



## **Colombian Discovery: Coffee, Culture, and Caribbean Charm - 13 Days (#20109)**

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### **Overview**

Explore Colombia's vibrant coffee culture, innovative cities, and Caribbean coastal charm on this comprehensive tour. From the lush Coffee Region to the revitalized streets of Medellin, the colonial beauty of Barichara, and the turquoise waters of Cartagena, experience a diverse range of landscapes and cultural experiences. Engage with local communities, explore historical landmarks, and take on thrilling outdoor adventures like hiking, rafting, and rappelling.

### **Trip Highlights**

Armenia-Pijao-Medellin-Barichara-Guane-Santander-Tayrona National Park-Cartagena

### **Detailed Itinerary**





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### Day 01

#### Day 1 : Arrival In Armenia - Coffee Region

Arrive in Armenia, in the heart of Colombia's coffee region. Upon arrival, you will be greeted and transferred to your hotel, Hacienda Bambusa or similar accommodation. Take the rest of the day to settle in and relax. The natural beauty of the region, characterized by lush green landscapes and coffee plantations, is the perfect backdrop to begin your journey. If time permits, take a stroll around the property or enjoy the peaceful surroundings as you prepare for the experiences to come.

**Meal:** No Meal

### Day 02

#### Day 2 : Explore The Coffee Region - Pijao

Embark on a guided tour of Pijao, a small village nestled in the Andes. Discover the coffee culture first hand as you visit with Don Leo, a local coffee farmer, who will share stories about his life and coffee production. Explore the village's charming homes and hidden gardens, and interact with locals to learn about the community's traditions. Enjoy a fresh cup of coffee and soak in the tranquil atmosphere. This immersive experience offers a deep connection to Colombia's coffee heritage and its role in local life.

**Meal:** Breakfast

### Day 03

#### Day 3 : Coffee Region To Medellin

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight to Medellin. Upon arrival, explore El Poblado, Medellin's most modern and vibrant neighbourhood. Take a guided walking tour to learn about the city's rapid growth and transformation. Later, try your hand at Tejo, a traditional Colombian sport that involves throwing a metal disc at a target filled with gunpowder for a unique and exhilarating experience. Enjoy an evening at your hotel, reflecting on the day's activities and soaking up Medellin's vibrant energy.

**Meal:** Breakfast

### Day 04

#### Day 4 : Medellin City Tour & Visit To Comuna 13





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Spend the day exploring Medellín, known as the “City of Eternal Spring”. Visit Botero Square, home to Fernando Botero’s sculptures, and learn about the city’s history and cultural evolution. Take the cable car to Comuna 13, once one of the most dangerous areas in Medellín, but now a symbol of resilience and transformation. Marvel at the colorful graffiti and hear stories of the community’s revitalization from a local guide. This tour offers a glimpse into Medellín’s dynamic past and its inspiring journey to recovery.

**Meal:** Breakfast

### Day 05

#### Day 5 : Guatapé And La Piedra Del Peñol

Venture outside of Medellín to the picturesque town of Guatapé. Climb the 649 steps of La Piedra del Peñol for a panoramic view of the surrounding lakes and islands. Explore the lively, colourful streets of the town and learn about its history. Enjoy a traditional Colombian lunch before taking a scenic boat ride on the lake. Return to Medellín for a relaxing evening at your hotel after a day filled with breathtaking views and cultural insights.

**Meal:** Breakfast

### Day 06

#### Day 6 : Medellín To Barichara

Transfer from Medellín to Barichara, a charming colonial town known for its well-preserved architecture and cobblestone streets. Spend the evening at Casa Yahri or similar accommodation. Take a leisurely stroll around town and soak up the atmosphere of this tranquil destination, often considered one of the most beautiful villages in Colombia.

**Meal:** Breakfast

### Day 07

#### Day 7 : Hike From Barichara To Guane

Start the day with a hike along the historic Camino Real trail to the village of Guane. This ancient trade route offers breathtaking views of the surrounding countryside and the opportunity to observe native flora and fauna. Enjoy a traditional lunch at a local farm and learn about the history and culture of the region from your guide. Return to Barichara for a relaxing evening.

