



Colombia

**Bogotá - Medellín - Coffee Region - Cali - Popayan - San Agustin - Santa
Marta - Aracataca - Mompox - Cartagena**

15 Days



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Bogotá

In the Andes, at 2600 meters altitude, we find Colombia's capital, Bogotá, with an estimated 9 million inhabitants. With residents from all around the globe and a thriving cultural scene, Bogotá is a city that has a lot to offer. The metropolis has several museums, such as the Gold Museum, the National Museum and the Botero Museum, where you can immerse yourself in Colombian history and culture. In addition, Bogotá is known for its graffiti street art. Amazing murals that often portray a political or historical message can be found throughout the city. Bogotá is also a popular city among cycling enthusiasts; nowhere else in Latin America will you find more bike paths in the city, and consequently the bicycle is a frequently seen means of transport. Most travellers go to the Candelaria district, the beautiful colonial centre of Bogota where it is enjoyable to stroll around the sloping streets with their colourful colonial houses. To the north, there are more posh, modern neighbourhoods, with world-class restaurants, as well as cocktail bars and cafés.

Transfer Airport - Hotel

Day 1

Arrival at Bogotá airport. When leaving, look for a sign with your names. Transfer to your hotel (+/- 40 min, +/- 20 km).

Hotel de la Opera

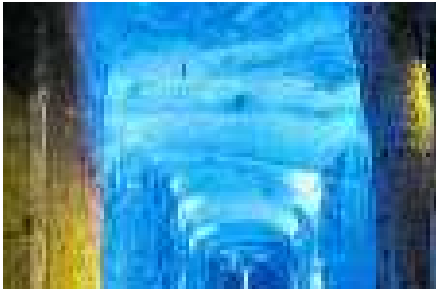
1 Night



Hotel La Opera is located in the historic center of La Candelaria, just a few minutes away from the Colón Theater, the Palacio de San Carlos and Plaza de Bolívar. This colonial hotel from the Republican Era has 42 rooms. It has a spa with a swimming pool, sauna, a beauty area and gym. It also has two restaurants: La Scala and El Mirador, which serve a wide variety of national and international cuisine.

Visit to Zipaquirá Salt Cathedral

A driver will pick you up at your hotel to take you to the city of Zipaquirá (journey of +/- 1.5 hours) where you can visit the famous Salt Cathedral, built in 1930 in the tunnels of a salt mine 190 meters below the surface. The tour takes you through the so-called 'Camino de la Cruz', a path that represents the last journey of Christ, and leads you to the altar that was built in the mine. After the visit to the cathedral, you will have time to visit the town. You will be taken back to Bogotá.



Transfer Hotel - Airport

Day 2

You will be picked up from your hotel for your transfer to Bogotá airport.

Bogotá - Medellín

Flight Bogotá - Medellín

Day 2

Flight from Bogotá to Medellín with Avianca.

Baggage policy:

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Medellin

Welcome to Medellín, a captivating city nestled in the heart of the Andes Mountains, where innovation, culture, and natural beauty converge to create an unforgettable experience. Known as the "City of Eternal Spring" for its year-round mild climate, Medellín has undergone a remarkable transformation from a turbulent past to a vibrant metropolis celebrated for its forward-thinking urban development. Explore the colorful streets of Comuna 13, witness the innovative Metrocable system offering panoramic views, and indulge in the rich art scene at Botero Plaza and Museo de Antioquia. From the lush landscapes of Parque Arví to the Jardín Botánico's biodiversity, Medellín invites you to discover its dynamic spirit, warm hospitality, and the perfect blend of tradition and modernity in every corner.

Transfer Airport EOH - Hotel

Day 2

Arrival at Olaya Herrera National Airport in Medellín. When leaving the airport, look for the person holding a sign with your name. Transfer to your hotel in Medellín (drive of 15 to 30 minutes).

Hotel Park 10

2 Nights



Located in the Zona Rosa of Medellín, Hotel Park 10 is surrounded by nice restaurants, bars and boutiques. It also has two restaurants; La Terraza for buffet breakfasts and Lussac which stays open until midnight. Don't forget to stop by their gym and Nirvana spa!

