



Colombia

Medellin - Pacific Coast - Fredonia - Palomino - Cartagena - Mucura

16 Days



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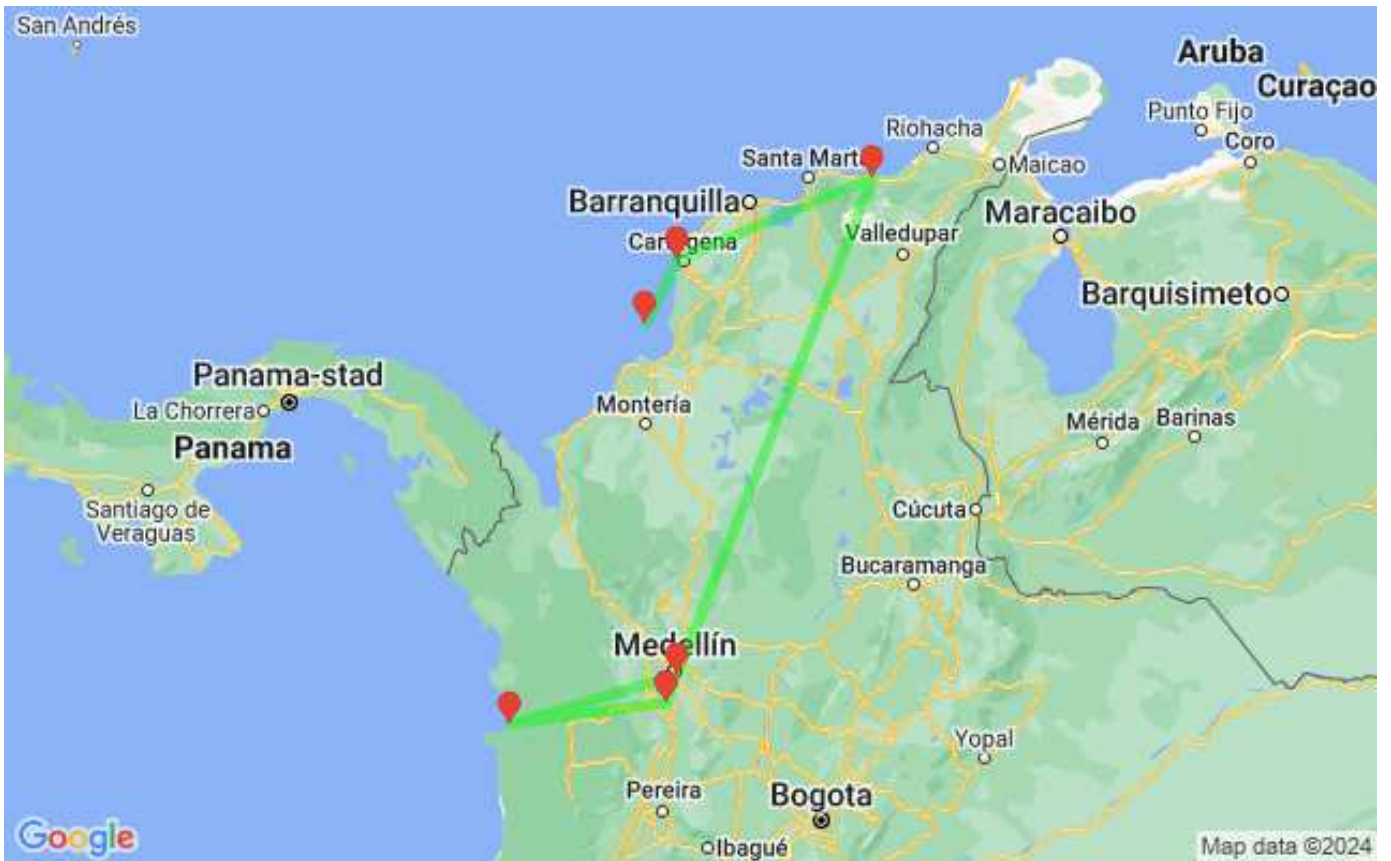


