

Unit »2

Travelling Around Colombia

Lesson 1 » The Biggest Cities

1. Read and choose the best options.

Founded in 1689, San Gil is known as the ¹most adventurous / **more adventurous** city in Colombia. You can do things like white water rafting, caving and mountain bike riding. With an average temperature of 23°C, it has a perfect climate; however, it does have a very high annual rainfall of 1274 mm/year. With an area of 150 km² and a population of 43,000, it is still a relatively small city, making it ²most relaxing / **more relaxing** than larger cities.



Villa de Leyva is a favourite with tourists given that it is probably one of the ³more picturesque / **most picturesque** towns in the country. Founded in 1572, it is one of the ⁴more colonial / **most colonial** towns in Colombia and has the ⁵most big / **biggest** town square in the country. With a population of only 16,478 people and an area of 128 km² it is actually a town, not a city. The town has an average annual rainfall of 914mm/year and an average temperature of 17°C.



Cartagena, the ⁶most touristic / **more touristic** city in Colombia was founded in 1533 and is one of the ⁷most old / **oldest** cities in the country. Located on the Caribbean coast, it is popular with people wanting to relax on the beach or people wanting to explore the old walled city which is the ⁸more interesting / **most interesting** and ⁹more historical / **most historical** part of the city. Given the population of 895,400 people within an area of 572 km², some people find outside the walled city to be a little stressful. The annual average temperature is 28°C and 870mm/year of rainfall.



2. Reread the tourist information from exercise 1 and decide if the statements are 'true' or 'false'. Correct the false answers.

1. San Gil is the hottest of the 3 places.

False. Cartagena is the hottest of the 3 places.

2. San Gil is smaller than Cartagena.

3. Villa de Leyva is more historical than San Gil.

4. Villa de Leyva is the most touristic place in Colombia.

5. San Gil is the most crowded of the 3 places.

6. Villa de Leyva has the highest annual rainfall of the 3 places.

7. San Gil is the youngest of the 3 places.

8. Villa de Leyva has a smaller town square than Cartagena.

Lesson 2 » Incredible Places

1. Look at the pictures and circle the correct options.



a. He learned / was learning Spanish while he travelled / was traveling around Colombia.

b. They walked / were walking the dog when it began / was beginning to rain.

c. I told / was telling a story when you phoned / were phoning me.



d. Juana realised / was realising she was late when she looked / was looking at her watch.



e. We watched / were watching television when you arrived / was arriving.



2. Read the postcard and complete with *when* or *while*.

Hey Pablo!

¹When I arrived to Santa Marta yesterday morning, the sun was shining and it was really hot. I went straight to the beach and ²_____ I was swimming I met an amazing girl from London. We spent the whole day together and did many things.

In the afternoon, ³_____ we were scuba diving we saw lots of fish and turtles. It was amazing. Later we drank fresh fruit juice ⁴_____ sitting on the beach. It was really refreshing.

Then in the evening we were eating dinner at a restaurant ⁵_____ a group of musicians started playing music for us. It was so romantic! I didn't want the day to end.

I think I am in love! I think I am going to study at university in London.

See you soon
Jaunfe!

3. Complete with the correct form of the words in parentheses.

When Stella ¹arrived (arrive) at her best friend's house, she ²_____ (take) a shower so she had to wait. While her best friend, Cathy, ³_____ (get) dressed, Stella ⁴_____ (sit) on her bed looking at magazines. She ⁵_____ (turn) the pages of the magazine when she ⁶_____ (find) an article about Palomino in La Guajira in Colombia. It looked like such an amazing place, they both ⁷_____ (decide) to travel there for their next vacations.

- ## Salento



Location	Quindío, mountainous coffee region
Year founded	1842
Area covered	377 km ²
Weather	Warm: 16-26°C
Population	7,247
Things to visit	Cocora Valley, Calle Real, look-out, coffee farm
Elevation	1,895 m

San Agustin



Location	Huila, mountainous region
Year founded	1752
Area covered	1310 km ²
Weather	Warm: 18-28°C
Population	32,898
Things to visit	Archaeological Park, Go hiking in 'El Estrecho'
Elevation	1,730 m

- Salento is younger (young) than San Agustin.
 - San Agustin has a _____ (low) elevation than Salento.
 - Salento is _____ (small) than San Agustin.
 - Salento is _____ (cold) than San Agustin.
 - San Agustin has a _____ (big) population than Salento.
- 2.** Complete Julian's review about San Agustin with the correct form of the words in brackets.
- 3.** Based on Julian's review, write a similar one for Salento.

In my opinion, San Agustin is the ¹most interesting (interesting) town because I love archaeology. The ²_____ (fascinating) thing to do there is visit the Archaeological Park of San Agustin, and hiking 'El Estrecho' is the ³_____ (spectacular) hike I have done this year.

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