City Experience tour

Day 3

A local English-speaking guide will pick you up at the hotel for a 4-hour tour of the city of Medellín. You will take the metro for 20 minutes to get to the city center. Here you will visit, among others, the square of the famous Colombian artist Botero, with a special collection of his characteristic 'chubby' statues. After the tour of the center, you will take the cable car up to the Santo Domingo district, where you will walk to the viewpoint for the best view of the city. Santo Domingo was still considered a no-go area with a lot of poverty and gang violence in the nineties, but thanks to the innovative city policy it changed into a pleasant working-class neighborhood. After the tour, the guide will accompany you back to the hotel.

Paragliding Medellín

Day 3

Today you will make a flight above the city of Medellín by paragliding. Transport will take you into the mountains where the instructor will give you some safety instructions before taking off for a flight around 15 to 20 minutes. Whether the activity can be performed depends on the weather conditions, so rain or a lack of wind will make this impossible. A snack and a drink is included.

Transfer Hotel - Airport JMC

Day 4

A driver will pick you up at your hotel and take you to José María Córdova International Airport in Rionegro (+/- 1 hour).

Medellin - Pereira

Flight Medellín - Pereira

Day 4

Flight from Medellín to Pereira with Avianca.

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Coffee region

Endless green mountains, colorful villages with traditional Paisa architecture, a mild and pleasant climate and many coffee plantations where the best coffee in Colombia is produced? This must be the Colombian Coffee Region. This region is located in the heart of Colombia and extends over the departments of Caldas, Risaralda and Quindío. The area was colonized in the second half of the 19th century by the Paisas of the neighboring department Antioquia, and the architecture, culture and cuisine are, therefore, very similar to those of the Antioquia people. Think of the white houses with tile roofs and colorful wooden terraces decorated with hanging plants, and cafés where farmers in white hats and shirts drink small cups of tinto, as the coffee is also called here. In many places in the green mountains you can see coffee plantations, and in many of these coffee farms it is possible to take a look and taste the delicious product. And if that is not enough, the nature of the Coffee Region is also beautiful, thanks to the iconic Quindío wax palms, an extremely tall species of palm that only exists in Colombia. In the area you will find several natural parks where you can go hiking and birdwatching, and where you can cool off in a river or waterfall. It is not without reason that UNESCO declared this entire region a World Heritage Site in 2011.

Transfer airport - hotel

Day 4

Reception at Pereira airport. When leaving, look for a person holding a sign with your name. The driver will then take you to the hotel, a journey of +/- 15 minutes.

Hotel Mirador del Cocora

3 Nights



Mirador del Cocora is a boutique hotel on the outskirts of the town of Salento, with a nice view over the Cocora Valley. The hotel has 15 en suite rooms, some with mountain views and private balconies. It has a living room with a fireplace, and a buffet breakfast is served daily on the terrace overlooking the Cocora Valley.

Coffee tour Finca del Café

Day 5

A driver will take you to Casa Rivera del Cacao. The cacao-chocolate workshop begins with an evaluation of the cocoa sample, prior to a roasting process. Then the first grinding (fragmentation of the bean) is performed, to proceed to the shelling to obtain the cocoa nibs. A second grinding is then made to cocoa liquor and a 60% chocolate fondue is formulated. Then you will have time for lunch. After lunch, you will be taken on a tour to the crops where agronomic aspects of cocoa will be explained, as well as the history of chocolate. At the end you will have free time. After, the fountain with the chocolate that was prepared during the activity will be served, accompanied by fresh fruits (strawberries, banana and pineapple). at the end the driver will take you back to your hotel.