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Medellin

Welcome to Medellín, a captivating city nestled in the heart of the Andes Mountains, where innovation, culture, and natural beauty converge to create an unforgettable experience. Known as the "City of Eternal Spring" for its year-round mild climate, Medellín has undergone a remarkable transformation from a turbulent past to a vibrant metropolis celebrated for its forward-thinking urban development. Explore the colorful streets of Comuna 13, witness the innovative Metrocable system offering panoramic views, and indulge in the rich art scene at Botero Plaza and Museo de Antioquia. From the lush landscapes of Parque Arví to the Jardín Botánico's biodiversity, Medellín invites you to discover its dynamic spirit, warm hospitality, and the perfect blend of tradition and modernity in every corner.

Transfer Airport JMC - Hotel

Day 1

Arrival at José María Córdova International Airport in Rionegro. When leaving, look for the person holding a sign with your name. Transfer to your hotel in Medellín (+/- 1 hour).

Hotel Patio del Mundo

2 Nights



Patio del Mundo is a villa in the heart of Medellín that has a tropical garden and a nice view of the city. Despite being located in the city, the hotel is very quiet and it is located close to the neighborhood's bars, restaurants, museums and shopping malls. Its architectural design is inspired by Colombian culture and art, and each room has its own theme based on different continents. In addition, the hotel offers massages, yoga classes, it has a jacuzzi, a bar and hammocks.

City Tour & Comuna 3: Constelaciones

Day 2

A local guide will pick you up at the hotel for a 6-hour tour of the city of Medellín, combined with a visit to Comuna 3. You will take the metro for 20 minutes to get to the city center. Here you will visit, among others, the square of the famous Colombian artist Botero, with a special collection of his characteristic 'chubby' statues. After the tour of the center, you will take the cable car up to the Santo Domingo district, where you will walk to the viewpoint for one of the best views of the city. After that, you will go the neighbourhood of Manrique. It is built high on the mountains of the Aburrá Valley. Although Manrique struggles with poverty and gang violence, the neighborhood managed to undergo a social transformation, attracting tourism and government support. Just like the famous Comuna 13, Manrique uses street art to illustrate hope and social development. You will enjoy an exclusive graffiti tour in one of the real 'barrios' of Manrique. After the tour you will end in the neighbourhood El Poblado, where you will say goodbye to the guide.

Transfer Hotel - Airport EOH

Day 3

A driver will pick you up at your hotel and take you to the Olaya Herrera National Airport in Medellín (drive of 15 to 30 minutes).

Medellin - Nuqui

Flight Medellín - Nuqui

Day 3

Flight from Medellín to Nuqui with Clic Air.

Baggage policy:

- 1 piece weighing a maximum of 15 kilograms
- 1 carry-on piece weighing a maximum of 5 kilograms
- More kilos will have an additional cost

Pacific Coast

Steep beaches bordered by dense jungle without any crowds, and lively Afro towns where the residents welcome you with love and the tastiest fresh fish and coconut rice; fortunately, Colombia's Pacific Coast remains a closely guarded secret. Around the town of Nuquí there are several fishing villages where tourists can stay in cabañas. You can walk non-stop along the beaches with coconut trees, hike to the waterfalls in the jungle, explore the surroundings and taste the local cuisine of this region, or just relax in a hammock, overlooking the Pacific Ocean. Also, from June to October you can observe whales and dolphins swimming so close to the coast that they can be seen from the beach. You will fall asleep to the sound of the sea, the birds and the howler monkeys in the forest, there is no better place to relax.

NB: The yellow fever vaccine is recommended for this area.

4 -days - Pacific Plan - La Kuka

Day 1

A host from Hotel La Kuka will meet you at the airport in Nuquí for a private boat transfer to the hotel, a journey of approximately 40 minutes with views of the coast. You will stay in a room or cabin with private bathroom, hammock and terrace overlooking the sea. Includes three meals prepared by native cooks such as tasty local dishes with fresh fish and seafood, as well as coffee, water and fresh fruit juices, also included is a guided hike through the jungle or to the hot springs.

