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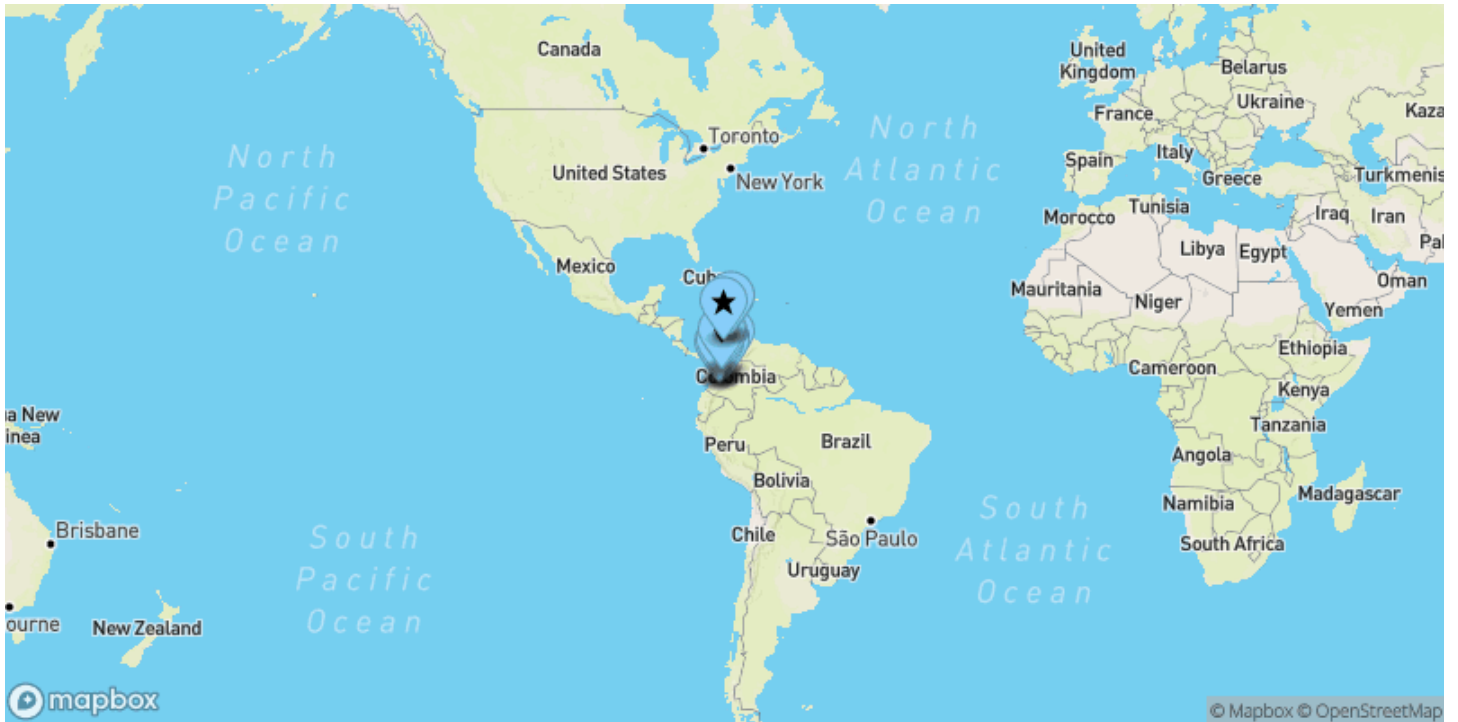
Cultural Colombia

Identity card

Duration: 14 days

Suggested start day: Friday

Itinerary map



Itinerary Summary

- ★ Day 1 - Friday : Bogotá
- ★ Day 2 - Saturday : Bogotá
- ★ Day 3 - Sunday : Bogotá - Neiva - Villavieja - Tatacoa Desert - Villavieja - Rivera
- ★ Day 4 - Monday : Rivera - San Agustín
- ★ Day 5 - Tuesday : San Agustín
- ★ Day 6 - Wednesday : San Agustín - Popayán
- ★ Day 7 - Thursday : Popayán - Silvia - Salento
- ★ Day 8 - Friday : Salento
- ★ Day 9 - Saturday : Salento
- ★ Day 10 - Sunday : Salento - Pereira - Santa Marta - Tayrona National Park
- ★ Day 11 - Monday : Tayrona National Park
- ★ Day 12 - Tuesday : Tayrona National Park - Cartagena
- ★ Day 13 - Wednesday : Cartagena
- ★ Day 14 - Thursday : Cartagena

Detailed itinerary

Day 1: Bogotá

Hotel BH La Quinta - Standard Room: Lodging at BH La Quinta hotel in Standard room with breakfast included.

