



Colombia
Bogotá - Coffee Region - Cartagena - Barú

12 Days



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Cartagena

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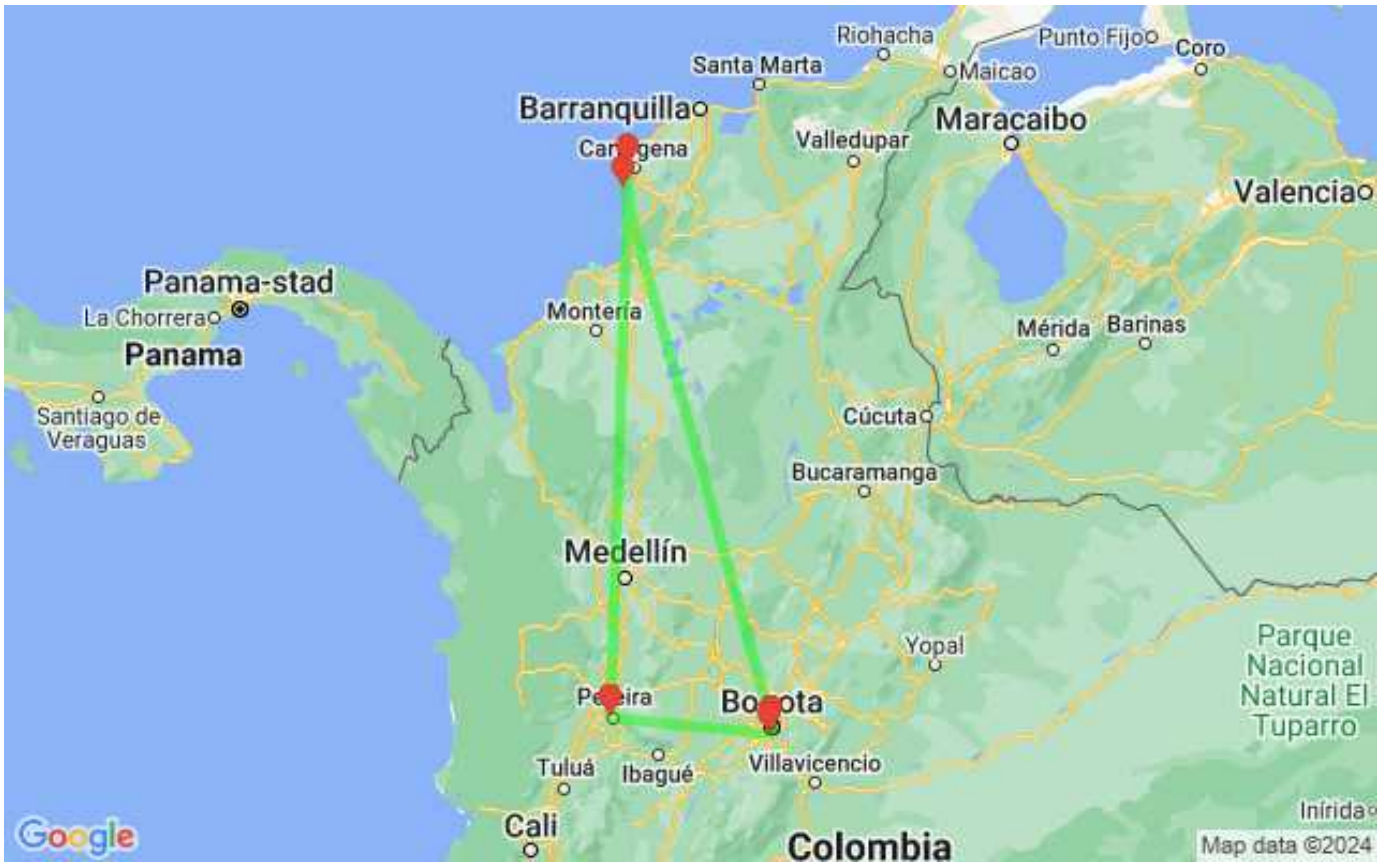
Barú

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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 Four Seasons

2 Nights



The Four Seasons Hotel Bogotá is a luxurious hotel in the El Virrey neighborhood, within walking distance of the popular Zona T shopping area of Bogotá, with the main restaurants and the Andino shopping center near. The rooms are equipped with every comfort, it has a spa and fitness center. Enjoy international cuisine at La Biblioteca, a restaurant where you can enjoy drinks at the bar/lounge and dine alfresco.

