

Day 1 – Sat, Mar 02nd: CHINGAZA NATIONAL PARK 1

On this day, we will pick you up at your arrival time 03:40 and will take you in a 4x4 car in a 2-hrs transfer to Chingaza National Park. Once there, you will enter the Paramo ecosystem, admiring the marvelous landscapes of the place, getting explanation of the local fauna and flora and looking for the Andean bear, among other species. We can either do hikes inside the mountains or explore the place by car before having dinner and rest.



Meals: **(B/L/D)**

Hotel: **Cabins inside Chingaza National Park**

Day 2 – Sun, Mar 03rd: CHINGAZA NATIONAL PARK 2

On this day, we can optionally wake up early in the morning for a birdwatching activity. After breakfast, we will get deeper inside the national park and can either look for the Andean bear by car or by hiking different trails by the hidden spectacular landscapes of the Colombian Andes. With some luck we might see the Andean bear among other endemic species of the place. At night, we will get back to Bogota to spend the night and rest in a comfortable hotel.



Meals: **(B/L/-)**

Hotel: **Courtyard by Marriot Bogota Airport**

Day 3 – Mon, Mar 04th: AMAZON JUNGLE DAY 1

On this day, you will fly to Leticia (09:07-11:09). Once there, you will be taken in a 1-hour public boat by the Amazon River that departs at 13:30 hrs towards Calanoa reserve. You will check-in and will do some afternoon and night activities walking by the primary forest, guided by expert natives, who will take you to discover the sounds of thousands of insects, songs of frogs, owls, night monkeys, plants that bloom at night and phosphorescent mushrooms.



Meals: **(B/L/D)**

Hotel: **Calanoa Reserve Lodge**

Day 4 – Tue, Mar 05th: AMAZON JUNGLE DAY 2

On this day, you will depart to Vista Alegre, visiting a different ecosystem of the lowest lands of the peruvian side of the river. You will either walk through the forest, or if it is the season of high waters, you will navigate in canoe through the flooded forest observing birds, monkeys, sloths among other fauna. In the afternoon, visit the garden (chagra) of a traditional indigenous doctor that will guide teach you about the cultivation and the use of medicinal plants.



Meals: **(B/L/D)**

Hotel: **Calanoa Reserve Lodge**

Day 5 – Wed, Mar 06th: **AMAZON JUNGLE DAY 3**

On this day, after breakfast you will have a navigation by the Amazon River towards Puerto Nariño. Then, you will have a walking tour in this, which is the first fully sustainable town nationwide with no vehicles and a calm environment. Later on, you will have lunch and will visit the Tarapoto Lakes, where you can swim and see dolphins. Later on, you will return to Mocagua while enjoying one the common great sunsets over the Amazon jungle.



Meals: **(B/L/D)**

Hotel: **Calanoa Reserve Lodge**

Day 6 – Thu, Mar 07th: **AMAZON JUNGLE DAY 4**

On this day, if you want to get up early, we can organize bird watching activity at 5:30 am. After breakfast you will have time for a kayak activity and then you will be taken in the public boat of 11:00 AM towards Leticia. Once there you will be taken by ground to Tanimboca Ecolodge, where you will be welcomed and will have the chance to do guided afternoon a night treks by this reserve that offers different wildlife as it is located in a different ecosystem.



Meals: **(B/L/D)**

Hotel: **Tanimboca Reserve Lodge**

Day 7 – Fri, Mar 08th: **COFFEE REGION**

This day you will have a transfer to be at the airport of Leticia 2 hours before your flight first to Bogota (09:08 – 11:13) and then to Pereira (12:29 – 13:31). Once there, you will be taken to your hotel located in the rural area of Salento, where you will be surrounded by great nature and can walk by the reserve and can explore the place by yourself or take a transportation to Salento, which is a typical colorful town of the region.