Transfer in from Bogotá airport to selected hotel with guide

Included: lodging, breakfast, transfer in with guide

Day 2: Bogotá

Tropical Fruit Safari: Exploring Paloquemao Market in Bogotá: This tour is the best aperitif to fall in love with Colombia, to discover the flavor of its culture and all that it has to offer.

Thanks to its geographical location, in Colombia it is possible to find a great variety of fruits of all colors, sizes and flavors (if you don't believe us, you can check it in the fruit dictionary that we will give you at the beginning of the tour). In addition to knowing the secrets and history of this market, passing through the colorful "plaza de las flores" and the craft stalls, you can try fifteen different fruits, three shots of fresh juices and two typically Colombian snacks.

During the tour you will not only taste fruits, this is an experience that leads you to have a real contact with the history of this wonderful country through the senses, the kindness of its people and the joy that characterizes them.

The duration of the tour is approximately 2-3 hours and we recommend taking this tour as your breakfast of the day.

Bogotá's essential city tour: On this half-day tour we will visit Bogotá's historical center at La Candelaria neighborhood, passing through its main sights. We will visit the Plaza de Bolívar, where the headquarters of national and local government are located, also the Congress and the Justice Hall as well as the city's Catedral Primada. The tour continues walking this colonial area until reaching the Gold Museum, which has an impressive collection of pre-Columbian goldsmiths from Colombia's native communities. We will finish at the Museo de Botero, an interesting art collection that was donated to the city by the renowned Colombian painter Fernando Botero.

Gold Museum is closed on Mondays and Botero Museum on Tuesdays.

VIP Visit to Monserrate Sanctuary: Included a visit to the Monserrate Sanctuary. Located at 3.150 m.a.s.l., this sanctuary is accessible by cable car or funicular and apart from being a very famous pilgrimage site in Colombia, it offers a spectacular panoramic view of the city.

The VIP pass allows faster access to the cable car/funicular and saves time when there are crowds of visitors.

Hotel BH La Quinta - Standard Room: Lodging at BH La Quinta hotel in Standard room with breakfast included.

Included: excursion, bilingual guide, snack, local guide, entrance fees, lodging, breakfast



Day 3: Bogotá - Neiva - Villavieja - Tatacoa Desert - Villavieja - Rivera

Transfer out from selected hotel to Bogotá airport

Domestic flight: Domestic flight from Bogotá to Neiva.

Ground transfer from Neiva to the Tatacoa Desert / Villavieja. Approximate length: 1 hour.

Visit to Tatacoa Desert: During the visit to the spectacular Tatacoa Desert, the second largest arid zone in Colombia after the Guajira Peninsula, we can walk on two trails in the famous parts of this tropical dry forest: The Cuzco part, with a characteristic ochre color that reminds us of the landscapes seen in the cartoon with the adventures of the roadrunner and the coyote, and the Los Hoyos part, where the environment completely shifts to gray tones that produce unique panoramic views. The tour can be carried out in a small tuk-tuk, by car or by bus and on the way, stops are made to take short walks (20 minutes on average) to appreciate the formations originated by water and wind known locally as the cathedrals, the tower, the wishing tree and the labyrinths, as well as the representative vegetation of this ecosystem.



Visit to the Astronomical Observatory:

Due to its geographical conditions, the sky of the Tatacoa Desert is usually very clear most of the year, which together with the absence of light pollution and its proximity to the equator, makes it an ideal place for astronomical observation as well as its special and almost poetic touch given by the beauty of the surrounding landscape. At night fall, we are invited to relax lying on the desert floor looking at the sky, while listening to an interesting and fun talk about astronomy. Then we can see various celestial bodies more closely from the observatory's telescopes and even take incredible photos of them.

The talk takes place in shared service from 7:00 p.m. and lasts approximately 1 hour.

Ground transfer from Villavieja to Rivera. Approximate length: 1,5 hours.

Visit to Rivera's hotsprings: Enjoy the evening in the relaxing hotsprings that are famous in Rivera. These crystal-blue waters are rich in healthy minerals and the pools are surrounded by green forests and colorful gardens which make this a perfect experience to rest and finish your day of travelling or adventure.

Hotel Los Gabrieles - Standard Room: Lodging at Los Gabrieles hotel in Standard room with breakfast included.