Dinner

City Tour + Cacao Experience

Day 2

You will be picked up at the hotel by a local guide and start your city tour. First, you will walk through La Candelaria, Bogotá's historic center, and afterwards you will visit the famous Gold Museum as well as the Botero Museum. You will also take the cable car up to Cerro Monserrate, which has a great view over Bogotá at an altitude of 3000 meters where you can enjoy a panoramic view of the immense city of Bogota. At the end of the tour You will have an experience of one hour and a half, in a beautiful colonial house located in the neighborhood of La Candelaria. There you will learn about the history and the process of cacao production through your senses. From the cultivation of the seed to the elaboration of the products derived from it. The experience will end with a cup of hot chocolate with typical snacks that are a perfect match, such as almojabanas, amasijos and cheese.

Dinner

Dinner included every night you'll stay at the hotel.

Transfer Hotel - Airport

Day 3

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

Bogotá - Pereira

Flight Bogotá - Pereira

Day 3

Flight from Bogotá to Pereira with Avianca.

Baggage policy:

- 1 piece weighing a maximum of 23 kilograms (50 pounds)
 - 1 carry-on piece weighing a maximum of 10 kilograms (22 pounds)
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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 3

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 Casa San Carlos Lodge

3 Nights



Casa San Carlos Lodge is a boutique hotel located in the hills of the Coffee Region a few kilometers from the city of Pereira. The spacious and luxurious rooms are decorated with wood, bamboo and other natural materials, and feature airconditioning, a seating area and a desk. They have been designed with crafts made by 140 artisans from the region. The bedrooms open onto the terrace where guests can relax on comfortable sofas overlooking the garden. The hotel has a large outdoor

pool, bar, jacuzzi and a spa. In the restaurant, local and international dishes are served at a gourmet level.

Dinner

Dinner included every night you'll stay at the hotel.

Tour Cocora Valley, Salento & Filandia

Day 4

A driver and local guide will pick you up from the hotel in a traditional Willys jeep for your trip to the Cocora Valley. On the way, you will stop at the Salento viewpoint, where you will have a view of the Cocora Valley and the mountains that surround it. In good weather, you can even see the peaks of Los Nevados National Park in the distance. You will also learn more about nature in this area and see avocado crops and cattle farms. You will then continue to the Cocora Valley, 30 minutes by car. In this green valley you will walk among the iconic wax palms, a species of palm trees that can grow up to 60 meters in height and is officially the national tree of Colombia. The 2-3 hour walk between the wax palms and the misty waves that give the valley a mystical feeling is a unique experience. The trail can be quite muddy, so please wear comfortable shoes. After the walk you can enjoy a natural juice of one of the typical fruits of Colombia. You will continue to Salento by jeep for a visit to the historic center and to learn about the traditional architecture of the municipality of Salento and the Camino Real, which is part of the road that passes through South America and ends in Venezuela. Salento plays an important role in a big part of Colombian history. The tour will continue in Filandia, a town also known as "the illuminated hill" located at 2000 meters above sea level. Here you can enjoy the local architecture and the sunset and then you will return to Salento.

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.

Transfer hotel - airport

Day 6

A driver will pick you up from the hotel and take you to Pereira airport, a short drive of +/- 15 minutes.

Pereira - Cartagena

Flight Pereira - Cartagena

Day 6

Flight from Pereira to Cartagena with Avianca.

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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.

Transfer Airport - Hotel

Day 6

Arrival at Rafael Núñez airport in Cartagena. A driver will be waiting for you at the exit to take you to the hotel, a short 15-minute drive.

Hotel Casa San Agustín

2 Nights



Casa San Agustín is a boutique hotel built in colonial-era buildings with a style that combines classic and modern. It has a library, space for meetings, a swimming pool, bar, bicycles, the Aurum spa, the private Acasí beach in the Barú area and the Alma restaurant serving Colombian and Caribbean dishes.

Dinner

Dinner included every night you'll stay at the hotel.

Walking tour

i : in the morning

Day 7

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.

