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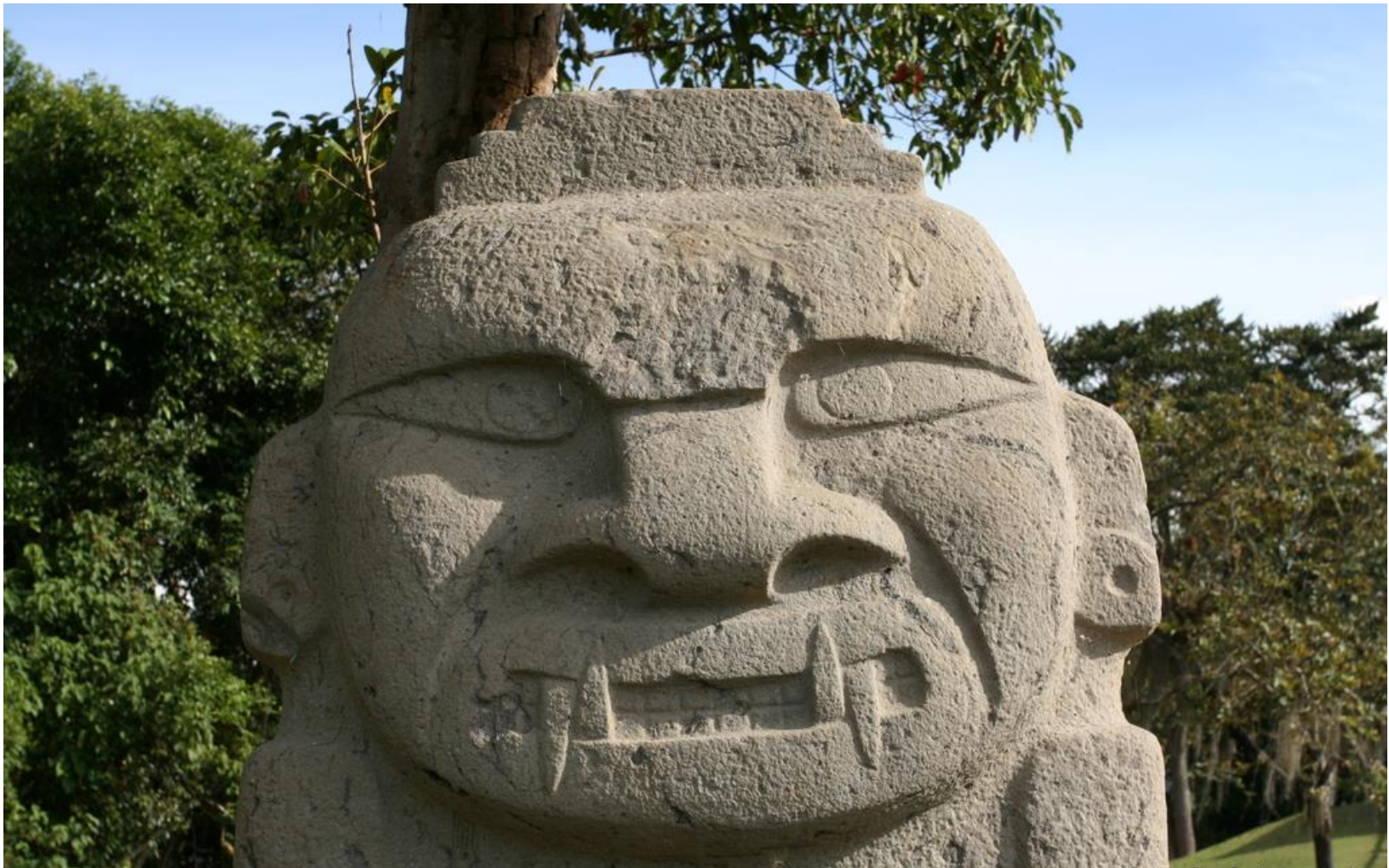


San Agustín | Bogotá | Cartagena

Highlights of Colombia Fixed Departure Tour (english)

22-Sep-2024 until 05-Oct-2024

Bogotá – Guatavita – Zipaquirá – San Agustín – Popayán – Silvia – Cali
– Santa Marta – Tayrona Nationalpark – Cartagena



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Travel Route



The Itinerary

Day 1/Su: Bogotá

Arrival in Bogotá and transfer to the accommodation. Overnight at Hotel BH Bicentenario or similar.

