

Colombia
Bogotá - Coffee Region - Cartagena - Palomino

10 Days



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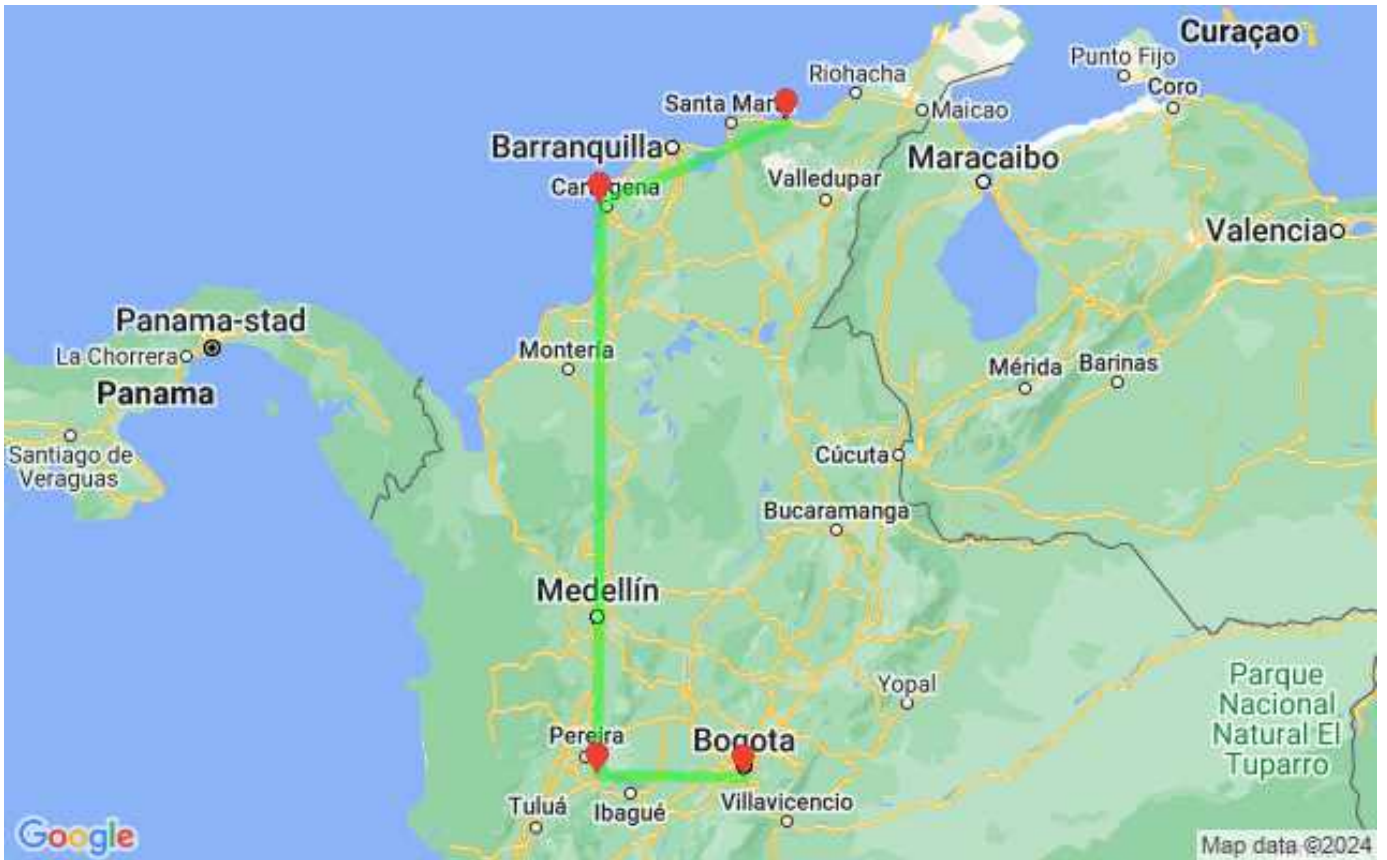
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Bogotá

In the Andes, at 2600 meters altitude, we find Colombia's capital, Bogotá, with an estimated 9 million inhabitants. With residents from all around the globe and a thriving cultural scene, Bogotá is a city that has a lot to offer. The metropolis has several museums, such as the Gold Museum, the National Museum and the Botero Museum, where you can immerse yourself in Colombian history and culture. In addition, Bogotá is known for its graffiti street art. Amazing murals that often portray a political or historical message can be found throughout the city. Bogotá is also a popular city among cycling enthusiasts; nowhere else in Latin America will you find more bike paths in the city, and consequently the bicycle is a frequently seen means of transport. Most travellers go to the Candelaria district, the beautiful colonial centre of Bogota where it is enjoyable to stroll around the sloping streets with their colourful colonial houses. To the north, there are more posh, modern neighbourhoods, with world-class restaurants, as well as cocktail bars and cafés.

