



Colombia
Bogotá - Honda - Coffee Region - Jardín - Los Llanos

13 Days



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Bogotá

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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 Casa de la Vega

1 Night



Hotel Casa de la Vega is located in a restored 19th century colonial house in the La Candelaria neighborhood, within walking distance of museums, restaurants and the main square of Bolívar. The hotel's 15 rooms are classically decorated with wooden furniture and floors, and have windows to the courtyard or the street. It also has a terrace garden and restaurant.

Transport Bogotá - Chingaza

Day 2

A driver and guide will pick you up at the hotel and take you to the village of Guasca, at about a 1.5-hour-drive from Bogotá. Over there, you will meet your Spanish-speaking local guide who will accompany you through tto your hotel in Chingaza National Park (+/- 6 hours, +/- 180 km).

Chingaza

The Chingaza National Natural Park is a territory of great cultural and natural importance. This Andean nature reserve is a special ecosystem, called páramo, located at an altitude of more than 3,200 meters above sea level and of high importance for the conservation of water resources, since it has the most extensive water reserves in Colombia. It has a large number of wetlands, which represent a temporary refuge for migratory birds, as well as more than 1000 species of plants, including the frailejón. These plants look a little like a palm tree but are smaller and woolly, from which yellow sunflower-shaped flowers are born. In this natural reserve, in addition to a large diversity of flora, you can find more than 186 species of birds, Andean bears and white-tailed deers. Within the park you can walk different trails and connect with nature.

Remember to bring good walking shoes and protective clothing against rain and sun, because despite the mild climate throughout the year, it can rain a lot and the sun is (very) strong at this altitude.

Hotel Casa Finca Suasie

2 Nights



The lodge is located at the gateway to the Chingaza National Natural Park, two hours from Bogotá and three from Guasca. The lodge has four different dorms or double rooms with shared bathroom and hot water. They also have a restaurant service where breakfast and different regional dishes made with products from the farm are served.

Hike Chingaza: trail Plantas del Camino

Day 3

Early in the morning a local guide and a driver will pick you up to hike the Las Plantas del Camino trail. This trail is of great historical and cultural importance, as it is part of the route used by the Montfortian priests for the evangelization of the indigenous communities that inhabited the area and also for the founding of towns in the region. On the trail you can observe important geological formations such as the Alto del Gorro, the Frío River and the Chingaza Lagoon, all of glacial origin. During the 2.5-hour hike you will be able to take photographs and to observe flora and fauna. The trekking route is about 4.5 km (2.5 miles) long and of low difficulty. At the end of the tour you will return to the hotel.



What to bring?

- Well-gripping shoes or rubber boots
- Sunscreen
- Cold-weather clothing, hat, gloves
- Rain jacket or poncho
- Change of clothes
- Reusable water bottle, single-use plastics are NOT allowed inside the protected area.
- If staying in the protected area, bring biodegradable toiletries.
- Flashlight
- Camera
- Personal medications

Transport Guasca - Jardín Encantado - Honda

Day 4

You will depart from the municipality of Guasca to Honda, a drive of (+/- 6 hours, +/- 230 km). You will make a stop at Jardín Encantado in the municipality of San Francisco on the banks of the Cañas River, where you will be able to observe more than 25 species of hummingbirds. Afterwards you will continue your journey to Honda in the department of Tolima.

Honda

Honda was once one of the most important port cities in Colombia along the Magdalena River. After the Spanish conquest of Honda in 1539, the city became one of the most important colonial settlements in the centuries that followed. That prosperity can still be seen in the architecture of the historic neighborhoods, with colonial houses and its ingenious wooden balconies and red tile roofs on steep cobbled streets where it is nice to have a stroll. Honda is also known as the "City of Bridges" because of the city's more than 40 bridges, one of which is an iron model built by the same engineer who designed the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco. There is also a museum where you can learn about the history of the river, and a lovely market square with a colonnade built by an English architect in the early 20th century, which was later declared a national monument.

Hotel Casa Belle Epoque

1 Night



Casa Belle Epoque is a colonial hotel in Honda, located in a quiet place near the local market. The hotel rooms are classically decorated with wooden furniture and four-poster beds, and they either have airconditioning or a fan. The hotel has a patio with a small pool and a rooftop terrace with seating, a jacuzzi, and nice mountain views.

Transport Honda - Coffee Region

Day 5

Today you will be taken from Honda to the Coffee Region, which is a journey of approximately (+/- 5.5 hours, +/- 206 km) through beautiful green and mountainous landscapes.

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.

Tinamú Birding Nature Reserve

2 Nights



Tinamú Birding Nature Reserve is a nature reserve great for birdwatching, half an hour by car from the city of Manizales. The hotel rooms are spacious, bright and comfortable, with private bathrooms and terraces with hammocks. The reserve consists of 15 hectares of dry tropical forest where you can observe 70 to 110 different species of birds, as well as many other animal species. Guests can hike the trails of about 3 kilometers through the forest. The hotel's restaurant serves tasty local

dishes.

Free day

Day 6

Enjoy your free time at the Tinamú Natural Reserve and explore the landscapes of this region. Learn more about this conservation project and observe some typical birds of the region.