Included: transfer out, domestic flight, private transportation, excursion, local guide, entrance fees, Transfer in, lodging, (room with fan), bilingual guide

Day 4: Rivera - San Agustín

Ground transfer from Rivera to San Agustín. Approximate length: 4 hours.

Visit to the Archaeological Park of San Agustín: Today we'll get to know the famous San Agustín Archaeological Park located just 10 minutes by car from town where we can admire the legacy of a millenary civilization represented by iconic statues, as well as several tombs and monuments. We will visit the small Archaeological Museum, the Mesitas A, B, C and D, the Forest of the Statues, the spectacular Lavapatas Fountain and the Alto del Lavapatas.



The complete route is approximately 3 km long with some ascents of up to 70 m, although it can be

adjusted to the interests and available time of visitors.

Hotel Akawanka - Standard Room: Lodging at Akawanka hotel in Standard room with breakfast included.

Included: private transportation, excursion, entrance fees, local guide, lodging, breakfast, bilingual guide

Day 5: San Agustín

Tour in the surroundings of San Agustín: Today we will spend the day touring the surroundings of San Agustín. We will start at the Magdalena Strait, the narrowest point that the main river of Colombia exhibits on its way to the ocean and which is surrounded by a beautiful natural landscape of Andean forest. Just a few kilometers from there we find the small town of Obando, where we will see some tombs similar to those of the Tierradentro Archaeological Park in Cauca, as well as a small museum in which pieces, older even than those found in San Agustín, are displayed. The most famous of them is perhaps the "Winged Fish" piece of goldwork, of which a replica is preserved in this museum, since the original was moved to the Gold Museum in Bogotá.



The journey continues to the Alto de los Ídolos park, the second site with the highest density of tombs and statues of the Augustinian culture after the San Agustín Archaeological Park, and then to the Alto de las Piedras where we can see the enigmatic "Doble yo". Before returning to San Agustín we will pass by the Salto del Mortiño, an impressive waterfall almost 200 meters high.

Hotel Akawanka - Standard Room: Lodging at Akawanka hotel in Standard room with breakfast included.

Alternative: **Adventure in El Tablón, La Chaquira, La Pelota and El Purutal – Horseback riding**

Today we can enjoy the most famous ride of San Agustín led by an expert local guide who will take us through a circuit that runs through four archaeological sites: we will cross the rural area of the town to arrive first at La Pelota, where we can see three statues located very close from where they were originally found, as well as vestiges of an original mound. A few meters from there is El Purutal, where there are four more statues of which two still retain the original coloration that is believed to have been characteristic to many other monoliths in the area.

Following this, we will continue to El Tablón, an archaeological site where five statues of approximately 2 meters classified as female are exhibited, and where there is a small ethnographic museum organized by the residents of El Tablón township. We will then go to La Chaquira, an archaeological site where there are different human and animal figures carved into volcanic stone that look towards the impressive Magdalena river canyon, one of the most spectacular views that can be seen in San Agustín. To get to El Tablón we will walk less than 15 minutes, while to get to La Chaquira we will descend a hill on foot in less than half an hour, although the ascent back takes about 1 hour.

Included: excursion, private transportation, entrance fees, local guide, equipment rental, activity insurance, lodging, breakfast, bilingual guide

Day 6: San Agustín - Popayán

Ground transfer from San Agustín to Popayán. Approximate length: 5 hours.

Gastronomic tour through the center of Popayán: Popayán is a city with an interesting gastronomic tradition as a consequence of both the geographical and social diversity, as well as the history of the Cauca department. Its Gastronomic Congress, that has been held since 2003 and brings together more than 30,000 visitors, as well as the declaration granted by UNESCO as a Creative City of Gastronomy (the first in the world, in addition), ratify this delicious facet of the White City.

We are invited to a tour through the streets of the historic center of the city where we will learn more about the gastronomic culture of the Payanese, its festival and the historic UNESCO declaration. Of course we will also try the famous pipián empanadas, hervidos, carantantas, aplanchados, Eduardo Santos (dessert with the name of a former president) and salpicones. Today it is best, if we only have a small lunch!

The tour begins and ends at the hotel in the historic center and is done on foot. If transportation service is required, this must be informed in advance.

Hotel La Plazuela - Standard Room: Lodging at La Plazuela hotel in Standard room with breakfast included.