Transfer Airport - Hotel

Day 1

Arrival at Bogotá airport. When leaving, look for a sign with your names. Transfer to your hotel (+/- 40 min, +/- 20 km).

Hotel BH Bicentenario

2 Nights



Hotel BH Bicentenario is a modern hotel located in the historic center of Bogotá, within walking distance of the Gold Museum, Plaza Bolívar and the cable car to the Monserrate mountain. Its spacious rooms have stylish interiors with modern and large windows that provide plenty of light. The hotel has a sauna, terrace and a restaurant with café-bar.

City tour

Day 2

You will be picked up at the hotel by a local guide and start your city tour. First, you will walk through La Candelaria, Bogotá's historic center, and afterwards you will visit the famous Gold Museum as well as the Botero Museum. You will also take the cable car up to Cerro Monserrate, which has a great view over Bogotá at an altitude of 3000 meters. You will head back to the hotel in the afternoon.

Transfer Hotel - Airport

Day 3

You will be picked up from your hotel for your transfer to Bogotá airport.

Bogotá - Pereira

Flight Bogotá - Pereira

Day 3

Flight from Bogotá to Pereira 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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Coffee Region

Endless green mountains, colorful villages with traditional Paisa architecture, a mild and pleasant climate and many coffee plantations where the best coffee in Colombia is produced? This must be the Colombian Coffee Region. This region is located in the heart of Colombia and extends over the departments of Caldas, Risaralda and Quindío. The area was colonized in the second half of the 19th century by the Paisas of the neighboring department Antioquia, and the architecture, culture and cuisine are, therefore, very similar to those of the Antioquia people. Think of the white houses with tile roofs and colorful wooden terraces decorated with hanging plants, and cafés where farmers in white hats and shirts drink small cups of tinto, as the coffee is also called here. In many places in the green mountains you can see coffee plantations, and in many of these coffee farms it is possible to take a look and taste the delicious product. And if that is not enough, the nature of the Coffee Region is also beautiful, thanks to the iconic Quindío wax palms, an extremely tall species of palm that only exists in Colombia. In the area you will find several natural parks where you can go hiking and birdwatching, and where you can cool off in a river or waterfall. It is not without reason that UNESCO declared this entire region a World Heritage Site in 2011.

Transfer Airport Pereira - Hotel

Day 3

A driver will pick you up at the airport to take you to the coffeetown of Salento, a journey of +/- 1 hour through the green mountain landscapes of the Coffee Region. When leaving the airport, look for a person holding a sign with your names.

Hotel Terasu

2 Nights



Hotel Terasu in Salento is a new and modern building, but built in the traditional style of this region. The hotel has a large garden, with the rooms surrounding it in a U-shape. Some rooms have views of the town and other rooms have views of the mountains. All rooms have a terrace and the hotel also has a restaurant serving international dishes.

Coffee tour Finca el Ocaso

Day 3

You will visit finca El Ocaso, a traditional coffee farm at a 20-minute drive from Salento. On this finca you can take a look at the coffee plantations and at the so-called beneficiadero, where the recently harvested coffee beans are washed, peeled and dried. Of course you can also taste the freshly roasted coffee. After the tour you will be taken back to the hotel.

Tour Salento & Valle de Cocora

Day 4

A driver and local guide will pick you up from the hotel in a traditional Willys jeep for your trip to the Cocora Valley. On the way, you will stop at the Salento viewpoint, where you will have a view of the Cocora Valley and the mountains that surround it. In good weather, you can even see the peaks of Los Nevados National Park in the distance. You will also learn more about nature in this area and see avocado crops and cattle farms. Later, you will continue to the Cocora Valley, 30 minutes by car. In this green valley you will walk among the iconic wax palms, a species of palm that can grow up to 60 meters in height and is officially the national tree of Colombia. The walk between the wax palm trees and the waves of fog that give the valley a mystical feeling, is a unique experience. The trail can be quite muddy, so please wear comfortable shoes. After the walk you can enjoy a natural juice of one of the typical fruits of Colombia. You will continue to Salento by jeep for a visit to the historic center and learn about the traditional architecture of the municipality of Salento and the Camino Real, which is part of the road that passes through South America and ends in Venezuela. Salento plays an important role in a big part of Colombian history. You will continue to the main square and end the tour at the hotel.

