



# VIAJAR LO CAMBIA TODO



## Chaska TOURS

San Agustín | Bogotá | Cartagena

### AKTIVTOUR NATURE

17 days – 16 nights fixed departure or private departure program.

With permanent English-speaking guide  
(other languages available).



## The route



This tour is recommended for those travelers that love nature and adventure and that want to explore the not-so-known Colombian destinations. This is an exciting journey through some of country's most beautiful landscapes and the tour can be booked as a private tour or as a group tour (fixed departure dates). It also can be combined with extension programs to the Amazon, the Caribbean or the Pacific Coast, Medellín and the Coffee Cultural Landscape to enrich the trip.

## Trip plan



## **Day 1 (Fri): Bogotá**

Arrival in Bogotá and transfer to the hotel. Overnight at Hotel Casa Platypus.

## **Day 2 (Sat): Bogotá**

After breakfast, half day city tour in Bogotá by mountain bike, with the Plaza Bolivar and the surrounding government buildings, the old town La Candelaria with its beautiful colonial houses. Then take the cable car to Monserrate Mountain, at 3,200m, with an impressive panoramic view of the city. The afternoon is at free disposal. Overnight at Hotel Casa Platypus.

## **Day 3 (Sun): Bogotá – Chingaza NP – Bogotá**

After breakfast we depart for a day trip to Chingaza National Park, about 1 hour from Bogotá. On a hike we discover the unique nature of this park, with exceptional flora and fauna. In the late afternoon, return to Bogotá. Overnight at Hotel Casa Platypus.

## **Day 4 (Mon): Bogotá – Chicaque NR**

Only 30 minutes away from Bogotá is the Chicaque Natural Reserve with its magnificent cloud forests. Short hike to the "El Refugio", the meeting point of all hikers in the center of the park. Continue along the "Waterfall Trail" to the starting point of the zipline activity. Here you have the opportunity to fly 340 meters over the cloud forest. You land safely in the oak forest, one of the last in the Bogotá area. Return to El Refugio. Dinner. Overnight in tree houses (subject to availability) or cabins.

## **Day 5 (Tue): Chicaque NP – Bogotá**

After breakfast, return to the National Park entrance by horse. Lunch. After that, transfer back to Bogotá. In the afternoon, visit to the world-famous Gold Museum. Overnight at Hotel Casa Platypus.

## **Day 6 (Wed): Bogotá – Yopal – Eco Hotel Juan Solito**

Early morning, transfer to the airport and flight to Yopal. Reception at the airport and transport to the Eco Hotel Juan Solito. Already on the way different animals can be observed. In the afternoon excursion by boat, wildlife viewing and the first opportunity to enjoy the sunset with the unique landscape. In the evening, short introduction to the activities and slideshow. Overnight at Hotel Juan Solito.

## **Day 7 (Thu): Eco Hotel Juan Solito**

Early morning trip to the farmland "El Hato la Aurora". Breakfast on the farm. This huge farmland is an impressive example of the coexistence of fauna, flora and humans. Continue in 4x4 or on horseback to observe the variety of different animals in this paradise. The locals are experts with the lasso and explain the throwing technique and the production of this as well as the traditional stirrups. After lunch return to the hotel. The early darkness is a great way to admire the star. After dinner history lesson around the campfire with folk music and regional legends. Overnight at Hotel Juan Solito.

## **Day 8 (Fri): Eco Hotel Juan Solito**

After breakfast riding on the narrow trails through a variety of plants. Observation of various species of birds and monkeys. At noon arrival at the El Toro River or on the Chire River. If the climatic conditions allow it, lunch at the "place of the fish". Return to the hotel. Overnight at Hotel Juan Solito.

## **Day 9 (Sat): Eco Hotel Juan Solito – Yopal – Bogotá – Neiva – Villavieja**

Short walk with animal watching near the hotel before breakfast, then transfer to the airport in Yopal. National flight to Bogotá and onward flight to Neiva. Drive to Villavieja. Visit to the astronomical observatory and stargazing. Overnight in a tent or in a hammock open air.