Included: private transportation, excursion, bilingual guide, snack, lodging, breakfast

Day 7: Popayán - Silvia - Salento

Ground transfer from Popayán to Salento, stopping in Silvia.

At the appointed time, our representative will meet you for the transfer from Popayán to Salento, which has a stop in Silvia. The approximate length of this service (just transportation) is 7 hours.

Visit to the market in Silvia: We will visit the town of Silvia, located 1 hour and a half north of Popayán, where every Tuesday the Guambiano-Misak indigenous community that lives in the surrounding villages gathers to exchange their products, resulting in a colorful market. These are the children of the indigenous communities that originally inhabited this region and still preserve some of their ancestral heritages.

In the central square of the town we will meet our local host who will take us through the market, telling us a little bit about the customs and history of her community, but also about the interesting variety of colors, smells and flavors of the Andean products that are sold here.

Hotel Salento Real - Standard Room: Lodging at Salento Real hotel in Standard room with breakfast included.

Included: private transportation, excursion, local guide, lodging, breakfast, bilingual guide

Day 8: Salento

Premium Coffee Tour at Finca El Ocaso: Enjoy an authentic and dynamic experience to know the real process of operation of a coffee farm in the Finca El Ocaso. From the seed to the cup. You will be able to know the most traditional and artisanal way of the coffee process, get involved with the coffee culture and learn how a typical Colombian coffee farm works.

On this tour, you can also understand the importance of a World Heritage cultural landscape, unique in the world in its category. Learn how pure water sprouts from the bottom of the earth and how this complements a sustainable coffee crop. Discover the thousands of flavors, smells and textures that a special coffee can have. For finishing, you will do a certified cupping mini-course, testing a special coffee and learning the step by step how to prepare it as an expert in the peaceful atmosphere of a typical coffee house with more than 100 years of construction.

This tour lasts approximately three hours.

Hotel Salento Real - Standard Room: Lodging at Salento Real hotel in Standard room with breakfast included.

Included: entrance fees, excursion, local bilingual guide (SPA or ENG), private transportation, lodging, breakfast

Day 9: Salento

Tour to Salento & the Cocora Valley: Today we will go from Salento to the Cocora Valley, a spectacular cloud forest that is the gate to the Los Nevados National Park and where you can admire the famous but also threatened Quindío's wax palm, world's highest and declared as Colombia's national tree. The transfer from the town square to the Valley takes about half an hour and is special because it is done in jeeps Willys of the 50s, that came to lend a hand to the peasant work and who remained to be consolidated as a regional cultural icon.



Already in the Valley we will do a ritual where we will have the opportunity to learn about this tree and its ecosystem, planting a palm and thus contribute to its preservation, and then we will take a short walk to enjoy the natural beauty of the place.

Hotel Salento Real - Standard Room: Lodging at Salento Real hotel in Standard room with breakfast included.

Included: excursion, private transportation, entrance fees, local guide, snack, bilingual guide, lodging, breakfast

Day 10: Salento - Pereira - Santa Marta - Tayrona National Park

Ground transfer from Salento to Pereira. Approximate length: 1 hour: At the appointed time, our representative will meet you for the transfer from Salento to Pereira. The approximate length of this service point to point, is 1 hour.

Domestic flight: Domestic flight from Pereira to Santa Marta.

Transfer in from Santa Marta airport to selected hotel with guide: At the appointed time, our guide will meet you for the transfer in from Santa Marta airport to the selected hotel.

Hostal El Quetzal Dorado - Standard Room: Lodging at Hotel Quetzal Dorado Eco Lodge in Standard room with breakfast included.

Included: private transportation, domestic flight, transfer in with guide, lodging, breakfast

Day 11: Tayrona National Park

Excursion to Tayrona National Park - Arrecifes and Cabo San Juan: Take a hike along nature trails crossing gigantic stones through the forest, admiring breathtaking views over the sea and enjoying the beaches of one South America's most iconic natural parks.



We will arrive by public transport from Santa Marta (or from your hotel in Tayrona National Park surroundings) to the Cañaveral sector, entrance to the Tayrona National Park, where we will begin walking for about an hour to Arrecifes beach. We will chill in Arenilla beach before continuing towards the natural pool, an ideal place for a calm bath in the sea.

After other 20 minutes walking we will arrive at Cabo San Juan del Guía where you can snorkel or admire the landscape and relax on the beach. Here we will also have a hearty lunch with fried fish and patacones.

In the afternoon, we will return to Arrecifes and then to the Cañaveral sector for taking the transport back to your hotel.