Meals: **(B/L/-)**

Hotel: **Salento Real**

Day 8 – Sat, Mar 09th: **SALENTO & COCORA VALLEY**

On this day, you will have a full day tour starting at 8:00 AM from your hotel, visiting one of the most famous landscapes of Colombia: The Cocora Valley, which has the tallest palms of the world and the national tree: the Wax Palm. In the Afternoon you will have a 3-hours transfer by the marvelous mountains of the coffee region heading towards El Nido del Condor, where you will be transported in a gondola that passes through the canyon where the hotel is located.



Meals: **(B/L/D)**

Hotel: **El Nido del Condor Ecolodge**

Day 9 – Sun, Mar 10th: **EL NIDO DEL CONDOR**

On this day, you will be able to explore the various trails and attractions that exist in this reserve, which is especially famous for the conservation of the Andean Condor, which is the national bird. You will have 3 options for guided walks through the reserve where you will be supporting this project located in a canyon, surrounded by marvelous nature and with a great concept of an isolated lodge where you can also enjoy incredible views.

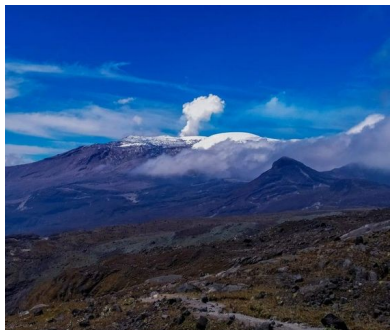


Meals: **(B/L/D)**

Hotel: **El Nido del Condor Ecolodge**

Day 10 – Mon, Mar 11th: **HACIENDA VENECIA**

On this day, you will have breakfast and after that will leave the reserve again by the gondola you entered. Then you will have a 2-hours transfer to Nevado del Huila, where you can get to see this snowcapped volcano located at 5.335 m.a.s.l. In the afternoon you will be taken in a 2-hours transfer to the lodge chosen, which is very famous for its coffee plantations, being one of the most traditional haciendas of the region.



Meals: **(B/-/-)**

Hotel: **Hacienda Venecia**

Day 11 – Tue, Mar 12th: **JARDIN**

On this day, after breakfast, you will have a 5-hours transfer to Jardin, passing by wild mountains and roads full of green landscapes. Once you arrive to the town you will check-in at the hotel and will visit some waterfalls of the region in the region, where you can enjoy the pristine nature of this unspoiled destination, where with some luck you can observe the Andean cock-of-the-rock, which is the most famous local bird.



Meals: **(B/L/-)**

Hotel: **Plantacion Hotel**

Day 12 – Wed, Mar 13th: **MEDELLIN**

On this day, after breakfast you will have a 4 hours ground transfer to Medellin. Once there, you will be welcomed and taken to your hotel located in El Poblado neighborhood, a great area of this city, which is easy to get by and you will have a free afternoon. Your hotel also has one of the greatest restaurants of the city and there are nice places to visit in this, which is named the eternal-spring city due to its great weather all year round.



Meals: **(B/-/-)**

Hotel: **El Cielo hotel**

Day 13 – Thu, Mar 14th: MEDELLIN HIGHLIGHTS + COMUNA 13

On this day, you will have a full day tour starting at your hotel at 9:00 AM by some of the most famous spots of the city such as Botero Museum, Pueblito Paisa, the Lights square, among others. In the afternoon, you will visit Comuna 13, which is one of the most famous activities in this city, where you can see the transformation and evolution from a violence past to a modern city before getting back to the hotel.



Meals: **(B/L/-)**

Hotel: **El Cielo hotel**

Day 14 – Fri, Mar 15th: FLIGHT TO SANTA MARTA

On this day, you will have a free morning before your transfer to be at the airport of Medellín 2 hours before your flight to Santa Marta (13:43-15:00). Once there, you will have a 1-hour transfer from the airport to your ecolodge located next to Tayrona National. Your hotel has a great pool and it is next to a pristine beach that you can enjoy in the afternoon at leisure.



