

Colombia
Bogotá - Medellín - Cartagena

7 Days



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ITINERARY

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 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

3 Nights



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.

City tour

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. You will head back to the hotel in the afternoon.

Coffee Tour Hacienda Coloma

Day 3

The local guide will receive you at Hacienda Combia for the coffee tour. During this special, 'interactive' tour, you will start with a nice coffee tasting to learn how to distinguish between different qualities of coffee. Afterwards you will walk to the plantations, where you will learn not only about the coffee plants but also about the local flora and fauna, and indigenous traditions such as the braiding of the bamboo baskets that are used by the coffee pickers. You will also visit the 'beneficiadero', where the coffee beans are processed after the harvest, and you will get to work with a paintbrush. The hacienda is located in a beautiful rural area, with green mountains as far as the eye can see. After the 4-hour tour, you will have the rest of the day off to relax by the pool.

Transfer Hotel - Airport

Day 4

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

Bogotá - Medellín

Flight Bogotá - Medellín

Day 4

Flight from Bogotá to Medellín 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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Medellín

Colombia's second city, Medellín, used to have a bad reputation as the city of drug trafficker Escobar. But from those dark pages in its history, the city has undergone a remarkable transformation, and now Medellín is one of the most progressive and entertaining metropolises in Latin America. An ingenious public transport system with cable cars and even escalators was introduced, which connect the 'barrios' with the rest of the city. Parks and cultural facilities were also built throughout the city. And then there are its residents, the proud Paisas, who always have fun and are always chatting on the streets. The city is located in a green valley, and thanks to its good climate, it has the nickname "The City of Eternal Spring". Most tourists stay in the El Poblado neighborhood, an area with many gourmet restaurants, designer shops, and cafés. Of course, there are also plenty of places worth visiting outside of El Poblado, such as the museums, city parks, Envigado's working-class district, the bustling Laureles district and the cable cars that allow you to see the city from a great height. It is not without reason that the Paisas are so proud of their Medellín.

Transfer Airport JMC - Hotel

Day 4

Arrival at José María Córdova International Airport in Rionegro. When leaving, look for the person holding a sign with your name. Transfer to your hotel in Medellín (+/- 1 hour).

ElCielo Hotel & Restaurant

2 Nights



The Hotel & Restaurant ElCielo is a beautiful 5 star boutique hotel located in Astorgas, considered one of the best areas of El Poblado. The hotel has 28 suites divided in four room types that combine the best of the Colombian art with luxury. It also offers different services, such as room service, laundry and gym. They have a rooftop bar with a city view and the good service and quality of ElCielo Restaurant.

City tour History of social transformation

Day 4

An English-speaking guide will pick you up at the hotel for a 4-hour tour of the city of Medellín. During this tour, you will learn how the City of Eternal Spring managed to stand up from Escobar's dark nineties and transform into the innovative metropolis it is today thanks to smart city policies. For example, the city invested a lot of money in public transport and education in order to breathe new life into the poor neighborhoods. During this tour, you will visit various neighborhoods with the innovative public transport system, such as the special escalators that connect the Comuna 13 neighborhood with the city. You will hear about the history and present of Medellín, and talk to local residents. After the tour, you will be brought back to the hotel. A coffee break is included.

Tour Guatapé & Piedra del Peñol

Day 5

A driver and guide will pick you up from the hotel for the day trip to Guatapé and Piedra de Peñol, a 2-hour drive from Medellín. You will climb the 740 steps of Piedra de Peñol, which is millions of years old, a 220-meter-high rock formation that offers an incredible view of the mountains, the town and the gigantic Peñol-Guatapé reservoir. You will have a traditional lunch in the town of Guatapé and then explore the lake by boat. There will also be time to explore the colorful colonial town with its houses painted in all colors and narrow cobblestone streets. At the end, you will take the same route back to your hotel in Medellín, a pleasant drive through the green mountain landscapes of Antioquia.

Transfer Hotel - Airport JMC

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

Medellin - Cartagena

Flight Medellín - Cartagena

Day 6

Flight from Medellín 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 Pestagua

1 Night



Casa Pestagua is a boutique hotel located in the historic center of Cartagena, with the Mizu spa, a restaurant, space for events, pool table, heated pool, bicycles, a jacuzzi and solarium on the terrace, a lounge bar and 11 luxurious rooms.

City tour

Day 6

An English-speaking guide will pick you up at the hotel, after which you will start exploring the old, colonial town centre on foot. You will pay a visit to the Castillo San Felipe de Barajas, the biggest colonial fortress ever built by the Spaniards. Visiting the huge, stone fortress with a maze of dark alleys, towers and cannons is an adventure in itself. You could easily imagine that you've traveled a few centuries back in time. You will also be visiting Parque Bolívar, Las Bóvedas, Santuario de San Pedro Claver and Plaza de los Coches. It can get quite hot in Cartagena, so bring along a bottle of water and protection against the bright sun. The city tour takes 4 hours.

Transfer Hotel - Airport

Day 7

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

ACCOMMODATIONS

Bogotá

3 nights Hotel de la Opera

[website](#)

Medellín

2 nights ElCielo Hotel & Restaurant

[website](#)

Cartagena

1 night Hotel Casa Pestagua

[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.*