



Colombia
Bogotá - Medellín - Coffee Region - Cartagena

8 Days



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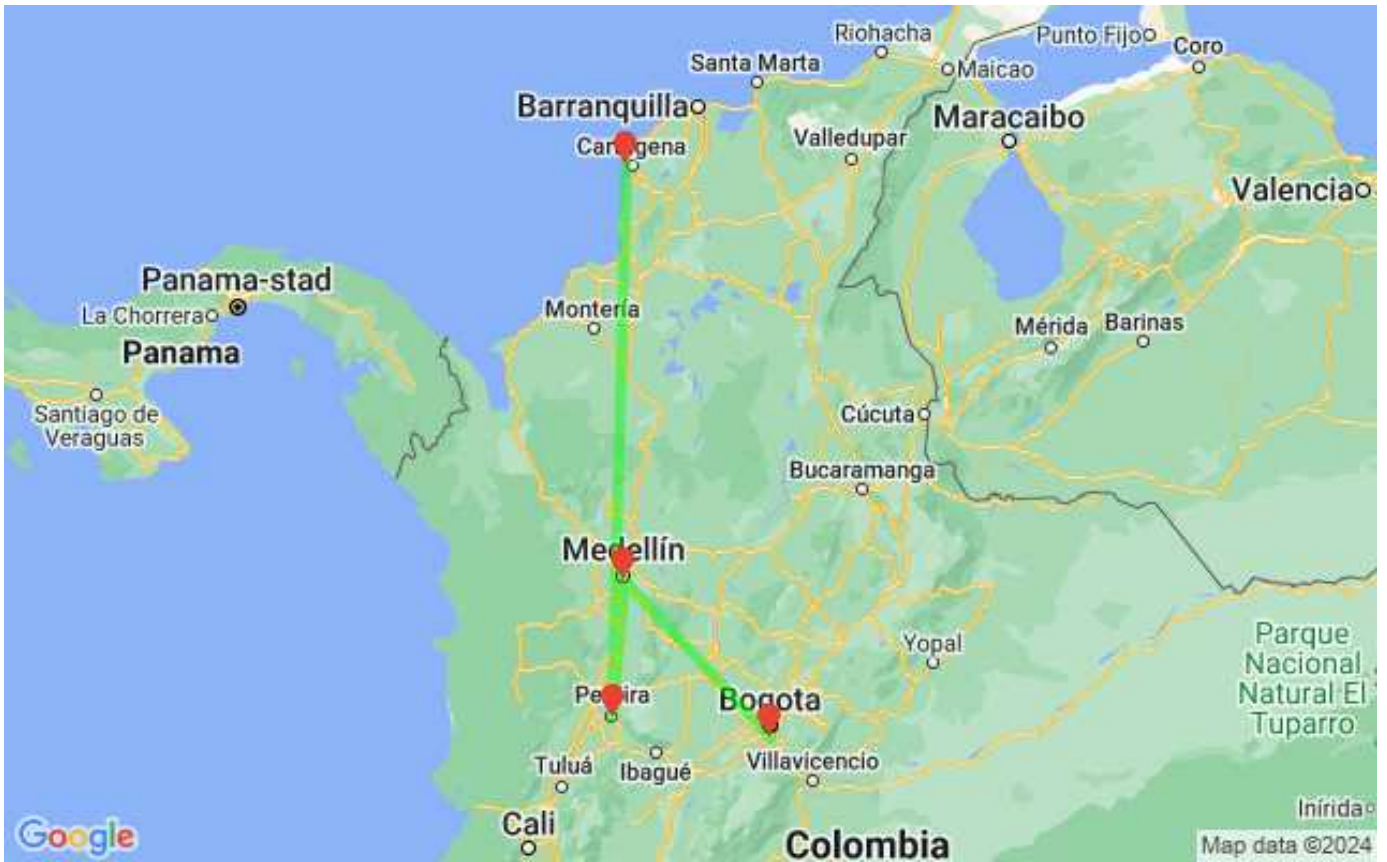
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Bogotá

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 Casa Deco

2 Nights



Casa Deco is located in the colonial neighborhood of La Candelaria, within walking distance of Plaza Bolívar, the Gold Museum and many cafes and restaurants. The hotel rooms are decorated with wooden floors and furniture, and mosaics. The hotel also has a restaurant, bar and a rooftop terrace with views of the mountains and the Church of Monserrate.

City tour

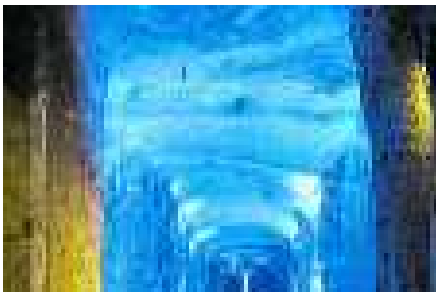
Day 2

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.

Visit to Zipaquirá Salt Cathedral

Day 2

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 3

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

Bogotá - Medellín

Flight Bogotá - Medellín

Day 3

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)

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 JMC - Hotel

Day 3

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).

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.

Café Hotel

2 Nights



Café Hotel is a modern hotel located in a quiet neighborhood in Medellín, within walking distance of El Poblado where many entertainment venues can be found. The rooms can be divided into superior, deluxe and suite where the latter has its own jacuzzi. The hotel also has a spa, jacuzzi on the roof terrace, gym, bar and two restaurants, one on the top floor.

Tour Guatapé & Piedra del Peñol

Day 4

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.

Transport Medellín - Guatapé

Day 4

"You will be picked up at the hotel for the (+/- 3 hours, +/- 100 km) drive to Guatapé. It is a pleasant journey through green mountain landscapes along the traditional Paisa villages of Antioquia.

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Transfer Airport JMC - Hotel

Day 5

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).

Medellin - Pereira

Flight Medellín - Pereira

Day 5

Flight from Medellín to Pereira with Avianca.

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Pereira

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 5

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.

Hacienda San José

2 Nights



Hacienda Hotel San José is a colonial hacienda from 1888, located in a natural reserve with bamboo forests a few kilometers from the city of Pereira. The hotel's spacious rooms are classically decorated with antique wooden furniture and have polished wooden floors and ceilings. The hacienda is surrounded by a large garden with flowers and palm trees, as well as an outdoor swimming pool. There is also a restaurant serving local dishes.

Tour Salento, Valle de Cocora & coffee tour

Day 6

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. Then, you will 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 walk between the wax palm trees and the waves of fog 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. After lunch, you will continue to the El Ocaso coffee farm for a coffee and a tour of the coffee plantations to learn more about the production of this emblematic drink.

Transfer hotel - airport

Day 7

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 7

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 7

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.

Anandá Hotel Boutique

1 Night



Anandá Hotel Boutique is an elegant 4-star hotel in the historic center of Cartagena. The hotel is a renovated colonial house with colonnades from the 16th century and just a few minutes from the Caribbean sea. Its rooms are classically decorated with wood, furniture and other natural materials, and all of them have airconditioning. The hotel has a swimming pool in the courtyard and a jacuzzi on the rooftop terrace where you can relax, as well as a restaurant-bar and spa.

Walking tour

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.

Transfer Hotel - Airport

Day 8

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

ACCOMMODATIONS

Bogotá

2 nights Hotel Casa Deco

[website](#)

Medellin

2 nights Café Hotel

[website](#)

Pereira

2 nights Hacienda San José

[website](#)

Cartagena

1 night Anandá Hotel Boutique

[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.*