Transfer hotel - airport

Day 5

A driver will pick you up from the hotel and take you to Pereira airport, a short drive of +/- 15 minutes.

Pereira - Cartagena

Flight Pereira - Cartagena

Day 5

Flight from Pereira to Cartagena with Avianca.

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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. It's 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.

Transfer Airport - Hotel

Day 5

Arrival at Rafael Núñez airport in Cartagena. A driver will be waiting for you at the exit to take you to the hotel, a short 15-minute drive.

Hotel Casa del Curato

3 Nights



Casa Curato is an elegant hotel in the San Diego district in the historic center of Cartagena. The hotel is a renovated 18th century colonial mansion, with spacious air-conditioned rooms, an outdoor pool, rooftop terrace, and a patio with greenery.

City tour

Day 6

An English-speaking guide will pick you up at the hotel in the morning, after which you will start exploring the old, colonial town centre on foot. You will pay a visit to the Castillo San Felipe de Barajas, the biggest colonial fortress ever built by the Spaniards. Visiting the huge, stone fortress with a maze of dark alleys, towers and cannons is an adventure in itself. You could easily imagine that you've traveled a few centuries back in time. You will also be visiting Parque Bolívar, Las Bóvedas, Santuario de San Pedro Claver and Plaza de los Coches. It can get quite hot in Cartagena, so bring along a bottle of water and protection against the bright sun. The city tour takes 4 hours.

Transfer Hotel - Port

Day 7

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.

Tour Islas del Rosario

Day 7

You will be picked up from the hotel to be taken to the port from where you will depart to the Rosario islands by boat. Once there, you can relax on the private beach. There are several optional activities, such as snorkeling, which can be organized on site. The typical Colombian lunch is included as well as towel service. At the end, you will return in the same boat to the harbor of Cartagena where the driver will be waiting to take you to the hotel.

Note: You will go to Hotel XX. You have to be present at the port of La Bodeguita at 8:00 am. From the port to the island by boat it will take about 45 minutes.

Transfer Port - Hotel

Day 7

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

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.

Transport Cartagena - Palomino

Day 8

A driver will pick you up from your hotel to take you to Palomino (+/- 6 hours, +/- 300 km). During the drive you will pass through Barranquilla and Santa Marta and you will also have views of the Caribbean Sea and Tayrona Park.

Ecohotel Finca La Jorará

2 Nights



Finca La Jorará is located between Tayrona Park and Palomino, just one hour from Santa Marta. Guests can do different activities, from hiking, relaxing on the beach or bathing in the natural pools of Quebrada La Jorará. The finca has 14 comfortable rooms in three different houses. Its restaurant offers continuous service with a variety of Caribbean dishes.

Tour Volcán del Totumo Tour Totumo mud volcano

Day 8

A local guide will pick you up at the hotel for a visit to the Totumo mud volcano, located at an hour's drive from the center of Cartagena. The mud in this strange volcano is a combination of water from a hot spring and volcanic ashes. A bath in this mud is believed to have extraordinary healing properties for your skin. When you arrive at the volcano, you can take a bath in this beneficial mud, after which you can wash yourself with clean water and take a dip in the nearby lake Manzanillo del Mar. Lunch can be included in this 4-hour tour. After the tour, the guide will accompany you back to the hotel.

Free day

Day 9

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.



Transfer Palomino - Airport

Day 10

A driver will pick you up from the hotel and take you to Simón Bolívar airport in Santa Marta, a journey of approximately 2 hours.

Santa Marta - Bogotá

Flight Santa Marta - Bogotá

Day 10

Flight from Santa Marta to Bogotá with Avianca.

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ACCOMMODATIONS

Bogotá

2 nights Hotel BH Bicentenario

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Coffee Region

2 nights Hotel Terasu

[website](#)

Cartagena

3 nights Hotel Casa del Curato

[website](#)

Palomino

2 nights Ecohotel Finca La Jorará

[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.*