties-to-s-c/article_ced39a08-0b8c-534a-9ca8-ef7f97aa040a.html

VIDEO – Colombian tall ship ARC *Gloria* docked at Union Pier gives Charleston taste of culture, history

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=byw_oseUQWk

Metro News (Halifax, CANADA)

ARTICLE – In photos: On board the Colombian Navy tall ship ARC *Gloria* in Halifax

<http://www.metronews.ca/news/halifax/2016/07/18/-on-board-the-colombian-navy-tall-ship-vessel-arc-gloria.html>

Herald News (Halifax, CANADA)

ARTICLE – 'Colombia is back': Ambassador says country is officially open for business

<http://thechronicleherald.ca/metro/1381967-%E2%80%98colombia-is-back%E2%80%99-ambassador-says-country-is-officially-open-for-business>