Transport Coffee Region - Jardin

Day 7

A driver will pick you up at your hotel to take you to the colonial town of Jardín (+/- 6 hours, +/- 180 km). It is a pleasant drive through beautiful green mountains.

Jardin

Jardín is a 19th century town located in the southwest of Antioquia, about three hours by car from Medellín. The colonial architecture of Jardín with the typical whitewashed houses with colorful balconies and cobbled streets has been largely preserved in 140 years. In the town square, the town's population settles down in the afternoon for a tinto on colorful wooden chairs. This, along with the tropical vibes of coffee and banana plantations, cloud forests and waterfalls in the nearby La Cuchilla nature reserve, make Jardín have it all, so it should come as no surprise that this is a popular weekend destination for the residents of Medellín.

Hotel Valdivia Plaza

2 Nights



Valdivia Plaza is located in the main park of Jardín. It has a balcony that provides a pleasant view of the town, from where you can admire the traditional way of life of the people in this region, the beautiful colorful houses and the church. The hotel does not offer breakfast.

Visit to the Jardín de Rocas Reserve

Day 8

Today you will visit the Jardín de Rocas Natural Park, a place of conservation, research and sighting of the emblematic bird Gallito de Rocas. During your visit you can also observe various other bird species and local flora.

Transport Jardín - Medellín

Day 9

You will be picked up from your hotel in Jardín and taken to Medellín. The trip lasts approximately (+/- 4 hours, +/- 150 km) and during this pleasant drive you will be crossing the valleys of the region all the way to the City of Eternal Spring.

Medellin (JMC) - Yopal

Flight Medellín - Bogotá

Day 9

Flight from Medellín to Bogotá 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)

Los llanos

A vast savannah with muddy rivers where cowboys, called llaneros here, gather their huge herds of cows on horseback, where at dusk the llaneros themselves sing for you playing the harp, and where a great deal of wildlife lives on the plains; from alligators to jaguars. A visit to the Llanos Orientales in eastern Colombia is an unforgettable experience. Immerse yourself in the traditional lifestyle of the llaneros, watch howler monkeys, capybaras and crocodiles on a savannah safari and marvel at the sunset and starry sky of Los Llanos, far away from civilization.

Transport airport - hotel

Day 9

Arrival at the airport of Yopal. When leaving the airport, look for a sign with your names. Transfer to the hotel.

Hotel Camoruco

1 Night



Camoruco is a traditional hotel in the center of Yopal, just one block from Parque Santander. The hotel's comfortable rooms are equipped with a desk, private bathroom and airconditioning or a fan, and open onto a balcony that surrounds a garden with a patio and lots of greenery. The hotel has a restaurant, bar, swimming pool with terrace, jacuzzi and Turkish bath, and there are several common areas equipped with workplaces for the business traveler. A traditional breakfast is included.

Transport Yopal - Hato La Aurora

Day 10

Transport from your hotel in Yopal to Hato La Aurora (+/- 3 hours, +/- 150 km), a pleasant drive through the savannah of Los Llanos. Along the way you will also be able to spot many wild animals.

Ecolodge Juan Solito

2 Nights



Juan Solito Ecolodge is an ecological hotel located in the Hato La Aurora Nature Reserve on the plains of Los Llanos. The ecolodge offers different types of simple but comfortable accommodation, from cabins with bathrooms to hammocks with mosquito nets. Thanks to the biodiversity of the nature reserve, it is possible to observe a large number of wildlife such as alligators, capybaras, wild horses, deer and anacondas. Travelers can choose from activities such as 4X4 safaris, horseback riding, trekking and boat tours to go fishing for example. Here you will experience the traditional culture of Los Llanos such as its music, gastronomy and learn more about the llaneros who gather their cattle on horseback. Tours and all meals are included.

Two full days of activities Hato la Aurora

Day 11

Two days with activities of your choice in and around the ecolodge, in the protected nature reserve of Hato La Aurora. Go on a 4X4 safari in the savannah to observe wildlife and birds, hike through the wildlife-rich nature reserve to see capybaras, wild horses, toucans, and monkeys, go fishing in one of the rivers where you can immediately eat your catch, roasted over the fire on the river bank, go horseback riding or learn about the traditions of the llaneros. Too much to choose from. All activities are guided.

Transfer Hato la Aurora - Airport

Day 12

A local guide will take you from Hato La Aurora to Yopal Airport, which is a journey of approximately 5 hours in 4X4. This part through the plains of Los Llanos will be partly done on dirt roads and during the journey you will have the opportunity to see lots of wildlife. Upon arrival at Ecolodge Juan Solito, you will be greeted with a traditional lunch. For the rest of the day you will be able to relax and explore the surroundings.

Yopal - Bogotá

Flight Yopal - Bogotá

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City tour

Day 13

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

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Day 13

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

ACCOMMODATIONS

Bogotá

1 night Hotel Casa de la Vega [website](#)

Chingaza

2 nights Hotel Casa Finca Suasie [website](#)

Honda

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Coffee Region

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Jardin

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Flight(s):

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	Bogotá	Yopal	xxxx	xxxx		

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	Yopal	Bogotá	16:44	17:44	AV4873	

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.*