Among the activities offered by the lodge are: Kayak & Paddle Board in the sea and river, diving or snorkelling, surfing, fishing, visiting different sites such as the Utría National Natural Park, the hot springs, the Jovi River, the mangroves of Coquí, the indigenous community of Chori or the waterfall of the Terco River.

Day 2 and 3

You can relax on the Pacific beaches, explore the surrounding area or take one of the optional tours mentioned above.

Day 4

After breakfast, your host will return you to Nuquí.



What to bring?

- Sunscreen and hat or cap.
- Sunglasses
- Insect repellent (not spray)
- Bags for storing wet clothes
- Bathing suit
- Beach clothes, shorts
- Quick-drying clothes
- Lightweight waterproof jacket
- Pants, long-sleeved shirts and an evening sweater
- Water shoes
- Sandals
- An extra pair of shoes
- Personal medications
- Binoculars (optional)
- Flashlight
- Camera
- Cash (there are no ATMs in the area)

Not included and to be paid upon arrival:

- Tourist tax in Nuquí (30,000 COP per person).
 - Entrance fee to hot springs (15,000 COP), entrance fee to Utría National Park (52,500 COP) and entrance fees to other organized activities of your choice.
 - Alcoholic beverages and other charges not mentioned
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Nuquí - Medellín

Flight Nuquí - Medellín

Day 6

Flight from Nuquí to Medellín with Clic Air.

Baggage policy:

- 1 piece weighing a maximum of 15 kilograms
 - 1 carry-on piece weighing a maximum of 5 kilograms
 - More kilos will have an additional cost
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Fredonia

Fredonia is a municipality in the department of Antioquia, located just an hour and a half from its capital, Medellín. Among its main sites is the Jaime Isaza park with its church and sculptures inspired by the coffee history of this region, as well as the Cristo Rey park, which is possibly the best viewpoint of Fredonia. This municipality is also known for its production of coffee and, especially, for being the home of Juan Valdez, a well-known person throughout the country who represents Colombia's coffee culture.

Transport Medellín - Fredonia

Day 6

Hotel Hacienda La Sierra

3 Nights



Hacienda La Sierra is a hotel located in the mountains of the municipality of Fredonia. Its location allows you to find yourself in the middle of nature and enjoy its beautiful views. The hotel has a swimming pool, bar, restaurant and offers optional activities such as birdwatching, hiking, horseback riding and coffee experiences. The accommodation includes the three daily meals.

Two free days

Enjoy two days off in Medellín. Explore the El Poblado and Laureles neighborhoods, where you will stumble upon many trendy cafés that serve the best coffee in Colombia, or walk through the Envigado neighborhood, where you will find the best Bandeja Paisa of the city; the traditional dish of the Antioqueños. Be sure to take the metro to the city center, where you can admire the chubby sculptures of local artist Botero and wander through the Botanical Garden, at just a short metrорide from the center. Pay a visit to the Casa de la Memoria museum where you will learn about the troubled past of Colombia, and take the cable car to the Santo Domingo neighborhood, which used to be a dangerous slum but is now very popular because it offers one of the best views over the city. There are indeed too many activities to choose from. Medellín is one of those cities where you will stay longer than expected.



Transfer Hotel - Airport JMC

Day 9

A driver will pick you up at your hotel and take you to José María Córdova International Airport in Rionegro (+/- 1 hour).

Medellin - Santa Marta

Flight Medellín - Santa Marta

Day 9

Flight from Medellín to Santa Marta with Avianca.

