



Colombia Highlights

Take an adventure through Colombia's highlights. Marvel at the country's natural & urban wonders, including pristine coastlines, dense & wild Amazonian forests, beautiful architecture & a rich & fascinating colonial history. Starting in Bogota, visit the original Plaza Mayor, central Cathedral & Palacio de Justicia. Continue on to Cartagena & embark on a city tour of this wonderful artesian city. Your journey continues to Rosario Island for some relaxation & scrumptious local food.

Day 1: Arrival in Bogota

Colombia's capital Bogotá is a vibrant and cosmopolitan city located in central Colombia on a vast plain 2,600m above sea level, cradled by the Andean mountains. The "Old City" of La Candelaria is the historic cultural centre of the city. Its cobbled streets are lined with colonial buildings housing museums, libraries, restaurants, hotels and bars set amongst convents, churches and homes that date back 300 years. Bogotá's most famous museum is the Gold Museum with over 55,000 pieces of gold, bone, ceramic and textiles from the Pre-Hispanic cultures such as the Tayrona, San Agustín, Chocó, Quimbaya, Muisca and Tierradentro.



On arrival in Bogota, you will be greeted and transferred to your hotel.

Overnight in a Standard Room at Hotel Casa Deco including breakfast (Or similar)

Day 2: Half Day Bogotá Tour (Private)

After breakfast enjoy a half day visit to the historic centre known as La Candelaria. This antiquated barrio is of great architectural and cultural heritage and has beautiful architecture. Visit the Plaza de Bolívar, where a statue of the great liberator Simon Bolívar is located. This Plaza, originally called the Plaza Mayor, was used for civil and military purposes, as a marketplace, a bullring and a gallows. Then visit the Museo Botero, a colonial house filled with works of art (that includes pieces by Picasso, Renoir, Dalí, Matisse, Monet and Giacometti). Next is the Museo del Oro that has a permanent exhibition of some 32,000 pieces of gold, 20,000 stones, ceramics and textiles. The Museo del Oro is considered as one of the most important museums of its type internationally and it has been functioning since 1939. Free afternoon for individual activities (we recommend visiting the city's various museums).



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Day 3: Fly from Bogota to Cartagena

Today you will be transferred to the airport for your flight to Cartagena. Upon arrival, your transfer will await to take you to your hotel

The beautiful city of Cartagena lies within massive fortifications on Colombia's northern coast. The walled city and fortress were designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1984. The old town is a maze of cobbled streets, plazas, churches and bougainvillea-covered balconies. Its rich architecture includes Spanish colonial buildings, the Palace of the Inquisition, the Clock Tower and the Castle of San Felipe de Barajas.



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Day 4: - Half Day Panoramic Cartagena Tour (Private)

Starting with a panoramic view of the city from the Monasterio and Iglesia de La Popa, you will continue to the San Felipe fortress, built on San Lázaro hill to defend the city from pirate attacks. Walk around the fortress and learn how the castle was constructed with its engineering feats, tunnels, underground galleries and passageways. Then go on to the Ciudad Vieja (Old City) to visit the Church of the San Pedro Claver compound that was built in the middle of the XVII century and owes its name to the "apóstol de los esclavos". Lastly, visit the handicrafts zone of the Bovedas, a collection of archways built into the city wall of Cartagena that were used until the end of the 1700's to house armaments and then later as a prison in the XIX century. Nowadays it's an artisan centre for local handcrafts.



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Day 5: Full Day Rosario Island & Baru Tour with lunch (Private)

All day tour by boat to the Archipelago 'Islas del Rosario' located 45km southeast, approximately one hour from Cartagena bay. The boat will leave from Cartagena pier at around 8:00am, The national park is surrounded by coral reefs and lapped by clear blue waters and is the natural habitat for a large variety of marine fauna. Three ecosystems thrive here: coastal lagoons, mangroves surrounding them and tropical forest. Free time for snorkelling and relaxation. Enjoy lunch during the tour. At around 4:00pm, the boat will leave to Cartagena pier.



Overnight in a Standard Room at Hotel Don Pedro de Heredia including breakfast.

Day 6: Return to Bogota. Optional Afternoon activities in Bogota

This morning you will be met & transfer from Tayrona to Santa Marta airport for your flight back to Bogota. Upon arrival you will be met & transfers to your hotel in Bogota. Afternoon is at leisure or why not book one of our optional tours (Additional costs apply).

Some suggestions are: A shopping tour to see some of the best Colombian designers. A gourmet tour to get in-depth into the magical world of coffee and Colombian flavours. You can visit the world famous Colombian artist exhibition, Botero's Museum. Or for those more active try our bike tour and discover Colombia's capital city on wheels. Finish the trip with a nice spa day including a chocolate treatment and hot stones massage. Activities not included. Contact us for more information about any of these options.



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Day 7: Departure Day

Depart any time. Private transfer to the airport for your flight out of Bogota.

Included: Accommodation, daily breakfast, other meals where stated, tours with professional English speaking guide on a shared service basis unless otherwise stated, airport transfers where stated, most entrance fees and local taxes (some exclusions apply).

Excluded: Any meals not mentioned in the above itinerary. Travel Insurance and tips. Any flights or services not mentioned in this itinerary.

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Hotel Information

Hotel Casa Deco

Located near the centre of Bogota, Hotel Casa Deco has a cosy and relaxing atmosphere with selected Italian furniture and sophisticated interior. This hotel has a roof terrace, where guests can enjoy drinking, and it also has a tearoom and offers a discount of gym which is neighbourhood. Guests can have an easy access to the gold and the Botero museums vanguards theatres and the cathedral situated in front of the plaza de Bolivar. In each room, private bathroom, cable TV, telephone, safety box, wi-fi and mini bar are available.



Hotel Don Pedro de Heredia

Hotel Don Pedro de Heredia has 37 elegant and comfortable rooms with city views. Amenities in each room are cable TV, safety box, air conditioning, mini bar and hairdryer. Guests can easily access to Simon Bolivar House and Museum, Puerta del Reloj, and San Pedro Claver Church and Convent, and it's near the centre of city. There is a swimming pool and lovely spa to refresh yourself, and there is also a roof-top terrace where guests can relax in a sun lounger, and guests can enjoy a panoramic view of colonial architecture and the city.



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