Tour Cocora Valley, Salento & Filandia

Day 6

A local guide will pick you up from the hotel for a day trip to Filandia, the Cocora Valley and Salento. The day starts with a visit to the town of Filandia, an hour's drive from Salento. First, you will take a tour of the colonial streets of the town, and then you will go up to the viewpoint to have a nice view of the town and its surroundings with the snow-capped peaks of the mountains in the distance. After a snack and drink in the village and a visit to a workshop where hand-woven baskets are made, you will continue to the Cocora Valley. You will first stop at the Salento town square. Then you will drive to Cocora Valley in a Willys jeep. Upon arrival in the Cocora Valley, you will be greeted with a traditional canelazo, an herbal tea with brandy. The specialized eco-guide of this nature reserve will be waiting to provide you with information about the Cocora Valley. Then, you will start the trek through the green valley with its iconic wax palms. The trail can be quite muddy, so please wear comfortable shoes. In Salento, the guide will take you for a walk through the colorful streets with their traditional whitewashed houses that have balconies in all colors. After the tour you will be taken back to the hotel.

Transport Coffee Region - Cali

Day 7

A driver will pick you up at the hotel to take you to Cali. During the (+/- 4 hours, +/- 230 km) drive you will descend from the mountainous landscapes of the Coffee Zone to the sugarcane plantations of the Valle del Cauca department where the beautiful city of Cali is located.

Cali

Cali is the third most important city in Colombia and the administrative center of the Valle del Cauca department. It is also known as the world capital of Salsa. The city and its surroundings offer multiple activities and excursions to choose from. Enjoy the historic city center and its lively nightlife.

Hotel Movich Casa de Alferez

1 Night



The Movich Casa del Alférez Hotel is an elegant design hotel located near Granada, located at a short distance from the San Antonio neighborhood and the historic center of Cali. It has spacious and modern rooms with wooden floors, designer furniture, airconditioning and the rooms also have a private balcony. You can have a nice drink at the hotel's Iraka terrace bar and enjoy a nice meal at the La María restaurant which serves international cuisine. The hotel also has a gym and a

business center.

City tour

i : In the afternoon

Day 7

A local guide will pick you up at the hotel for a walk around Cali. You will visit the most important churches and squares in the historic center, such as the Caicedo square and the La Merced religious complex, as well as the La Tertulia museum and the 'Gato del Río' created by Tejada along the river bank. You will also explore the colonial neighborhood of San Antonio, a trendy neighborhood with many cafés, galleries, and boutiques. To enjoy the best view of the city, you will go up to the Cristo Rey viewpoint on top of a hill. The tour takes about 3 hours and at the end the guide will accompany you back to the hotel.

Transport Cali - Popayán

Day 8

Transport from Cali to Popayán, a (+/- 4 hours, +/- 160 km) drive on the Pan-American Highway. You will start in the lower Cauca Valley until the road goes up into the mountains and you arrive at "the White City" of Popayán.

Popayán

Popayán, known as "the White City" of Colombia, is one of the most beautiful colonial cities in the country, founded in 1537 by the Spanish. The city, located at an altitude of 1737 meters in the Pubenza Valley, is located between two mountain ranges. Thanks to its mild climate, it has been a haven for wealthy (sugarcane) plantation owners in recent centuries. Plantation owners from Valle del Cauca began building houses, monasteries, and churches in Popayán in the 17th century. Today, Popayán is a friendly city with colonial architecture, a great environment and excellent cuisine: the city was declared a UNESCO City of Gastronomy in 2005.

Hotel Dann Monasterio

1 Night



The Hotel Dann Monasterio is located in the middle of the historic center of Popayán and just 5 minutes away from the airport. Its colonial rooms look like Spanish galleries, it has an outdoor pool and the fountain located in the central patio are all part of the architectural heritage that characterizes "The White City of Colombia".

City tour

i : In the Morning

Day 9

A local guide will pick you up at the hotel for a nice walk through Popayán. You will explore the old center of the whitewashed colonial city on foot and enter various churches, monasteries and the museum of religious art, among other things. Learn about the history of the White City, which for a long time was considered the most important city in southern Colombia, and try the pipián empanadas with a champús drink, both local specialties. The 3-hour tour ends back at the hotel.

Transport Popayán - San Agustín

i : In the afternoon

Day 9

Transport from Popayán to San Agustín, one of the most important archaeological places in South America. You will drive directly through Puracé National Park, with views of the páramos and volcanoes of this nature reserve. Because the trail is largely unpaved, the trip will take about (+/- 5 hours, +/- 130 km) depending on road conditions.

