



Chaska
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San Agustín | Bogotá | Cartagena

CLASSIC COLOMBIA *by* CHASKA TOURS

15 days – 14 nights fixed departure or private departure program.

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



The route



This is our recommended tour for those travelers that come to Colombia for the first or second time and want to visit the highlights but also explore other different Colombian facets. This complete itinerary allows the visitor to enjoy exciting cities and charming towns, delight country's coffee culture, travel through stunning natural landscapes and share with indigenous communities. The tour can be booked as a private tour or as a group tour (fixed departure dates) and it also can be combined with extension programs to the Amazon, the Pacific Coast, Medellín and the Coffee Cultural Landscape to enrich the trip.

Trip plan

Day 1/Sun: Bogotá

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

Day 2/Mon: Bogotá

After breakfast, we'll go on a half-day sightseeing trip of Bogotá to get to know the historical and cultural highlights. We will visit the central square of Bolivar with the surrounding government buildings and the historic center La Candelaria with its restored colonial houses. Afterwards, we will reach for the sun and take the cable car up to 3.200m onto the Monserrate. From there, you will have an impressive round view of the whole city. The rest of the day is free time. Overnight at the Hotel Casa Platypus.

Day 3/Tue: Bogotá – Zipaquirá – Villa de Leyva

After breakfast, we will visit the world-famous Bogotá's Gold Museum. We continue driving through city's northeast to Zipaquirá for visiting its Salt Cathedral which is unique in the world. Next, we will move on to Villa de Leyva, one of the most beautiful colonial towns of the Andes with cobblestoned streets and the largest "Plaza Mayor" in all of South America. After a quick refreshment, we'll go for a walk through the village. Overnight at the Hotel Don Paulino.

Day 4/Wed: Villa de Leyva – Bogotá

The morning is at everyone's free disposal. Around noon, we will be brought to the bus terminal and via Tunja, the capital of the department of Boyacá, we will return to Bogotá. Overnight at the Hotel Casa Platypus.

Day 5/Thu: Bogotá – San Agustín

Today, we will take the comfortable public bus from Bogotá to Pitalito. The 10hour trip first brings us to Melgar which is situated at only 500m. Later, we will get to Neiva and then along the Magdalena River - the biggest river in the country - until Pitalito. From there, the local guide will pick you up and you drive up to San Agustín (1h). There lies one of the most important and impressive archaeological excavations in South America, known for its stone statues, embedded in a stunning green mountain landscape. Overnight at the Finca El Maco.

Day 6/Fri: San Agustín

After breakfast, we will visit the archaeological park and, in the afternoon, we'll go on a horse riding tour, passing by coffee plantations, to see further archaeological sites. Overnight at the Finca El Maco.

Day 7/Sat: San Agustín

Today we will visit the strait of the Magdalena River which is only 2 meters wide, the narrowest part of the river. Afterwards, we will visit the archaeological sites close to the village Isnos „Alto de los Idolos“ and „Alto de las Piedras“. Return to San Agustín. Overnight at the Finca El Maco.

Day 8/Sun: San Agustín – Popayán

After breakfast, we will visit a coffee farm and learn all about the cultivation and processing of the coffee. In the afternoon, we will start on the gorgeous ride through the cleft Andes towards Popayán. The city was founded in 1537 by Sebastian Belalcazar who was on his way from Quito to the north to find the legendary treasure of Eldorado. Overnight at the Hotel Camino Real.

Day 9/Mon: Popayán

Today we'll go for a walk through the so-called „White City“, thus many public and private buildings are traditionally painted in white. Overnight at the Hotel Camino Real.

Day 10/Tue: Popayán – Silvia – Cali

In the morning, we will visit the indigenous market in Silvia and travel to Cali afterwards, passing through the lowlands of the Cauca River. At night, you have the chance to visit a salsa school where you'll have the opportunity to own the dancefloor (not included). Overnight at the Hotel Boutique San Antonio.

Day 11/Wed: Cali – Bogotá – Santa Marta

After breakfast, ride to the airport and flight via Bogota to Santa Marta. Transfer to the hotel. Overnight at the Hotel Aluna.

Day 12/Thu: Santa Marta – Tayrona National Park – Santa Marta

Today we go on a daytrip to the Tayrona National Park. It is one of the best known and most beautiful national parks in all of South America. In addition to its unique flora and fauna, it offers outstandingly beautiful palm-draped dream beaches. In the evening, we will return to Santa Marta. Overnight at the Hotel Aluna.



Day 13/Fri: Santa Marta – Cartagena

Along the Caribbean coast, passing Barranquilla, we will reach Cartagena. Like no other city, Cartagena understands to combine the Caribbean joy of life and colonial heritage in an irresistible way. Undoubtedly the highlight of any Colombia-trip! Overnight at the Hotel Villa Colonial.

Day 14/Sat: Cartagena

After breakfast, we will visit the colonial treasures of the city on a half-day roundtrip. The afternoon is at everyone's free disposal. Overnight at the Hotel Villa Colonial.

Day 15/Sun: Cartagena – Bogotá

Around noon, transfer to the airport and flight to Bogotá. End of the tour.

Included services:

-  Flights Cali – Bogotá – Santa Marta // Cartagena – Bogotá
-  Private airport transfers.
-  Other transports according to the itinerary, in public or private service:
 - Private: Bogotá – Villa de Leyva – Bogotá, Pitalito – San Agustín, Popayán – Silvia – Cali.
 - Public: Bogotá – Pitalito in comfortable buses and San Agustín – Popayán & Santa Marta – Cartagena in public vans (also available in private service – consult us the supplements and availability).
-  English-speaking local guides for 2-3pax tours.
 - Bogotá – Villa de Leyva – Bogotá (days 1-5)
 - San Agustín – Cali (days 5-11)
 - Santa Marta – Cartagena (days 11-15)
-  Permanent English-speaking guide for groups of more than 4pax.
-  14 overnights in typical guesthouses, or 3* hotels, in double rooms.
-  Breakfasts.
-  All activities, walks and excursions mentioned in the itinerary.
-  National Park charges and entrance fees.
-  Welcome package.

Not included:

-  International flights.
 -  Not specified meals.
 -  Drinks.
 -  Tips.
 -  Personal expenses.
 -  Activities not mentioned in the program.
 -  Travel insurance.
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-  Different hotel options are available; also, flights Bogotá – Neiva or Bogotá – Pitalito to substitute the public bus. Please consult us prices and availability.



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