Caribbean Cooking Workshop

i : In the afternoon

Day 7

If you want to bring the best of the Caribbean flavor back home, this is the ideal activity to do so. Learn how to cook Caribbean dishes with one of the best chefs in Cartagena. During this 3 hour workshop in one of the most renowned restaurants in the Getsemaní neighborhood you will learn how to prepare a starter, main course and dessert with local recipes. Of course, you will taste your gastronomic experiments. The workshop starts with a cocktail. Ingredients are included, and transportation to the restaurant is optional.

Transfer Hotel - Port

Day 8

A driver will pick you up and take you to the port, a short drive of +/- 20 minutes. After registering your name and passport, you then take the boat to the island of your choice.

Boat transfer port - island

Day 8

In the morning you take the boat from the port of Cartagena to the hotel located on the Barú island a trip of +/- 1 hour.

Barú

Barú is a peninsula located south of Cartagena de Indias, famous for its white sand beaches and crystal clear waters. It can be reached by boat and by land thanks to the "Puente de Barú". In this area you will find various hotels as well as some towns and Playa Blanca, which is the only public beach on the peninsula. Among the activities that you can enjoy here, you can take a tour to the mangroves, watch the reflections on the water and visit the underwater gardens. It is also the ideal place to go diving, snorkeling and fishing, and especially for birdwatching since the National Aviary of Colombia is located on Barú.

Hotel Las Islas

4 Nights



Hotel Las Islas is an exclusive resort located on Isla Barú, in a special place in the mangrove forest with a small private beach. The hotel's luxurious cabins overlook the ocean and the mangrove trees, and have a terrace where you have your own pool or jacuzzi. Your cabin can either be arranged at the top of the trees, several meters high or they can be arranged for you on land. The complex has three gourmet restaurants, several bars, a cafeteria, a spa with massage and beauty treatments and a gym.

To get around the hotel's spacious facilities you can make use of bicycles that each cabin has or by golf cart. In addition, the hotel offers activities that are included in the rate (no extra costs) such as a night tour to observe bioluminescent plankton, a stargazing tour, cooking or cocktail class, transfer to Isleta (a private island) and a snorkel set, kayak and paddle board available for you. This is the ideal hotel if you are looking for an experience of luxury combined with nature, since you will be totally surrounded by the jungle of the island.

Dinner

Dinner included every night you'll stay at the hotel.

Free day

Enjoy a day off on Isla Barú. Snorkel in the brightly blue water, enjoy the opportunity to relax on the beach and cool down in the Caribbean Sea.



Transport Barú - Cartagena Airport

Day 12

A driver will pick you up at the hotel for your transport to Cartagena airport, a nice 1.5-hour drive along the coast.

Cartagena - Bogotá

Flight Cartagena - Bogotá

Day 12

Flight from Cartagena to Bogotá with Avianca.

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ACCOMMODATIONS

Bogotá

2 nights Hotel Four Seasons [website](#)

Coffee Region

3 nights Hotel Casa San Carlos Lodge [website](#)

Cartagena

2 nights Hotel Casa San Agustin [website](#)

Barú

4 nights Hotel Las Islas [website](#)

Flight(s):

Datum	Van	Naar	Vertrek	Aankomst	Vluchtnr	Reservering
21-08	Bogotá	Pereira	10:05	11:03	AV5235	

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24-08	Pereira	Cartagena	16:50	18:09	AV9782	

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30-08	Cartagena	Bogotá	10:30	11:59	AV9797	

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.*

GENERAL INFORMATION

Contact information

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Emergency number in Colombia		123 / 911
The country code for Colombia is		+ 57

General information

Language

It is important to mention that not all tourist sites and lodging establishments, restaurants or others will be able to communicate in English or other languages (other than Spanish). For this reason, we recommend planning and visiting the activities and tourist sites in the company of an English speaking guide.

Money

You can withdraw money from ATMs with your debit and/or credit card. Please note, however, that it is not always possible to withdraw money in small towns and/or remote areas. When using ATMs, preferably they should be located in shopping malls or on busy streets. When visiting these types of destinations, we recommend that you bring enough cash. It is better to exchange USD, GBP or EUR to the Colombian currency (Colombian pesos) in the big cities, since the exchange rates are the most favorable there. To use a credit card it is important to know the corresponding code. Tipping in Colombia is common and very appreciated. Restaurants and cafes will ask if they can add a 10% tip to the bill. In the services of drivers and guides the tip is not included and you can decide by yourself if you want to give it or not, according to the quality of the service you have received. An indication of tips can be found in the following table. In addition, you may like to help people living on the streets. Our advice is that you can give them money when they offer a service or a product (crafts, chewing gum, etc.). If that is not the case, you can give them a coffee or sandwich, for example.