San Agustín

The town of San Agustín, in the southwest of the department of Huila, is world famous thanks to the San Agustín Archaeological Park, an archaeological site with hundreds of statues of animals, people and monsters carved out of volcanic rock. These statues and tombs are believed to have been made by pre-Columbian people who inhabited this area, somewhere between 50 and 400 A.D. Along with San Agustín Archaeological Park, declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1995, there are two other sites a few kilometers away near the town of Isnos: Alto de los Ídolos and Alto de las Piedras. Further away from these sites there are even more mysterious archaeological sites that you can visit. In short, this area is a must-see for archeology lovers. If that is not enough, you can also admire the second tallest waterfall in Colombia, Salto de Bordonos, which falls from a dazzling height of 490 meters. In addition, the Andean mountain landscapes of Huila are also known for their excellent coffee.

Hotel Akawanka Lodge

2 Nights



Akawanka Lodge is located in the green Andes in San Agustín, a 750-meter walk from the archaeological park of the same name. The hotel is a farmhouse with typical architecture of this region, with white walls, wooden terraces and a tile roof, surrounded by a large garden and forests. The hotel has comfortable rooms and suites decorated in a rustic way with lots of wood and pieces of local artisans, and private bathrooms. Guests can relax in the spa with a sauna and massage treatments, go hiking

on the trails of the hotel's private grounds and enjoy the views with a drink at the bar. Here you will also find a restaurant that uses fresh produce from its own garden.

Tour Archaeological Park

Day 10

A local guide and a driver will pick you up at the hotel for the 15-minute drive to the entrance of San Agustín Archaeological Park. During this half-day tour, you will walk through the Sculpture Forest, which is a cloud forest where various statues have been placed along the way. You will also visit the park's museum and the Lavapatas fountain, where rock drawings were carved into the stone riverbed. You will also walk through different plains with statues and tombs of mysterious pre-Columbian communities, and climb a hill to have a nice view of the entire area. After the tour you will be taken back to the hotel.

Transport San Agustín - Neiva

Day 11

A driver will pick you up from your hotel to take you to the capital of Huila, Neiva. The trip takes approximately (+/- 5 hours, +/- 230 km) driving through the beautiful green landscapes of the Andean mountains.

Santa Marta

The city of Santa Marta has a special location, nestled between the mountains of the Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta and the Caribbean Sea. The city was founded in 1525 by the Spaniards, making it the oldest colonial city in South America. Santa Marta is a good starting point to visit the Tayrona National Natural Park and the Sierra Nevada Mountains. The city itself is also a very interesting destination to visit thanks to its rich history represented in its various museums. You can also enjoy a great variety of restaurants and nightspots or just admire the beautiful sunset over the bay.

To be more comfortable, we recommend good hydration, sun protection and a hat during your visit. Santa Marta has a warm climate all year round, which makes it the ideal destination for a vacation in any season.

Transfer airport - hotel

Day 11

Arrival at Simón Bolívar International Airport in Santa Marta. When leaving the airport, look for a sign with your names. Transfer to the hotel.

Hotel AC Marriott

1 Night

The Marriott Resort is a modern luxury hotel in front of the Santa Marta bay and close to the main sites of this city and its surroundings. It has restaurant service, a gym, swimming pool, space for events and a bar.

Transport Santa Marta - Mompox

Day 12

Transport from Santa Marta to Mompox, a beautiful (+/- 8 hours, +/- 350 km) journey with views of the Sierra Nevada and the wetlands of the Momposina Depression.

Mompox

The town of Mompox is the place where the magical realism of the famous writer Gabriel Garcia Marquez comes to life. Shadowy avenues where old men spend the afternoon on a rocking chair, whitewashed colonial houses and churches; all of this on an island in the middle of Colombia's largest river, the Magdalena. Mompox was founded in 1540 by the Spaniards because of its strategic location on the Magdalena River. As a junction between the coast and the Colombian interior, the town grew into an important trading center for silver and gold. The Spaniards also found a safe haven in Mompox when pirates once again besieged Cartagena. You can still feel the desolation of the town in Mompox, a magical place where time seems to stand still.