Baggage policy:

- 1 piece weighing a maximum of 23 kilograms (50 pounds)
 - 1 carry-on piece weighing a maximum of 10 kilograms (22 pounds)
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Palomino

The coastal village of Palomino is a perfect starting point to visit the beaches of Tayrona Park. The mountains of the Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta are also just around the corner. This carefree, little village on the road between Santa Marta and Riohacha was discovered by hippies and backpackers and has, in recent years, become one of Colombia's most popular holiday destinations. Tourism has remained small-scale, however, and the village still has a very laid-back atmosphere. The village is located on a long and wide beach, has beautiful sunsets and there is always a coconut seller around for some refreshments. The sometimes wild waves at Palomino are ideal for surfers. Swimming is not always possible, so pay very good attention when entering the water.

Note: Make sure you bring enough cash with you because the only ATM in Palomino ATM does not always work. The yellow fever vaccination is recommended for this area.

Transfer Airport - Hotel

Day 9

You will be picked up at Simón Bolívar International Airport in Santa Marta and taken to Palomino, a 2-hour transport. When leaving the airport, look for a sign with your names. The drive goes along Tayrona National Park, so you will notice the area becoming more tropical and greener.

Aité Eco Resort

3 Nights



Aité Eco Resort is a beautiful eco-friendly hotel on Palomino beach, in a quiet place on the outskirts of town. The hotel has rooms with a garden view and bungalows facing the sea with a private terrace, all equipped with a fan and solar heated water. Rooms and bungalows are surrounded by tropical gardens and there are two outdoor pools and a private beach with comfortable sun beds. The hotel's restaurant serves Caribbean and international dishes.

Tubing Palomino river

Day 10

A local guide will pick you up at your hotel to take you to the Sierra Nevada of Santa Marta by public transport. Once you get there, you will start walking from the main entrance for about 45 minutes and during the journey you will be able to observe the local flora and fauna. You will then meet with an indigenous family to learn more about their culture. Then, your descent along the Palomino River will start on rubber tires, lasting 1 hour and 45 minutes, until you reach the beach by the sea. Afterwards you will return to the hotel. Please don't forget to bring repellent, sunscreen and a bottle of water to stay hydrated.

Free day

Day 11

Enjoy a free day in this small Caribbean paradise where you will find backpackers from all over the world. Walk on the beach, learn to surf in one of the many surf schools, enjoy a tasty grilled fish and have a delicious cocktail. You can also stroll through the sandy and narrow streets of the coastal town, where creative people from different places sell jewelry, handbags and handmade crafts.



Transport Palomino - Totumo volcano - Cartagena

Day 12

Transport from Palomino to Cartagena (+/- 7 hours, +/- 310 km). A beautiful drive along the coast with views of both the beautiful Sierra Nevada mountains and the Caribbean Sea, and the cities of Santa Marta and Barranquilla are also on this route. Along the way you will make a stop at the Totumo volcano, which is 15 meters high with a crater of 3 meters in diameter. Here you can take a mud bath that has therapeutic properties. After a dip in the volcano you continue the journey to Cartagena.

Cartagena

Cartagena de Indias is by far the most beautiful city in the Caribbean. Its centuries-old walled-in city center, that has been declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site, seems to have been made for people to wander around for hours. Its maze of colorful colonial houses on narrow streets and alleys ending in shadowy squares where, in the afternoon, street musicians and dancers show the best of the swinging Caribbean culture. But there is also plenty to do outside the city walls. The archipelago Islas del Rosario is at an hour's boat ride from the port city. And of course they have the pearl white beaches and turquoise-colored sea that the Caribbean is famous for. Even closer are the beaches of Cartagena, where you can end the day with a swim in the sea and by watching the enchanting sunset.

Hotel Kartaxa

1 Night



Kartaxa is a boutique hotel located in the historic center of Cartagena. The hotel's interior design is inspired by artists, composers, musicians and writers of the 1930s. It has three floors with comfortable rooms as well as a viewpoint and a swimming pool.

Transfer Hotel - Port

Day 13

A driver will pick you up and take you to the port, a short drive of +/- 20 minutes. After registering your name and passport, you then take the boat to the island of your choice.