Meals: **(B/-/-)**

Hotel: **Casa Barlovento**

Day 15 – Sat, Mar 16th: TAYRONA NATIONAL PARK

On this day, you will have a transfer at 8:00 AM to Tayrona National Park, where you will begin a guided hike along its trails, where you will be able to appreciate its rocky landscapes and wild beaches. With a little luck you will be able to see some fauna along the way and contemplate the unique landscape of this place until you reach the famous San Juan del Guía cape. In the afternoon you will return by walk and then by vehicle to the hotel.



Meals: **(B/L/-)**

Hotel: **Casa Barlovento**

Day 16 – Sun, Mar 17th: DAY AT LEISURE

On this day, you will have a free day at leisure, where you can decide to choose between a visit to several indigenous communities like Katanzama, Mulkwuakungui or Gotsezhy, have a tour by Tayronaca & Don Diego River, or simply relax at your hotel which has a nice pool, options of spa, great views in front of the Caribbean sea, great wild beaches next to Tayrona National Park and surrounded by great nature.



Meals: **(B/-/-)**

Hotel: **Casa Barlovento**

Day 17 – Mon, Mar 18th: EL DORADO LODGE – MINCA 1

On this day, you will be picked up at 9:00 AM and will have a 3-hours transfer to El Dorado lodge, located in the Sierra Nevada of Santa Marta, which has the highest mountains next to the ocean in the world. First you will pass by Minca and then you will head to the reserve located at 1.695 m.a.s.l. You will have guide the whole day in order to do wildlife observation along the way from the sea level to the elevation of the reserve.



Meals: **(B/L/D)**
Hotel: **El Dorado Lodge**

Day 18 – Tue, Mar 19th: EL DORADO LODGE – MINCA 2

On this day, we will wake up at 4:30 AM in order to take your to Cuchilla de San Lorenzo located at more than 2.100 m.a.s.l. with the chance to observe different bird species due to the elevation of the area. During the rest of the day, we will continue exploring the very well-preserved jungle with several butterflies, reptiles, birds, waterfalls and pristine nature in this special biodiversity spot between the snow-capped tropical mountains and the ocean.



Meals: **(B/L/D)**
Hotel: **El Dorado Lodge**

Day 19 – Wed, Mar 20th: EL DORADO LODGE – MINCA 3

On this day, you will have a second guided birdwatching activity in this reserve, which is one most famous nationwide for this activity, due to its geographical location and well-preserved ecosystems, having 420 species and 15 of them in critical danger of extinction. During the rest of the day, you can enjoy the great landscapes of the place and do optionally some hikes, before being having a 3-hours transfer to your hotel in Santa Marta.



Meals: **(B/L/-)**
Hotel: **Casa de Leda Boutique by Kali hotels**

Day 20 – Thu, Mar 21st: STILT TOWNS + CARTAGENA

On this day, you will be picked up at 6:00 AM and will have a 1-hour transfer to Nueva Venecia, which is a stilt town declared world heritage by UNESCO located in Ciénaga Grande de Santa Marta. There you can see how locals have lived for centuries with a very close relationship with the water and nature there. You can see some wildlife and also see how fishermen and the communities live in stilt houses before having a 3-hours transfer to Cartagena.



Meals: **(B/L/-)**
Hotel: **Bantu by Faranda Boutique**

Day 21 – Fri, Mar 22th: **CARTAGENA**

On this day, you will have a 4-hours city-tour starting at 9:00 AM, visiting the main spots of the city of Cartagena, which has a strong heritage of Spanish architecture mixed with the colors and vibes of Caribbean vibes. You will have a free afternoon and night in order to discover the secrets of the walled city by yourself, walk by its cobblestone streets, watch its colorful balconies and enjoy the Caribbean atmosphere of the place.



