



## CASA DEL TORNO

A TIMELESS OASIS
OF ELEGANCE & PRIVACY

Casa del Torno is more than a luxury home—it's a journey through time. Nestled in the historic San Diego neighborhood, this architectural masterpiece dates back to the 17th century and is steeped in Cartagena's rich colonial history. Once home to Clarissine nuns who lived in complete seclusion, the house still features its original wooden turn—a symbol of privacy and devotion. Restored with meticulous care, Casa del Torno preserves its authentic colonial charm, offering guests a rare glimpse into the city's past while enjoying modern comforts.

Restored by local artisans, every corner of the home celebrates Cartagena's heritage while providing an exclusive and serene retreat.





## ACCOMMODATION

With its original thick walls, central patio, semi-circular arches, and a stunning colonial mural in the foyer, Casa del Torno remains one of Cartagena's few homes true to its era.

## The property features:

- Accommodations for up to 9 guests across 4 elegant bedrooms
- A private pool for tranquil relaxation
- Proximity to Cartagena's vibrant landmarks, including San Diego Plaza and the renowned Santa Clara Hotel



## HISTORY

The story of Casa del Torno begins in the middle of the XVII century. Its construction begins immediately after the construction of the Santa Clara convent; a time in which Cartagena was rebuilding from the ruins of an invasion by the English pirate Sir Francis Drake. The house was designed following the strict canons of catholic architecture from this time: a square configuration, thick walls, central patio, semicircular arches, lattices, and a wooden "turn" to avoid being seen by curious eyes.

For almost three centuries, Casa Del Torno would be the home to Clarissine nuns who had taken the vow of enclosure, devoted to a life of solitude where they could neither be seen nor see anyone. This is how Casa del Torno gave its irreplaceable name to the street it was built on, La Calle del Torno.

The house has been restored twice. The first restoration was in 1989, and the second in 2022. By strict requirements of the proprietors, the original colonial architecture was honored, making it one of the few colonial homes in Cartagena that has remained true to its epoch. An original mural from colonial times can be seen in the foyer. During the renovation, local artisans through their traditional work and expression, make Cartagena, the fantastic, the heroic, the old fortress city, a crown jewel, and a UNESCO World Heritage site.