Day 2/Mo: Bogotá (B)

After breakfast, we will begin our fruit tour. We'll head to Bogotá's largest market, Paloquemao, where we will discover Colombia's most exotic fruits. Of course, we'll have the opportunity to taste and sample fresh juices here. After a lunch break, we'll embark on a half-day sightseeing tour of Bogotá, exploring its historical and cultural highlights. We will visit the central square Bolivar, surrounded by government buildings, and the charming colonial neighborhood of La Candelaria with its restored colonial houses. Next, we'll get a bit closer to the sun as we take a cable car to the 3,200m high mountain of Monserrate. From there, we'll be treated to an impressive panoramic view of the entire city. Overnight as on the previous day.

Day 3/Tu: Bogotá – Guatavita – Zipaquirá – Bogota (B)

After breakfast, we'll head towards Zipaquirá. Along the way, we'll visit Guatavita, the legendary lagoon of the Muisca indigenous people, also known as El Dorado. After a short hike, we'll be able to admire the stunning lagoon, which is said to still hold masses of gold relics at its bottom. Next, we'll proceed to the famous Salt Cathedral in Zipaquirá. We'll explore the underground church and then return to Bogotá. Overnight as on the previous day.

Day 4/We: Bogotá – Pitalito – San Agustín (B)

We will be transferred to the airport and fly to Pitalito (depending on the flight schedule, there is also a possibility of flying to Neiva and continuing from there). Upon arrival at the airport, we will be warmly welcomed and taken to San Agustín. After checking in at the hotel, we'll visit a local coffee farm. Coffee is an essential product for both the economy of San Agustín and other cities in this region, where some of Colombia's finest coffee specialties are currently produced. During this tour, we will visit a local coffee farm, where we can authentically experience the coffee production

process, from seed and sowing to the final product extraction. Our guide will be from Luis Alejandro's family, the owner of Finca La Cabaña, who will proudly and humbly show us the achievements of his work and that of his previous generations, who started coffee cultivation here over 50 years ago. At the end of the farm tour, Luis will invite us to savor some of his fantastic specialty coffees, engaging all our senses (Depending on the flight schedule, this activity may be moved to another day). Overnight stay will be at Finca El Maco or similar.

Day 5/Th: San Agustín (B)

After breakfast, we'll start with a city tour of San Agustín and visit its local market. Later, we'll explore the Archaeological Park, which houses an impressive collection of pre-Columbian stone figures. To this day, these sculptures remain a mystery to archaeologists, as neither their culture nor their origin has been fully determined. The enigmatic nature of these artifacts adds an intriguing element to our visit. Overnight as on the previous day.

Day 6/Fr: San Agustín (B)

Today, we will visit the Magdalena River Gorge, which is only 2 meters wide, making it the narrowest point of the longest river in Colombia. This river originates in the north of the country and flows into the sea, surrounded by a stunning natural landscape of Andean forest. A few kilometers away, we'll find the small town of Obando, where we'll see tombs resembling those in the Tierradentro Archaeological Park in Cauca. Additionally, there is a small museum displaying artifacts that are even older than those found in San Agustín. Among them is the famous "Flying Fish," a gold piece also exhibited in the Gold Museum of Bogotá. In the afternoon, you will have free time for optional activities such as rafting, horseback riding, or a bike tour (not included), or perhaps you'd prefer to simply relax and enjoy the wonderful nature surrounding you. Overnight as on the previous day.

Day 7/Sa: San Agustín – Popayán (B)

Today, we embark on a bumpy but incredibly scenic journey through the rugged Andes to reach Popayan. Founded in 1537 by Sebastian Belalcazar, who was on his way north from Quito in search of the legendary treasures of El Dorado, the city holds a rich history. Upon arriving in the "White City," we will take a city tour to explore its charming streets and landmarks. Overnight stay will be at Hotel Camino Real or similar.

Day 8/Su: Popayan – Silvia – Cali (B)

In the morning, we'll drive to Cali. Along the way, we'll make a stop in the small town of Silvia, where the Guambianos, the indigenous inhabitants, live according to their ancient traditions. A member of the tribe will introduce us to the lifestyle, traditions, and customs of the local community. Afterward, we'll continue our journey through the Cauca River plain to Cali, the city of Salsa. Upon arrival, we'll take a short Salsa class, giving you a glimpse into the vibrant Salsa culture and, of course, allowing you to sway to the music yourself. Overnight stay will be at Hotel San Antonio Boutique or similar.