Services based on 2 persons	Private	Shared
Drivers during short transfers	5 USD/EUR	4 USD/EUR
Drivers for multiple days (day price)	10 USD/EUR	N/A
Guide half day	10-20 USD/EUR	8-12 USD/EUR
Guide full day	20 USD/EUR	14-20 USD/EUR
Doormen (Price per suitcase) or similar services	from 2 USD/EUR	N/A

Passport

In Colombia it is obligatory to be able to identify oneself at all times, if requested by the police. Make sure you have a valid identity document at all times (passport, identity card, driver's license, etc.). The passport must be valid for at least 6 months before the end of the trip. We recommend that you make a copy of your passport so that you can leave the original at the hotel. PLEASE NOTE: As a tourist, you do not have to pay 19% VAT (Value Added Tax). Therefore, this tax will not be charged on the accommodations booked in the program. To be excluded from this tax, it is important that upon your arrival to Colombia you indicate that you will be traveling as a tourist for a maximum period of 3 months. This in order to receive the correct stamp. The required stamps are: PIP-5 and the 'V' visa. For cases in which other stamps or visas are used other than those mentioned above, DE UNA Colombia Tours will not be responsible for any VAT that must be paid in the reserved accommodations. If you are traveling with a Colombian nationality, you are responsible for proving that you are living abroad and that you will remain in Colombia for less than 183 days per calendar year, in order to be excluded from VAT.

COVID-19

Upon arrival in Colombia, the following rule applies:

You must complete the online form of the migration service, [Check-Mig](#). We've created a [10 Step Plan](#), so you can follow all the 10 steps here to avoid doubts and mistakes. You must fill out this form upon arrival in Colombia and upon departure from Colombia, each time 24 hours before the start of the international flight. In addition to this, the use of a face mask is not mandatory anymore.

https://dev.deunacolombia.com/Protocolos_bioseguridad_EN.pdf

There are no further requirements to enter Colombia.

Vaccines

Please ask your general practitioner for information on the necessary vaccinations for your trip, in advance. Required and/or recommended vaccinations depend on the areas visited. In cases where a destination is to be visited that requires some type of specific vaccination, it will be mentioned to you in advance of the trip. Yellow fever is recommended to enter Colombia but not mandatory.

Weather

The temperature in Colombia is very constant throughout the year and has few fluctuations. This depends mainly on the altitude of each region, the higher you are above sea level, the lower the temperature. The seasons in Colombia are characterized by 2 periods of relative drought and 2 periods of rain. The enormous diversity of altitude, the fact that sometimes several climatic zones are visited in a single day and the current unpredictability of the seasons, make it advisable to be prepared for all types of weather.

Accommodation

In the travel program you will find an overview of the booked accommodations. The reservations are in the name of the client. In case of problems during check-in, please mention that the reservation was made by DE UNA Colombia Tours. If coupons are required for certain activities and accommodations, these will be sent separately. In general, only breakfast is included in the accommodation, unless otherwise indicated.

Flights

For domestic flights, it is recommended to be present at the airport at least 1 hour in advance. For international

flights it is recommended to be at least 2 to 3 hours before the flight. Baggage policies and other conditions may vary according to the airline. For possible baggage limitations and conditions, we recommend that you consult the baggage information stated in the travel program. With several airlines it is possible to check in online one day before the flight, for which only the reservation code is required. **To avoid overbooking issues with the airline, passengers are required to do the web check-in 48 hours before the flight or as soon as it is available (24 hours in some cases).** If for any reason it is not possible to do so, please notify the agency immediately for review. If notification is not made, DE UNA Colombia Tours will not be responsible for the completion of the flight or for any additional payments arising from any inconveniences with the airline. We recommend that you do so to avoid possible waiting times at the airport and to keep up to date with the latest flight information. E-tickets no longer need to be printed and registration with a valid identity document (passport) is sufficient.

Transportation

The transportation organized by DE UNA Colombia Tours is reserved with different transportation companies. Therefore, it is possible that a driver may not always be aware of the entire itinerary, but only of the service he is currently performing. In case of questions or comments about the transportation, please contact us.