Meals: **(B/-/-)**

Hotel: **Bantu by Faranda boutique hotel**

Day 22 – Sat, Mar 23th: **FLIGHT OUT**

This day you will have breakfast at the hotel and you will have the free day to enjoy the city. You will be taken to the airport of Cartagena in order to be 2 hours before your flight to Bogota (17:13–18:44). Once there, you can wait for your international flight to leave the country.



Meals: **(B/-/-)**

INCLUDES

LODGING

4+ stars hotels, boutique hotels and ecolodges in standard rooms

ROOMS

- Calanoa Reserve Lodge: Araza cabin.
- Tanimboca Lodge: Tree house cabin.
- Salento Real: Suite Santa Isabel.
- Nido del Condor Ecolodge: Private double glamping tent
- Hacienda Venecia: Standard double room.
- Plantacion Hotel: Standard double room.
- El Cielo hotel: Premium king double room.
- Casa Barlovento: Superior Suite.
- El Dorado Lodge: Rainforest double room.
- Casa de Leda: Standard double room.
- Bantú by Faranda Boutique: Premium king double room.

ACTIVITIES

All the activities mentioned in the plan, all in private tours and transportations, except when necessary.

MEALS

- 22 Breakfasts, 16 Lunches and 9 dinners

TRANSPORTATION

- All land/sea transportation in private vehicles or shared, when necessary, for transfers like the ones in the Amazon River and the boat to Isla Palma.
- All internal flights within the country with the following conditions:
 - 10kg handbag + 23 kgs with LATAM – AVIANCA airlines

FLIGHTS INCLUDED

- 04/03/2024 BOG – LET (09:07-11:09) AVIANCA AV9486
- 06/03/2024 LET – BOG (09:08 - 11:13) AVIANCA AV9487 + BOG – PEI (12:29-13:31) AVIANCA AV 8503
- 15/03/2024 MDE-SMR (13:43-15:00) AVIANCA AV 8406
- 23/03/2024 CTG-BOG (17:13-18:44) AVIANCA AV 9551

GUIDANCE

English speaking guides throughout the trip for all activities.

Full 24/7 bilingual concierge available for monitoring the whole experience and solve requests and comments from the passengers.

1 SIM Card with unlimited data for each passenger with 30GB of data

NOT INCLUDED.

- Activities or elements not described in the plan.
- Additional drinks.
- Tips, snacks and souvenirs.
- Personal items not described in the itinerary.
- International flights.

RECOMMENDATIONS

WEATHER CONDITIONS, CONNECTIVITY & BILINGUISM

It is necessary to be properly prepared for the weather conditions on the travel dates, which are detailed below:

You will visit several rural areas, where communications might be difficult and also you need to take into account that not everywhere you can find bilingual staff or people at the destinations.

Chingaza National Park (Mar 02-03):

Temp. Min: 6°C Max: 14°C, slightly humid climate / (3000-3600 m.a.s.l.)
No phone signal and broken wi-fi.
You will have a bilingual guide but locals do not speak English.

Leticia (Mar 04-07):

Temp. Min: 12°C Max: 22°C, Vey humid climate / (100 m.a.s.l.)
No phone signal and broken wi-fi.
You will have a bilingual guide but locals do not speak English.

Salento & Cocora Valley (Mar 08-09):

Temp. Min: 14°C Max: 25°C, slightly humid climate / (1900-2100 m.a.s.l.)
Good phone signal and good wi-fi.
You will have a bilingual guide for Cocora valley and few locals speak English or just the basics at the hotel.

Nido del Condor Lodge (Mar 10-11):

No phone signal and good wi-fi.
Temp. Min: 8°C Max: 18°C, slightly humid climate / (2700 m.a.s.l.)
You will have a bilingual guide but locals do not speak English.

Jardin (Mar 12):

Temp. Min: 17°C Max: 27°C, slightly humid climate / (1750 m.a.s.l.)
Good phone signal and good wi-fi.
You will have a bilingual guide but locals do not speak English.