Day 9/Mo: Cali – Santa Marta – Tayrona Nationalpark (B)

We will drive to the airport and take a flight (direct or via Bogota, depending on availability) to the Caribbean coast, to Santa Marta. Upon arrival, the rest of the day will be free for you to explore or relax as you please. Overnight stay will be in the vicinity of Tayrona National Park at Hotel Quetzal Dorado or similar.

Day 10/Tu: Tayrona Nationalpark (B)

Today, we will embark on a full-day excursion to Tayrona National Park, one of the most famous and beautiful national parks in all of South America. Known for its unique flora and fauna, the park captivates visitors with its stunning palm-fringed beaches on the Caribbean coast. We will hike to some of the most beautiful beaches in the park and, with a bit of luck, have the opportunity to spot monkeys, lizards, and colorful birds. In the evening, we will return to the hotel. Overnight as on the previous day.

Day 11/We: Tayrona – Santa Marta – Cartagena (B)

After breakfast, we'll transfer back to Santa Marta, and from there, we'll drive to Cartagena. Along the Caribbean coast, we'll make our way to the once pirate-infested city. Like no other city, Cartagena masterfully combines Caribbean zest for life with its colonial heritage, making it undoubtedly the highlight of any Colombia trip. We'll transfer to the hotel, and you'll spend the night at Hotel Kartaxa in the historic city center or a similar accommodation.

Day 12/Th: Cartagena (B)

After breakfast, we'll embark on a half-day city tour to explore the colonial treasures of Cartagena. The colorful streets of Cartagena are made for a walk, explore the walled city with your personal guide who will tell you about Cartagena's past and present when visiting monuments such as the Clock Tower or Don Pedro de Heredia's statue, the city's founder as well as other less visited parts of the historic center. During the walk, you may notice many influences – Romanesque, Moorish, colonial, military, Arabic, Spanish and North American that have given shape to Cartagena. You will also cross by Parque Bolivar, facing the Palace of the Inquisition, which is one of the most beautiful buildings in the city and San Pedro Claver square, dedicated to the Spanish-born monk known as "Slave of the Slaves" for his life spent ministering African slaves brought to the Spanish colonies. Also the Getsemani district, named by Forbes Magazine as one of the coolest neighborhoods in the world, will not be missed on this city tour. The rest of the day will be free for you to explore at your own pace. Overnight as on the previous day.

Day 13/Fr: Cartagena (B, D)

Today is a day for further exploration, and you have various optional activities to choose from. You may opt for a day trip to the Rosario Islands, a visit to the Totumo Volcano, a canoe ride through the mangrove forests in La Boquilla, and much more (not included). Alternatively, you can spend the day at your leisure, exploring Cartagena on your own. In the late afternoon, we will gather for a memorable finale in a local restaurant. Here, we'll have a delicious typical farewell dinner together. Overnight as on the previous day.










Day 14/Sa: Cartagena – End of the program (B)

Depending on the flight schedule, the last morning is free for your leisure. At the agreed time, we will transfer you to the airport. If desired, you can also opt for an extension to your journey. This marks the end of the trip - the beginning of the memories. Thank you!







Price

14 Days / 13 Nights (english-speaking guide) <i>Prices per person (in USD)</i>
2.999 \$
<i>Price valid from 2 participants Single Supplement: 699 \$</i>

Included:

-  Flights (incl. 23kg luggage): Bogotá – Pitalito / Cali – Santa Marta.
-  Private airport transfers.
-  All transportation as private transfers.
-  English-speaking local guides for 2-3 PAX
-  from 4 PAX: permanent english-speaking guide
-  13 nights: accomodation in typical hotels (single supplement).
-  13x Breakfast, 1x Dinner
-  All activities, hikes, and excursions as per the itinerary.
-  National park fees and entrance fees.

Not Included:

-  International flight and domestic flight Cartagena – Bogotá.
-  Not mentioned meals
-  Beverages, tips, personal expenses.
-  Services not mentioned in the itinerary.
-  Optional activites.
-  Travel insurance.

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