



VIAJAR LO CAMBIA TODO



San Agustín | Bogotá | Cartagena

COLOMBIA AT YOUR OWN PACE

12 days – 11 nights fixed departure program.

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



The route



This tour is thought for travelers that are coming to Colombia for the first time and don't feel confident to travel the country on their own, but still would like to have a flexible program. Everybody can participate in this group tour, it has a fixed program and will be accompanied by a permanent English-speaking guide. However, there are 4 days that every participant can spend individually, either with the group on the planned tour or by his own. It is also a quite relaxed tour since the passenger will be staying in each destination at least 3 days and there are not long ground transfers planned in it. It includes three of Colombia's main cities and tourist destinations as Bogotá, Medellín and Cartagena, from which the participant can join different excursions. This group tour has around 6 fixed yearly departure dates and can be combined with extension programs to San Agustín, Caño Cristales, the Amazon or the Pacific Coast to complement the journey according to the passenger specific interests (as nature, beach, archaeology...).

Trip plan

Day 1/Saturday: Bogotá

Arrival in Bogota and transfer to the hotel. Welcome dinner at a local restaurant. Overnight at the Hotel Casa Platypus or Hotel Muisca.

Day 2/Sunday: Bogotá – Usaquen & La Candelaria

In the morning, you will visit the spectacular flea market in the district of Usaquen, one of the prettiest suburbs of the Colombian capital. It'll give you an all-around typical market experience, passing through the streets filled with stalls selling beautiful crafts, clothing and Colombian trinkets. After lunch, you will visit the district "La Candelaria", the historic part of the city with beautiful architecture and colored houses. The walking tour includes a visit of the famous gold museum where you will learn a lot about the countries' history. Overnight at the Hotel Casa Platypus or Hotel Muisca.

Day 3/Monday: Bogotá – Zipaquirá & Monserrate

After breakfast, we will go on the 1h ride to the lovely village of Zipaquirá. Here we will visit the world famous salt cathedral. It is an underground Roman Catholic church built within the tunnels of a salt mine 200 meters underground in a halite mountain. After lunch, drive back to Bogota. In the afternoon, we will take the cable car up to the Monserrate mountain to enjoy an incredible view over the metropolitan. Overnight at the Hotel Casa Platypus or Hotel Muisca.

Day 4/Tuesday: Chicaque NR or Free day

****This day is optional. You can use it as a free day for yourself and spend it individually, or go on the day tour with the group.****

Only a 30 minute drive from Bogota, we will arrive at the Chicaque Natural Reserve with its magnificent cloud forest. We'll take a short walk to „El Refugio“, the meeting point for all hikers in the park. From there, we will walk along the „waterfall path“ until the starting point of the Zipline activity. Here you will have the opportunity to fly 340 meters above the cloud forest. You will land safely in the oak forest, one of the last ones in the surroundings of Bogota. Afterwards, return to „El Refugio“ and horseback ride (or walk) back to the park entrance. Return to Bogota. Overnight at the Hotel Casa Platypus or Hotel Muisca.

Day 5/Wednesday: Bogotá – Medellín

In the morning, transfer to the airport and flight to Medellín, the so-called “city of eternal spring”. Transfer to the hotel. In the afternoon, city tour passing Medellín’s most important sites. Stroll through the hustle and bustle of downtown Medellín to the famous Botero Plaza with an exhibition of the Colombian artist Fernando Botero, whose sculptures have become a landmark of the city. Take the Metro Cable up to Santo Domingo, which was once a notorious area of gang violence in Medellín. While enjoying the spectacular view, you will learn more about Medellín’s social transformation from one of the most dangerous cities in the world into one of the most innovative and modern. Overnight at the Hotel In House.

Day 6/Thursday: Guatapé

After breakfast, transfer of about 1,5 hours to the beautiful village of Guatapé. It is famous for its church and its beautiful, colorful paintings that decorate the houses. On this day trip, we will take you on a scenic drive through the Eastern Highlands of Antioquia. You will climb the Peñol Boulder, a 200 meter high monolith and one of the most spectacular destinations in the surroundings of Medellín, from which you will have a breathtaking view over the stunning green mountains and blue lakes. You will enjoy a delicious typical Colombian lunch on the waterfront of the Guatapé reservoir and explore the lake on a boat ride and take time to stroll and relax. In the late afternoon, drive back to Medellín. Overnight at the Hotel In House.