Duration: 8 hours

Difficulty: Trek Level 1

Hostal El Quetzal Dorado - Standard Room: Lodging at Hotel Quetzal Dorado Eco Lodge in Standard room with breakfast included.

Included: excursion, local guide, entrance fees, bilingual guide, lodging, breakfast

Day 12:Tayrona National Park - Cartagena

Transfer from Tayrona National Park to Cartagena. Approximate length: 5 hours.: At the appointed time, our representative will meet you for the transfer from Tayrona National Park to Cartagena. The approximate length of this service point to point, is 5 hours.

Cartagena's City tour by bike: We offer a guided city tour by bicycle through the historical center (the walled city), Getsemani'a and Manga.

The tour starts in the historical center: We will ride by all the main attractions and landmarks and we will stop several times in order to take photos and listen to our guide's stories about Cartagena.

The tour goes on to Getsemani', the neighborhood where Florentino Ariza lived. He's the main character in the worldwide known novel *Love in the time of Cholera* that is written by Colombian Nobel Prize winner Gabriel Garcí'a Ma´rquez.

Then, we will go across the Roman Bridge, towards Manga. We will pass the beautiful Villa Roman. We will then visit the cemetery of Manga, the oldest cemetery in Cartagena. We continue along the seafront to finish our tour in the city center.

Subject to change. The itinerary of this tour can vary depending on the condition of the participants.

Our guide will pick you up if your hotel is located i the Historic Center or Getsemani'.

Hotel Armeria Real - Standard Room: Lodging at Armerial Real hotel in Standard room with breakfast included.

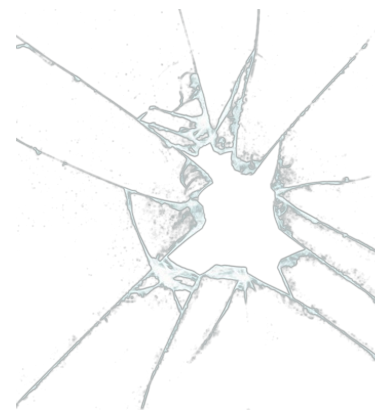
Included: private transportation, equipment rental, excursion, bilingual guide, local guide, lodging, breakfast

Day 13:Cartagena

Beach day in the Rosario Islands - Isabela: Isabela is situated on the Rosario islands and is the perfect place for our visitors to enjoy a spectacular beach, delicious cocktails and a beautiful view.

The private beach is covered with white sand and crystalline water and has a unique infrastructure which makes it perfect for relaxing, having fun and escaping the daily routine. Isabela is an ideal place for those who are dreaming of submerging themselves in a splendid nature and a sunshiny and vibrate ambience.

The trip includes the transport by speed boat, welcome cocktails and a typical lunch. The collective boat leaves the Bodeguita Pier at 9am and comes back at 4pm.



A Culinary Journey through Cartagena's Historic Center. Discovering Local Street Snacks: Bring your appetites and an adventurous attitude. We hit the streets to experience food the way Cartageneros do. Whether you are searching a stopover snack or something more substantial, a healthy start or a sweet dessert, Cartagena's streets provide everything! One of the very best ways to gain an insight into the daily lifes and culture of the locals is to experience their culinary culture.

The 2 hour tour will get you up close and personal with the real Cartagena as the street sellers fill our bellies with their delicacies and warm our hearts with their hospitality

Now some examples to stimulate your appetite:

- Exotic tropical fruits like lulo, granadilla, nispero, papaya and guayabana
- Fried arepas, papas rellenas, empanadas, cariban~olas
- Bollo de mazorca
- Agua de coco
- Raspao
- Cocadas, arequipe and enyucado
- and much more!

Hotel Armeria Real - Standard Room: Lodging at Armerial Real hotel in Standard room with breakfast included.

Included: lunch, excursion, shared boat transfer, private transportation, local guide, snack, lodging, breakfast

