



## **The Essence of Colombia - 12 days (#19626)**

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### **Trip Highlights**

Colombia - Bogotá - Quindio - Medellin - Cartagena - Barú - Cartagena

### **Detailed Itinerary**

#### **Day 01**

#### **Day 1 – Welcome to Colombia!**

Your flight will arrive in Bogotá/Colombia. Pick up at the airport and transfer to your hotel in the Zona G part of the city. This neighborhood is a culinary haven, where gastronomic delights, trendy restaurants, and a vibrant atmosphere create an unforgettable dining experience.

The rest of the evening is free to explore your surroundings.

We are available 24/7 to assist you with anything that you require.

Accommodation: Four Seasons Hotel Casa Medina - Bogotá.

**Meal:** No Meal



**Day 02**

**Day 2 – City Tour Bogotá**

After breakfast, your English-speaking guide will pick you up at your hotel for a morning city tour. You will get to explore the city of Bogotá.

Highlights include

- Visit Monserrate - Take a cable car to the top of the mountain. At an altitude of 3,125 meters above sea level.
- Visiting the monuments of the historic center.
- Visit the Botero and Gold Museum.
- Explore the picturesque cobbled streets of La Candelaria with 400 years of history, all explained by your English-speaking guide.
- Lunch (typical Colombian cuisine).

Return to your hotel in time for dinner.

Option - Dinner in the famous El Chato restaurant - <https://elchato.co/>

Accommodation: Four Seasons Hotel Casa Medina - Bogotá. Meals: Breakfast, lunch & dinner included.

**Meal:** Breakfast, lunch and Dinner

**Day 03**

**Day 3 – Today you will visit the beautiful Colombia coffee region!**

You will be picked up early in the morning and transferred to the airport in time for your flight to Armenia (40 minutes).

You will be met at the airport in Armenia and transferred to Hacienda Bambusa - a breathtaking retreat nestled in lush greenery. It is a working farm with over 500 acres actively cultivated, mainly with a cocoa plantation. There will be time to check in and enjoy a delicious lunch from the restaurant.

Afterward, immerse yourself in the beauty of the property by taking a leisurely two-hour guided hike with a knowledgeable guide and enjoy the opportunity to birdwatch in the captivating natural surroundings. Other activities include horse riding, bird watching, and mountain biking.

Accommodation: Hacienda Bambusa - Armenia - Quindio. Meals: Breakfast included.

**Meal:** Breakfast



**Day 04**

**Day 4 – The gorgeous Cocora Valley and town of Salento!**

Indulge in a delicious breakfast before embarking on a captivating journey to one of Colombia's most breathtaking destinations - the awe-inspiring Cocora Valley, where nature's beauty unfolds in all its splendor. Cocora Valley is an exquisite natural wonder renowned for its breathtaking beauty, captivating trails, and diverse wildlife. The valley is adorned with towering wax palms, their slender and graceful forms reaching for the sky. The scenic trails offer an enchanting journey through the lush cloud forest, with enchanting views at every turn. As you explore this pristine ecosystem, you may encounter a rich variety of wildlife, from colorful hummingbirds and vibrant butterflies to elusive spectacled bears and agile Andean condors.

When everyone is ready, you will be taken to the town of Salento. Salento is an enchanting town that exudes charm and tranquillity, its lively streets are lined with colorful houses, quaint shops, and inviting cafes creating a delightful ambiance that captures the essence of Colombian culture and hospitality. Accommodation: Hacienda Bambusa - Armenia - Quindio  
Meals: Breakfast included.

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Day 05**

**Day 5 – Enjoy a visit to an authentic Colombian coffee farm followed by a cooking class!**

Breakfast in the hotel. Embark on an enthralling journey as you are chauffeured to a magnificent coffee plantation where the fascinating journey of a coffee bean from farm to cup awaits. You will hand-pick ripe cherries, observe the various processing methods, and enjoy the pleasure of freshly brewed coffee, developing a deep appreciation for the intricate flavors that result from this remarkable process. After lunch, return to your hotel with time to relax. Later - Join the Bambusa Chef for a 2-hour cooking lesson designed to cater to a variety of dietary requirements. Discover a hand-picked collection of traditional recipes that make cooking an accessible and delicious experience, allowing you to savor the authentic flavors of Colombia.

Accommodation: Hacienda Bambusa - Armenia - Quindio. Meals: Breakfast included.

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Day 06**

**Day 6 – Today you travel to the “City of Eternal Spring” - Medellín.**



Breakfast in the hotel. You will be met by your driver and transferred to the airport in Armenia. Transfer to your hotel in the El Poblado neighborhood.

El Poblado is a vibrant and bustling neighborhood known for its lively atmosphere, trendy cafes, vibrant nightlife, and beautiful green spaces.

You will have time to relax, refresh, have lunch, and enjoy the hotel's many amenities. City Tour - Experience the fascinating transformation of Medellin on an English-speaking tour. Discover the city's vibrant neighborhoods, innovative urban projects, and inspiring social initiatives, and witness how

Medellin has become a thriving metropolis renowned for its culture, innovation, and positive change.