Insurance

Every aspect of the tour organized by DE UNA Colombia Tours has a special insurance: hotel insurance, insurance for organized transportation, insurance for the activities and insurance for the flights. However, it should be kept in mind that incidents may occur. For example, an accident, theft or illness. Therefore, we recommend the client to request travel insurance in his country of origin and that it is valid and adjusted to the planned trip in Colombia. This insurance must have coverage for COVID-19. Other insurances, like the cancellation insurance, are the responsibility of the client and DE UNA Colombia Tours cannot be held responsible for this. We ask you to provide us with information about your travel insurance, as well as an emergency contact in your home country (name, phone number and mail).

Security

Nowadays Colombia is a very safe country for tourists, who are kindly received in all regions. However, it never hurts to take precautions as in any place in the world. We recommend always to be aware of the environment, to have common sense when you go to an unknown place. It is not recommended to take cabs in the street, it is always suggested to ask the hotel to request this service. Take care of your personal belongings and avoid carrying your passport, please leave it in the hotel security box and carry only one copy of it. It is recommended that you ask for directions from the police or army in case you are out of place. When using ATMs, preferably they should be located in shopping malls or on streets that have been passed by.

Responsible and sustainable tourism

For DE UNA Colombia Tours, responsible tourism is very important. We not only seek to be respectful of the environment, we are also committed to protecting Colombia's cultural heritage and treating local communities with respect, while seeking to promote the local economy. The (sexual) abuse of children, and the use, purchase or sale of drugs is prohibited and will be reported to local authorities. On the other hand, we try to minimize the impact that the trip will have on the environment, prioritizing our commitment with hotels, restaurants, tour guides and drivers who take the necessary measures for the conservation of resources, the protection of biodiversity and the cultural characteristics of each region. To us, responsible and sustainable tourism means opportunity and commitment. As of 2017 we became members of the TourCert community; we implement and we are certified according to the TourCert guidelines. Similarly, we see the client as an important ally to address this matter in a responsible and conscious way.

To achieve this, we are committed to providing correct and honest information to the client, so that their experience in Colombia is unforgettable.

https://dev.deunacolombia.com/Politica_de_sostenibilidad.pdf

https://dev.deunacolombia.com/Code_of_Conduct_Clients.pdf

Travel without plastic

In order to accomplish our sustainability policies, we recommend you to bring a reusable bottle to use during your trip. Most hotels have a water station, bottle or filter water to fill your bottle with drinking water. When you arrive, ask at the reception where you can fill it for free or for an additional cost. In some destinations such as Caño Cristales, Pacífico, La Guajira, and all the National Parks it is mandatory to bring a reusable bottle because single-use plastics are not allowed.

Plugs and connectivity

Type A and B sockets are used in Colombia. The mains voltage is 110V and the frequency is 60Hz. It is best to bring a world plug that allows you to charge small electronic devices such as mobile phones and cameras. Devices from Europe with higher power consumption, such as hair dryers or straighteners, cannot be used in Colombia due to the lower voltage. They will work, but only at half power. There is free Wi-Fi in most hotels and public places. You can also always buy a local sim card from Claro, Tigo or Movistar upon arrival. In Colombia, people communicate a lot via Whatsapp and almost everyone has a smartphone.

DE UNA Service:

The accompaniment of a DE UNA Colombia Tours tour guide will depend on the agreed upon travel program. The tour guide is the direct contact and the face of DE UNA Colombia Tours. We also use third party services and local contacts (hotels, drivers, local guides, etc.), all of them used to work with foreign tourists, able to offer the service and quality that we represent. In the unlikely event that something goes wrong, or if there are any questions during the trip, you can contact us at the emergency number 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. It is preferable that in the event that something does not go as estimated, you contact us as soon as possible, so that we can work quickly on a solution. During office hours, first call the person responsible for the tour (see contact details). Outside office hours, during weekends and during vacations, you can call the emergency number (second number on the list). If for some reason you do not get an answer, you can still call 'reservations', which can only assist you in Spanish.

For general questions, terms and conditions and other info, please have a look on our website:

<http://www.deunacolombia.com/>

<http://deunacolombia.com/nl/images/stories/de-una-terms-and-conditions.pdf>

DE UNA Colombia Tours wishes you a happy trip!