## **Day 10 (Sun): Tatacoa Desert**

After breakfast, day tour by mountain bike through the Tatacoa desert. It impresses with its labyrinthine rock shapes, colors and bizarre forms of erosion. Return to the accommodation and cool down in the hotel pool in the middle of the desert. Overnight in a tent or in a hammock open air.

## **Day 11 (Mon): Tatacoa – San Agustín**

In the morning, drive along the Magdalena River to San Agustín. Visit to a local coffee farm to learn more about the production and production of the famous Colombian coffee. Overnight at the Finca El Maco.

#### **Day 12 (Tue): San Agustín – NP Cueva de los Guácharos**

After breakfast, drive along the Magdalena River to Palestina (3h). There begins the 6-hour hike to the visitor center of the national park. The path leads through beautiful forests with many opportunities for bird watching. Overnight in the visitor center.

#### **Day 13 (Wed): NP Cueva de los Guácharos**

Breakfast. Afterwards, 2-hour hike to the "Indio Cave". There we can discover various limestone formations, and if we are lucky, observe an endemic spider species (Pocock - Pterinochilus) that inhabit the dark deep caves. From there we continue to the Guácharo cave, where we can observe the fat Schwalm bird, also called "Guacharo". The visit lasts about 30 minutes, then we return to the visitor center for lunch. In the afternoon, hike to a nearby waterfall where we can relax and refresh ourselves in the crystal-clear waters. Dinner and overnight in the visitor center.

#### **Day 14 (Thu): NP Cueva de los Guácharos-San Agustín**

After breakfast, hike to the village of Villa Fátima, from where we drive back to San Agustín. Overnight at the Finca El Maco.

#### **Day 15 (Fri): San Agustín**

In the morning, rafting tour on the Magdalena River. In the afternoon, visit of the famous archaeological park including the museum and the Statue Park. Overnight at the Finca El Maco.

#### **Day 16 (Sat): San Agustín**

After breakfast, departure for a mountain bike tour or a horseback ride. You visit the Estrecho of the Magdalena River, the narrowest part of the longest river in Colombia, as well as the archaeological sites La Chaquira and El Tablon. Overnight at the Finca El Maco.

#### **Day 17 (Sun): San Agustín – Neiva – Bogotá**










After breakfast, drive to Neiva and fly to Bogotá. End of services.

## Fixed departures 2019:








2019	From	Until
<b>1. Tour</b>	15.03.2019	31.03.2019
<b>2. Tour</b>	03.05.2019	19.05.2019
<b>3. Tour</b>	23.08.2019	08.09.2019
<b>4. Tour</b>	01.11.2019	17.11.2019

Included services:




-  Internal flights Bogotá – Yopal – Bogotá / Bogotá – Neiva – Bogotá.
-  Private ground transportation.
-  16 overnights in the mentioned allotments, incl. breakfast; full board in Chicaque Natural Reserve, at the Eco Hotel Juan Solito and in NP Cueva de los Guácharos.
-  For 2-3Pax program, English-speaking local guides, incl. expenses.
-  For groups of more than 4pax: permanent English-speaking guide, incl. expenses.
-  All activities and excursions according to the program.
-  Entrance and national park fees.

## Not included:

-  International flights.
-  Other meals.
-  Drinks.
-  Tips.
-  Personal expenses.
-  Activities not mentioned in the program.
-  Travel insurance.

## Accommodation:

-  Hotel Casa Platypus, Bogota <http://www.casaplatypusbogota.com/esp/>
-  Treehouses or cabins, NR Chicaque <http://www.chicaque.com/en/lodging/>
-  Hotel Juan Solito, Casanare [http://www.juansolito.com/?lang=en\\_us](http://www.juansolito.com/?lang=en_us)
-  Posada Turística La Tranquilidad, Tatacoa Desert <https://hospedajelatranquilidad.jimdo.com/>
-  Finca El Maco, San Agustín <https://www.elmaco.ch/>
-  Visitor center, PNN Cueva de los Guácharos <https://www.facebook.com/fundacion.cercaviva>

-  Different hotel options are available in some destinations. Please consult us prices and availability.



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