Option - Dinner at El Cielo Hotel - The restaurant is owned by Colombian chef and restaurateur Juan Manuel Barrientos, a well-known figure in the culinary world. Accommodation: El Cielo Hotel - Medellin. Meals: Breakfast included.

**Meal:** Breakfast

### **Day 07**

### **Day 7 – Guatapé and el Peñol.**

Breakfast in the hotel. Embark on a fascinating day trip filled with awe and wonder as your driver and guide pick you up for a scenic drive through the Eastern Highlands. Climb the towering 200-metre Peñol Boulder for panoramic views of green mountains and shimmering lakes. Explore the picturesque village of Guatapé with its brightly painted houses and impressive church. Finally, enjoy a typical Colombian lunch by the tranquil Guatapé reservoir (not included). Finish your journey with a leisurely boat ride to take in the breathtaking scenery. Create lasting memories as you marvel at the natural beauty, immerse yourself in the local culture, and relax in the tranquil surroundings.

We are at your service to recommend/reserve the best restaurants & bars in town. Accommodation: El Cielo Hotel - Medellin. Meals: Breakfast included.

**Meal:** Breakfast

### **Day 08**

### **Day 8 – Today we will visit the “Jewel of the Caribbean” - Cartagena!**

Breakfast at the hotel before being met and transferred to the airport. You will be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel in the heart of Cartagena. This historic neighborhood is known for its cobblestone streets, colonial architecture, and proximity to the main attractions. In the late afternoon, you will be taken on a rum-tasting experience! From sipping aged reserves to discovering local favorites, this rum-tasting experience in Cartagena promises a delightful exploration of the



city's rum culture. After loosening up with a few drinks, you will be taken to your private salsa lesson. No trip to Cartagena is complete without this!

We are available 24/7 to recommend and book the best restaurants and bars in the city. Accommodation: Hotel Casa San Agustin - Cartagena. Meals: Breakfast included.

**Meal:** Breakfast

### Day 09

### Day 9 – City Tour of Cartagena and dinner in Carmen!

Start your day with a delicious breakfast at the hotel. Experience the magic of Cartagena's fascinating history on a 4-hour city tour with an expert English-speaking guide. Delve into the stories of iconic landmarks such as the La Popa Monastery, the Castillo San Felipe de Barajas fortress, and the charming historic centre, and immerse yourself in the rich heritage and architectural wonders that define this remarkable destination.

You will be taken back to your hotel with plenty of time to relax and refresh.

Option - Dinner at the famous Carmen Restaurant - Accommodation: Hotel Casa San Agustin - Cartagena. Meals: Breakfast & dinner included.

**Meal:** Breakfast and Dinner

### Day 10

### Days 10 – Paradise awaits - 3 nights on Barú Island!

Breakfast in the hotel. Afterward, enjoy a breathtaking helicopter flight from Cartagena to Barú Island, a scenic flight that reveals the mesmerizing beauty of the coastline and crystal clear waters below. This exhilarating experience, which lasts between 15 and 30 minutes, offers unparalleled views of the stunning landscapes and turquoise waters that make Barú Island a true tropical paradise. Reconnect and refresh your spirit amidst the white sand beaches and turquoise waters of Colombia's Isla Barú. Hotel Las Islas is a sophisticated, eco-conscious retreat with luxurious accommodations and exceptional amenities. This island is pure heaven and the perfect place to unwind for a few days, enjoying the weather, the sea, the food, and the 5-star amenities. Accommodation: Las Islas - Barú. Meals: Breakfast included.

**Meal:** Breakfast





**Day 11**

**Days 11 – Paradise awaits**

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**Meal:** Breakfast

**Day 12**

**Days 12 – Paradise awaits**

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**Meal:** Breakfast

**Day 13**

**Day 13 – Your final day to explore Cartagena!**

Breakfast in the hotel. After your time on Barú Island, you can enjoy another seamless return to Cartagena via a captivating helicopter ride. For your last day in Cartagena, you may choose to relax by pool, indulge in a luxurious spa treatment, or enjoy some exclusive shopping in the many high-end stores. The choice is yours! Option - Dinner in the famous Celele restaurant

Accommodation: Hotel Casa San Agustín - Cartagena. Meals: Breakfast & dinner included.

**Meal:** Breakfast and Dinner



**Day 14**

**Day 14 – Today your Colombian adventure comes to an end!**

Breakfast in the hotel. Check-out hotel. Private transport to the airport of Cartagena. End of your Colombia adventure with us - International flight home.

**Meal:** Breakfast

## Inclusions

- Includes private drivers throughout the whole trip. in the program (or equivalent).
- Meals as stated in the program.
- Excursions as described in the program.
- Transport as specified in the program including domestic flights.
- 13 nights at the accommodations indicated

## Exclusions

International airfares

Other activities, Excursions not listed in the program.

Other meals, drinks, tips and other personal expenses or services not specified on the program

Travel insurance

Gratuities

Voluntary tips for guides or drivers

Travel and medical insurance

Any items not mentioned as included

## Note

All prices are indicative and starting from prices. Final price will be available based on availability and dates of travel.

## Program Touring / Guide

Private touring



## Periodic Departure

**03 Jun, 2024 to 31 Dec, 2024**

Hotel

AUD 6,880 P P twin share

AUD 12,239 P P single

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