Medellín (Mar 13-14):

Temp. Min: 17°C Max: 27°C, slightly humid climate / (1495 m.a.s.l.)

You will have a bilingual guide and some locals speak English with bilingual staff at the hotel.

Tayrona National Park & surroundings (Mar 15-17):

Temp. Min: 17°C Max: 27°C, slightly humid climate / (0-100 m.a.s.l.)
Appropriate phone signal and good wi-fi.
You will have a bilingual guide but locals do not speak English, having staff at the hotel with just to communicate in english.

El Dorado Lodge (Mar 18-20):

Temp. Min: 17°C Max: 27°C, slightly humid climate / (900-2100 m.a.s.l.)
No phone signal and broken wi-fi.
You will have a bilingual guide but locals do not speak English.

Cartagena (Mar 21-23):

Temp. Min: 24°C Max: 32°C, humid climate / (3000-3600 m.a.s.l.)
Good phone signal and good wi-fi.
You will have a bilingual guide and many locals speak fluent English.

**March is one of the driest months in Colombia where it is expected to have little rain throughout the territory, however you should be prepared for possible isolated rains.*

PLUG TYPE

- Voltage: 110V
- Frequency: 60 Hz
- Plugs: Type A / B

CURRENCY: Colombian Peso (COP) 1 USD = 3.800 COP aprox.

It is advisable to carry cash for extra expenses during the trip since in some areas access to ATMs and dataphones may be limited or non existant:

- Chingaza National Park
- Amazon Jungle
- Nido del Condor Lodge
- Tayrona National Park
- El Dorado Lodge

PHONE SIGNAL & WIFI

Chingaza National Park:

Leticia: No phone signal and broken wi-fi

Nido del Condor Lodge (Mar 10-11):

Temp. Min: 8°C Max: 18°C, slightly humid climate / (2700 m.a.s.l.)

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Tayrona National Park & surroundings (Mar 15-17):

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El Dorado Lodge (Mar 18-20):

Temp. Min: 17°C Max: 27°C, slightly humid climate / (900-2100 m.a.s.l.)

Cartagena (Mar 21-23):

Temp. Min: 24°C Max: 32°C, humid climate / (3000-3600 m.a.s.l.)

REDUCTION OF WASTE GENERATION

We promote the reduction of waste generation from single-use plastics, so we recommend bringing your own non-disposable rigid container to refill water in hotels, especially for days when outdoor activities are planned.

VACCINES

Currently, there is no major outbreak of contagious disease or mosquito transmission in the areas to be visited. However, if there is an outbreak or important biological risk in the destinations to be visited, it will be informed in a timely manner prior to the trip.

Vaccines are not mandatory, but in the case of traveling to the jungle regions of the Pacific and the Amazon it is advisable to have the yellow fever vaccine at least 10 days before the trip:
<https://colombia.travel/en/practical-information/health-and-vaccines>

TIPPING

- Tipping is not mandatory, but if you consider you can tip the guides with an amount from 50.000 to 100.000 COP (12 to 25 USD aprox.) per day of service.
- At the restaurants the suggested tip is 10% of the service.

WHAT TO TAKE?

- Appropriate clothing for weather conditions.
- Long-sleeved shirts to avoid sunburn during outdoor activities and mosquito bites.
- Comfortable pants for outdoor activities.
- Appropriate footwear for the different proposed activities.
- Swimsuit, beach towel and water shoes.
- Protection for electronic devices since they may be susceptible to damage due to humidity and/or rain in the regions to visit.
- It is advisable to bring binoculars and/or cameras for wildlife observation.
- Sunscreen and mosquito repellent.
- Cap and/or sun protection for the head.
- Special personal medicines.
- Personal medical insurance.
- Personal documents.

PLEASE INFORM IN ADVANCE ABOUT

- Food restrictions and/or preferences.
- Important illnesses to take into account, disabilities, allergies and/or other medical conditions that may affect the development of activities.
- Special requirements for the trip within the reach of our logistics.