La Casa Amarilla

2 Nights



La Casa Amarilla is a hotel in a restored 17th century villa on the Magdalena river, in the historic center of Mompox. The hotel has a green patio with rocking chairs, 10 comfortable rooms decorated in colonial style and a rooftop terrace overlooking the river and the rooftops of Mompox.

Tour Ciénaga el Pijíño

Day 13

During this tour you will take a boat across the Magdalena River to the Ciénaga el Pijíño. There you will sail through mangroves and be able to explore the fauna and flora of the area (3 hours). Afterwards you will be brought back to the hotel.

Transport Mompox - Cartagena

Day 14

Transport from Mompox to Cartagena, a pleasant (+/- 6 hours, +/- 290 km) drive through green, water-rich landscapes. Don't forget to take a snack to eat during the trip.

Cartagena

Cartagena de Indias is by far the most beautiful city in the Caribbean. Its centuries-old walled-in city center, that has been declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site, seems to have been made for people to wander around for hours. It's maze of colorful colonial houses on narrow streets and alleys ending in shadowy squares where, in the afternoon, street musicians and dancers show the best of the swinging Caribbean culture. But there is also plenty to do outside the city walls. The archipelago Islas del Rosario is at an hour's boat ride from the port city. And of course they have the pearl white beaches and turquoise-colored sea that the Caribbean is famous for. Even closer are the beaches of Cartagena, where you can end the day with a swim in the sea and by watching the enchanting sunset.

Nácar Hotel, Curio Collection By Hilton

1 Night



Nácar is a luxurious boutique hotel in the center of Cartagena. Housed in a restored historic landmark, the hotel features two towers offering an authentic, colonial ambiance as well as a modern elegance. It also has a rooftop terrace, swimming pool, spa, meeting rooms, Wifi and restaurant.

Walking tour

Day 15

Today you will learn about the historical importance of Cartagena while visiting incredible places that will take you on a journey back in time to relive the era of the Spanish conquest. An English-speaking guide will pick you up at the hotel for a guided tour of Cartagena's historic center. You will visit all the iconic places of the walled-in, colonial city center, such as the Parque Bolívar, Las Bóvedas, Iglesia de San Pedro Claver and Plaza de los Coches. It can get quite hot in Cartagena, so bring along along a bottle of water and protection against the bright sun. After the 3-hour walk, the guide will accompany you back to the hotel.

Transfer Hotel - Airport

Day 15

A driver will pick you up at the hotel and take you to the airport in Cartagena, a short 30-minute drive.

Cartagena - Bogotá

Flight Cartagena - Bogotá

Day 15

Flight from Cartagena to Bogotá with Avianca.

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ACCOMMODATIONS

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Medellin

2 nights Hotel Park 10 [website](#)

Coffee region

3 nights Hotel Mirador del Cocora [website](#)

Cali

1 night Hotel Movich Casa de Alferéz [website](#)

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San Agustín

2 nights Hotel Akawanka Lodge [website](#)

Santa Marta

1 night Hotel AC Marriott [website](#)

Mompox

2 nights La Casa Amarilla [website](#)

Cartagena

1 night Nácar Hotel, Curio Collection By Hilton [website](#)

Flight(s):

TRAVEL CONDITIONS

Including:

- National flights
- Accommodation in private double rooms (standard, if not mentioned otherwise) with breakfast
- Meals as mentioned
- Transfers and transport as mentioned with Spanish-speaking drivers
- Tours and activities as mentioned with entrance fees and English-speaking guides
- 24/7 assistance

Not included:

- Services mentioned as optional
- International flights
- Insurance
- Meals and drinks not mentioned
- Voluntary tips for guides, drivers, etc.
- Personal expenses

** Please note that the price might have to be adjusted, depending on the constantly changing USD-COP exchange rate, flight prices, availability of services, etc.*

***If domestic flights are included in the booking, regardless of the time of cancellation 100% of the flight price will be charged.*

****Hotels are only suggestions and will only be reserved at the time of booking. If there is no availability, a similar or equivalent alternative will be offered.*