Day 7/Santa Elena or Free day

****This day is optional. You can use it as a free day for yourself and spend it individually, or go on the day tour with the group.****

The small village of Santa Elena is located less than an hour outside of Medellín in the mountains of Antioquia (over 2000m high). It is home to a great variety of traditional flower farmers. The flower arrangements of the Flower Festival (“Feria de Flores”), called “silletas”, have an impressive history and are today a cultural symbol of Medellín. On this tour we will visit an organic flower farm and experience the traditional peasant culture of Santa Elena. You will meet local farmers and get to know their way of life in balance with nature. Around noon, return to Medellín. The afternoon is at free disposal. Overnight at the Hotel In House.

Day 8/Saturday: Medellín – Cartagena

After breakfast, transfer to the airport and flight to Cartagena de Indias. 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! In the afternoon, we will visit the colonial treasures of the city on a half-day roundtrip in a typical Chiva bus (shared with other customers), including the monastery La Popa, the castle San Felipe de Barajas and walled historic town center. Overnight at the Hotel Villa Colonial.

Day 9/Sunday: Cartagena

Today we will get to know some typical Colombian food. First we will visit one of the most traditional Colombian food markets, the Bazurto Market. We will walk through a maze of alleys, where the tour guide will introduce you to all kinds of fruits, herbs, vegetables, fish, seafood and meat. Here we will find the ingredients for lunch which you will prepare yourself with the help of a professional chef. The cooking class will take place in a colonial house in the historic city center. After learning all about the preparation of the dishes, you will enjoy a typical Colombian lunch. The afternoon is at free disposal. Overnight at the Hotel Villa Colonial.

Day 10/Monday: Mangroves Tour or Free day

****This day is optional. You can use it as a free day for yourself and spend it individually, or go on the day tour with the group.****

After breakfast, transfer to the little fishermen's village La Boquilla. There, we'll take a canoe and pass through the beautiful mangrove forest and the lagoon Ciénega de Juan Polo. Here, we can observe the fishermen at their daily work and enjoy the local flora and fauna. After the canoe tour, we get refreshed with a delicious coconut drink and walk through the village and along the beach while the guide tells us more about the life of the locals. The rest of the day is at free disposal. Overnight at the Hotel Villa Colonial.

Day 11/Tuesday: Resort Gente de Mar or Free day

****This day is optional. You can use it as a free day for yourself and spend it individually, or go on the day tour with the group.****

The Archipelago Nuestra Señora del Rosario, known as the Islands of Rosario, consists of 28 small islands, located about 40 km southwest of Cartagena de Indias in the Caribbean Sea. We will start our tour at 9am, board the speedboat from the tourist docks (shared with other customers) and take you to the Resort Gente de Mar. here you can enjoy wonderful ours in the privacy of the resort, on a beautiful white beach, that is perfect for a relaxing walk, relaxation, swimming or snorkeling. Lunch included. In the late afternoon, the speedboat takes you back to Cartagena. Farewell dinner at a local restaurant. Overnight at the Hotel Villa Colonial.











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Day 12/Wednesday: Cartagena – Bogota

The morning is at free disposal. Around noon, transfer to the airport (according to flight plan of each client). End of services.




Included services:

-  National flights: Bogotá-Medellín; Medellín-Cartagena; Cartagena-Bogotá.
-  All transfers as private transports, except tours in Cartagena.
-  Permanent English-speaking guide, incl. expenses.
-  11 overnights at the mentioned accommodation (according to availability at the moment of booking) in double rooms, incl. breakfast.
-  3x lunch (day 6, 9, 11 optional).
-  Welcome & Farewell Dinner (day 1 & 11).
-  All activities as described in the program (or free days).
-  Entrances & fees.

Not included:

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

Accommodation:

-  Hotel Casa Platypus or Hotel Muisca, Bogota <http://www.casaplatypusbogota.com/esp/> ;
<http://www.hotelmuisca.com/>.
 -  Hotel In House, Medellín <http://www.inhousethehotel.com/>.
 -  Hotel Villa Colonial, Cartagena <http://hotelvillacolonial.com/>.
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