Day 14:Cartagena

Transfer out from selected hotel to Cartagena airport

Included: transfer out

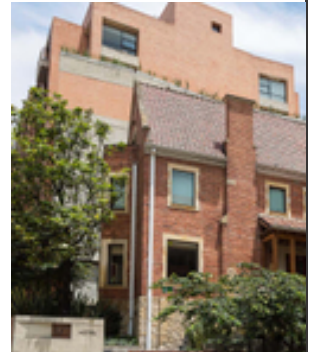
Hotels

Hotel BH La Quinta

Bogotá

Cra. 5a # 54-42, Bogota

<http://www.bhbicentenario.com/default-es.html>



Hotel Campestre Los Gabrieles

Rivera

Calle 3 No. 1 -03, Rivera

<http://www.hotelosgabrieles.com/>



Hotel Akawanka Lodge

San Agustín

Vereda El Tablón, San Agustin

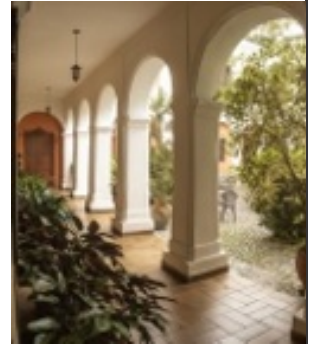
<http://hotelakawankalodge.com/>

Hotel La Plazuela

Popayán

Calle 5 # 8-13, Centro Historico, Popayan

<http://hotellaplazuela.com.co/>



Hotel Salento Real

Salento

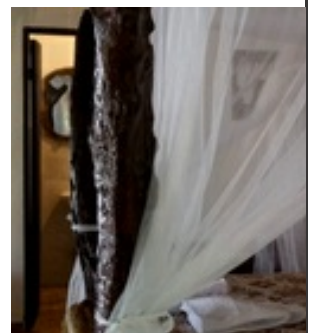
Calle 3 No. 4-31, Salento

Hotel Quetzal Dorado Eco Lodge

Tayrona National Park

Km. 32,5 via Riohacha - Santa Marta / Guachaca , Los Naranjos, Santa Marta

<http://quetzaldorado.com/>

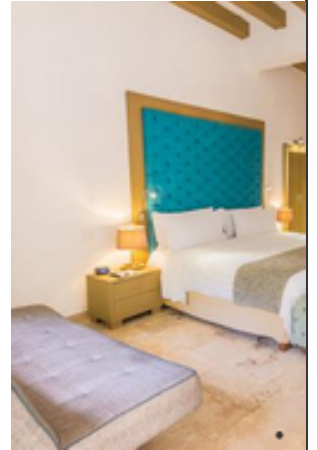


GHL Armeria Real Hotel

Cartagena

Barrio Getsemani - Calle Larga con Pedregal Esquina, Centro Historico, Cartagena

<http://www.armeriarealhotel.com/>



Included

Domestic flights as mentioned, private transfers airport/hotel/airport, bilingual guides (English-speaking / other languages such German, French and Italian are available subject to availability in each destination / price can slightly change too), entrance fees to the sites described, accommodation with breakfast in the hotels listed or similar category, meals as indicated in the itinerary.

Not included

International flights, meals and expenses not specified, tips, travel insurance.

Useful links

- [→ Consult here our Terms & Conditions](#)
- [→ Our Comfort & Difficulty levels Guide](#)
- [→ Download here our Travel Guide to Colombia & Our Code of Conduct for Travelers](#)
- [→ COVID-19 Biosafety Protocol](#)

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1973 on the National Code of Renewable Natural Resources and environmental protection, Law 0584 of 2002 where wild species that are endangered in the national territory are declared and Law 379 of 1997 General Law of Culture that respectfully manages information on the different attractions and activities related to the cultural and natural heritage of the country.

Seasons

Prices are valid for the specified travel dates. In case no travel dates are specified, prices are valid for the low season of the current year.

Low season: travel start date between 1 February and 30 November, excluding Easter week (Semana Santa in Colombia), 1 July to 1 September and local holiday dates which may vary at each destination.

For travel dates in high season, please consult us for prices and availability of services before booking.

On COVID-related travel requirements/restrictions:

Please check the entry/departure restrictions and requirements between your home country and Colombia prior to your trip. We recommend this site which provides up-to-date information on these: <http://apply.joinsherpa.com/travel-restrictions>

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If you inform us well in advance, we will be happy to assist you in any way we can regarding laboratory information, test transfers and similar services in Colombia, but we cannot be held responsible in case you have not verified the information regarding entry/exit requirements in your country, if you do not receive your test results on time and/or if you cannot board your return flight because you do not meet these requirements. Please note that test results usually take up to 24 hours, even longer when the test falls on Sundays or holidays, and some laboratories only receive payment in cash in Colombian pesos.

Acceptance

By accepting this quotation and making the corresponding payment/deposit for the reservation of the services described herein, the passenger/client declares to know and abide by the Terms and Conditions of Chaska Tours and declares to know and accept the Code of Conduct for Travelers of the company.

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