Boat transfer port - island

Day 13

In the morning you will take the boat from the port of Cartagena to the hotel located on the island Múcura, a trip of +/- 2 hours.

Mucura

Beaches of the finest white sand, exotic palm trees and a sea with the clearest turquoise-colored water: the coral island of Isla Múcura, part of the San Bernardo archipelago, is a paradise in the Caribbean. Relax on the beautiful beaches, explore the coral reefs with a snorkel, learn to dive, fill your belly with delicious coconut rice and fresh fish, and take a boat trip to one of the other islands, including the remarkable Islote de Santa Cruz, the most densely populated island in the world.

Hotel Punta Faro

2 Nights



Hotel Punta Faro is a luxurious resort on Isla Múcura, 2 hours by boat from Cartagena. The hotel's spacious and comfortable rooms have airconditioning and either a private balcony or terrace with a hammock. The complex has a private white-sand beach with sun loungers and hammocks, a spa and a restaurant serving international dishes. The hotel can also organize activities such as kayaking, paddling and diving.

Free day

Day 14

Enjoy a free day on Múcura Island. Have a nice cocktail on the white sand beach, swim in the sea, explore underwater life, go snorkeling or choose any other optional activity offered by the hotel.

Boat transfer island - port

Day 15

Today you will take the boat back to Cartagena/Tolú at XX:XX, which is a trip of +/- 2 hours. The hotel will inform you of the exact departure time the same day, because the departure time depends on the weather conditions.

Cartagena

Transfer Port - Hotel

Day 15

You will be picked up at the port and brought to your hotel, a short drive of +/- 20 minutes.

Hotel Monaguillo de Getsemaní

1 Night



Monaguillo de Getsemaní is a boutique hotel that mixes a bohemian and artistic atmosphere. It has 7 rooms, jacuzzi, bar and terrace where it is also possible to have breakfast with a nice view of the city.

Walking tour

Day 16

Today you will learn about the historical importance of Cartagena while visiting incredible places that will take you on a journey back in time to relive the era of the Spanish conquest. An English-speaking guide will pick you up at the hotel for a guided tour of Cartagena's historic center. You will visit all the iconic places of the walled-in, colonial city center, such as the Parque Bolívar, Las Bóvedas, Iglesia de San Pedro Claver and Plaza de los Coches. It can get quite hot in Cartagena, so bring along along a bottle of water and protection against the bright sun. After the 3-hour walk, the guide will accompany you back to the hotel.

Transfer Hotel - Airport

Day 16

A driver will pick you up at the hotel and take you to the airport in Cartagena, a short 30-minute drive.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Medellin

2 nights Hotel Patio del Mundo

[website](#)

Pacific Coast

Fredonia

3 nights Hotel Hacienda La Sierra

[website](#)

Palomino

3 nights Aité Eco Resort

[website](#)

Cartagena

1 night Hotel Kartaxa

[website](#)

Mucura

2 nights Hotel Punta Faro

[website](#)

Cartagena

1 night Hotel Monaguillo de Getsemaní

[website](#)

Flight(s):

TRAVEL CONDITIONS

Including:

- National flights
- Accommodation in private double rooms (standard, if not mentioned otherwise) with breakfast
- Meals as mentioned
- Transfers and transport as mentioned with Spanish-speaking drivers
- Tours and activities as mentioned with entrance fees and English-speaking guides
- 24/7 assistance

Not included:

- Services mentioned as optional
- International flights
- Insurance
- Meals and drinks not mentioned
- Voluntary tips for guides, drivers, etc.
- Personal expenses

** Please note that the price might have to be adjusted, depending on the constantly changing USD-COP exchange rate, flight prices, availability of services, etc.*

***If domestic flights are included in the booking, regardless of the time of cancellation 100% of the flight price will be charged.*

****Hotels are only suggestions and will only be reserved at the time of booking. If there is no availability, a similar or equivalent alternative will be offered.*