**Meal:** Breakfast



**Day 08****Day 8 : Adventure Day In Santander - Rappeling And Rafting**

Get ready for an adventurous day in the Santander region. Start with a hike to the top of the Juan Curí Waterfall, where you will rappel 70 meters (230 feet) into the middle of the breathtaking cascade. Then experience the thrill of white water rafting on the Fonce River, navigating Class II and III rapids. This day is perfect for thrill seekers looking for an adrenaline-pumping way to experience Colombia's natural wonders.

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Day 09****Day 9 : Transfer To Tayrona National Park**

Depart Barichara and fly to Santa Marta. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel near the Tayrona National Park. This area is known for its lush jungle, pristine beaches and unique biodiversity. Spend the evening at your lodge, Senda Watapuy or a similar option, and prepare for the next day's adventures.

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Day 10****Day 10 : Tayrona National Park & Don Diego River Rafting**

Visit the indigenous Katanzama community in the Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta and learn about their traditions and way of life. Enjoy a jungle hike and participate in a cultural exchange with the Arhuaco people. Later, take a tubing trip down the Don Diego River and float peacefully through the lush surroundings to the Caribbean Sea. Return to your hotel for a relaxing evening.

**Meal:** Breakfast and Lunch

**Day 11****Day 11 : Transfer To Cartagena**

Travel from Santa Marta to Cartagena, a UNESCO World Heritage City known for its colonial architecture and rich history. Check into Casa San Agustin or a similar hotel and spend the evening exploring Cartagena's vibrant nightlife or relaxing at your hotel.







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**Meal:** Breakfast

### Day 12

#### Day 12 : Cartagena - Getsemaní And Walled City Tour

Explore the trendy Getsemaní neighbourhood, known for its street art, local culture, and historical significance in Colombia's independence movement. In the afternoon, take a guided walking tour of the walled city, visiting key landmarks such as the Clock Tower, Plaza de San Pedro Claver, and the colourful streets of the historic centre. End the day with sunset drinks at Café del Mar overlooking the Caribbean Sea.

**Meal:** Breakfast

### Day 13

#### Day 13 : Depart Cartagena

Enjoy your last morning in Cartagena before transferring to the airport for your flight home or onward journey. Take time to reflect on the diverse experiences you've had, from coffee farms and vibrant cities to ancient communities and Caribbean charm.

**Meal:** Breakfast

## Inclusions

- Hotels and lodging with daily breakfast according to price.
- Meals as detailed in your itinerary (drinks are generally not included).
- Ticket price for the places visited (museums, etc).
- Taxes (when applicable).
- All transfers and tours are done privately.
- 24/7 emergency cell phone attended by English-speaking staff.
- Permanent coordination.
- Monitoring of domestic flights and web check-in service on the day before each flight.

## Exclusions





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- Personal expenses.
- Tips.
- Personal insurance.
- Visa expenses.
- International flights.

### Note

#### Accommodation

Casa Blanca

#### Highlights

Coffee Farm Experience: Learn about coffee cultivation and engage with local farmers in Pijao.

Medellin's Transformation: Visit Comuna 13 and witness Medellin's inspiring urban renewal.

Santander Adventures: Experience rappelling and white-water rafting in the stunning landscapes of Santander.

Tayrona and Sierra Nevada: Connect with indigenous communities and explore natural beauty.

Cartagena's Rich Heritage: Discover the cultural and historical landmarks of the walled city and Getsemaní.

#### Travel Tips

Pack versatile clothing for various climates and activities.

Learn basic Spanish phrases for easier communication with locals.

Bring sun protection and insect repellent for outdoor activities.

#### Weather Preparedness

Warm, tropical weather with occasional rain. Light layers are useful for early mornings and cooler evenings.

#### Fitness Requirements

Moderate fitness is required for hiking and snorkeling activities.

Rates are based on 3 star hotels, in case of upgrade please let us know enable quote accordingly.

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





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## Periodic Departure

01 Jan, 2025 to 31 Dec, 2025

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