

COLOMBIA HIDDEN JEWEL



Day 1 : Arrive Bogota

On arrival welcome and transfer to your hotel with time to relax from the flight. Bogotá is Colombia's beating heart, an engaging and vibrant capital cradled by chilly Andean peaks and steeped in sophisticated urban cool.

Day 2 : Bogota - Yopal

After breakfast you have a coffee workshop. Learn about the recognition factor of the worldwide famous Colombian coffee. It is a tour a sensorial experience, where you get immersed into the local coffee culture. Next visit La Candelaria and Chapinero and get to know Colombia's capital. Start with the Candelaria district, undoubtedly the oldest and most important neighborhood in Bogotá. Here, a potpourri of carefully preserved colonial buildings is home to museums, restaurants, and bars, peppered amid 300-year-old houses, churches and convents. Later explore Chapinero, the most vibrant and trendy district in the city. After lunch transfer to the airport for your domestic flight to Yopal. Upon arrival transfer to your hotel.

Day 3 : Yopal Wildlife Adventure

In the morning after breakfast start your exploration of the nature reserve that is home to hundreds of capybaras, to white-tailed deer, to big cats such as pumas and jaguars, anteaters and stunning birdlife. You can observe an overwhelming number of exotic wildlife with the backdrop of the spectacular landscapes of Los Llanos and lose yourself in the surreal beauty of prairies melding with big skies. Enjoy a full day wildlife observation by jeep and on walks across the 9000-ha large private nature reserve. A delicious lunch is part of the experience here.

Day 4 : Los Llanos - Coffee Region

After an early breakfast drive to a traditional ranch. Here you get an introduction to the Llanos lifestyle and customs. Los Llanos, the plains, is a vast tropical grassland plain situated to the east of the Andes in Colombia. It is an ecoregion of the tropical and subtropical grasslands, savannas, and shrublands biome. You can enjoy a ride on horseback if you like to ride or have an easy walk and wildlife watching on foot. After lunch in the afternoon transfer to the airport for your domestic flight to the beautiful coffee region. On arrival transfer to your hotel.

Day 5 : La Carbonera Palms

Today drive with the typical Jeep Willys along the old road that connects Salento with Ibagué and Bogotá to the wax palm forest La Carbonera. It is still a very well kept secret of the country. The route offers one of the most beautiful views of the Cordillera Central and the Nevados National Park. The highest point of today's tour is at 3,340m and of course there are several stops along the way to enjoy the stunning views. After about 2 hours you reach the breathtaking wax palm forests of La Carbonera and take a short hike. Afterwards taste local snacks and have a small picnic in a typical Finca in the middle of these spectacular landscapes before returning back.

Day 6 : Coffee Farm & Barbars Bremen Reserve

Enjoy the famous coffee triangle of Colombia. The coffee cultural landscape of this region was declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 2011. Be captivated by the breathtaking mountainous green landscapes, plantations and bamboo forests. Of course, a visit to a traditional coffee finca can not be missed. Later continue to a private farm, where you see a variety of species of flowers, trees, birds, hummingbirds and howler monkeys. During the tour you can make a contribution to conservation and reforestation by planting a native tree. In the afternoon visit the village of Filandia and discover this picturesque little village.

Day 7 : Coffee Region - Cartagena

Today continue your journey to the Caribbean Coast with a domestic flight to Cartagena. On arrival transfer to your hotel. Later drive to La Boquilla, an afro descendant fishermen village that for more than 200 years until today continues the effort of cultural resistance to preserve their ancestral traditions,. The drums play a leading role in this. In a drum workshop you get a first hand knowledge of their fascinating culture and heritage. Next is "García Márquez's literary menu", a gastronomic tour in Cartagena de Indias that serves the dishes and drinks that the characters of the writer Gabriel García Márquez taste in their books while it extols the traditional cuisine of the Colombian Caribbean.

Day 8 : Las Islas

Start the day with a Chocolate tasting before you make your way to Las Islas for a snorkelling tour. In the evening an enchanting Salsa tour brings more excitement on your last night in Colombia.

Day 9 : Cartagena Departure

After breakfast transfer to the airport for your international return flight.