

Day 1 – Wed, Jul 24th: FLIGHT TO COLOMBIA

On this day, you will fly directly to Bogota by AVIANCA AIRLINES in the flight AV121 at 22:40 hrs (GMT-00:00 time)



Meals: (-/-/-)

Hotel: **Four Seasons Casa Medina**

Day 2 – Thu, Jul 25th: WELCOMING IN BOGOTA

We will be waiting for you at your arrival time at El Dorado Airport in Bogota: 03:20 (GMT-05:00 time). We will pick you up and will take you to the hotel where you will have an early check-in. You will have the rest of the day at leisure. At the end of the day a person from our team will give you a briefing of the whole experience with some advices and recommendations for a pleasant trip. Subsequently, you will have time for dinner and rest.



Meals: (B/-/-)

Hotel: **Four Seasons Casa Medina**

Day 3 – Fri, Jul 26th: BOGOTA CITY-TOUR

On this day, after breakfast, you will have a private full day city-tour of 7 hours approx., starting at 09:00 AM at the lobby of the hotel. You will visit the most iconic spots of the capital of Colombia, first visiting Monserrate church located at 3.100 m.a.s.l. and having lunch there with a great view of the city. In the afternoon, you will visit La Candelaria neighborhood, its main spots and the iconic Gold Museum of Bogota, before being taken back to the hotel.



Meals: (B/L/-)

Hotel: **Four Seasons Casa Medina**

Day 4 – Sat, Jul 27th: GUATAVITA LAGOON + ZIPAQUIRÁ

On this day, after breakfast, you will be picked up at 8:00 AM in order to have a full day private tour visiting the 2 most iconic attractions of the surrounding area of Bogota: Guatavita lagoon, where you will learn about the origin of El Dorado legend and then will visit Zipaquirá Salt cathedral, which is an underground roman catholic church built within the tunnels of a salt mine. At the end of the day, you will be taken to Villa de Leyva in a 2-hours private transfer.



Meals: (B/L/-)

Hotel: **Plazuela de San Agustín**

Day 5 – Sun, Jul 28th: VILLA DE LEYVA

After breakfast, you will have a private full day tour visiting the most traditional places in of this colonial town. First, you will have a guided walk in the urban area of the municipality and visiting its museums. Then we will continue visiting several places on the outskirts of Villa de Leyva such as Santo Ecce Homo Convent, Casa Terracotta, the Blue lagoons, the Paleontological Research Centre and the Fossil Museum before getting back to the hotel.



Meals: **(B/L/-)**
Hotel: **Plazuela de San Agustín**

Day 6 – Mon, Jul 29th: RAQUIRA & LA CANDELARIA DESERT

On this day, after breakfast, you will check out and will start a tour by La Candelaria desert, Patio de las Brujas and the picturesque little town of Raquira, famous for its crafts. You will also visit the olive plantation site where we will take a short tour to learn about the history of this tree in the region before heading back to Bogota in a 3.5 hours transfer where you will be dropped at your hotel next to the airport.



Meals: **(B/L/-)**
Hotel: **Courtyard by Marriot BOG Airport**

Day 7 – Tue, Jul 30th: AMAZON JUNGLE DAY 1

On this day, you will fly to Leticia (08:10-10:14). Once there, you will be taken in a public boat by the Amazon River that departs at 11:00 AM towards the Calanao 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 and night monkeys, plants that bloom at night and phosphorescent mushrooms.



Meals: **(B/L/D)**
Hotel: **Calanao Reserve Lodge**

Day 8 – Wed, Jul 31th: 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: **Calanao reserve Lodge**

Day 9 – Thu, Aug 01st: 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**

Day 10 – Fri, Aug 02nd: AMAZON JUNGLE DAY 4

On this day, if you want to get up early, we can organize bird watching activity at 5:30 am. Return to Leticia on the first public boat of the morning, at 7:30am. Once at Leticia, you will have a tour by the city and the Ethnographic Museum of the Bank of the Republic. You will be taken to the airport 2 hours before your flight to Bogota (12:15-14:15). Once at the capital you will be taken to your hotel located next to the airport.



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

Hotel: **Courtyard by Marriot BOG Airport**

Day 11 – Sat, Aug 03rd: CAÑO CRISTALES DAY 1

On this day, you will have a charter flight to La Macarena town scheduled at 06:30 AM. Once there you will be welcomed by the local team and receive guidelines from the local Authorities to visit the attractions of whole region. You will visit Caño Cristalitos, the lookout of the Sierra de La Macarena and after that will arrive to La Manigua Lodge where you will check in and will have a monkey sighting inside this private protected area.



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

Hotel: **La Manigua Lodge**

Day 12 – Sun, Aug 04th: CAÑO CRISTALES DAY 2

On this day, you will have your first visit to the main river of Caño Cristales: firstly, you will have a 15 minutes boat ride and then a 30 minutes transfer in a 4x4 car. Once there, you will start one of the hikes by this 5-colors river, which is unique in the world. There are different routes that are assigned by environmental authorities according to the physical level of the group. At the end of the day, you will return to La Manigua Lodge.



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

Hotel: **La Manigua Lodge**

Day 13 – Mon, Aug 05th: CAÑO CRISTALES DAY 3 + MEDELLIN

On this day, you can do a sunrise activity at 5:00 AM, then will have breakfast, and after that you will be taken to La Macarena Airport in order to take a direct flight to Medellin (11:10-12:45). Once there, you will be received at the airport and taken to your hotel located in El Poblado neighborhood, a great area of this city, having the afternoon at leisure, having also time to enjoy “La Feria de las Flores” carnival that takes place during these days.



Meals: **(B/-/-)**
Hotel: **El Cielo hotel**

Day 10 – Tue, Aug 06th: 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 and will get back to the hotel.



Meals: **(B/L/-)**
Hotel: **El Cielo hotel**

Day 15 – Wed, Aug 07th: FREE DAY IN MEDELLIN

On this day, you will have a full day at leisure in order to explore Medellín “which is named the eternal-spring city”, where you can enjoy its weather, but also, you coincidentally will be in the times of the “Feria de las flores (flower’s carnival)”, which is the main carnival of the city where you will definitely have several activities and options to enjoy this day at your own pass.



Meals: **(B/L/-)**
Hotel: **El Cielo hotel**

Day 16 – Thu, Aug 08th: BAHÍA SOLANO DAY 1

On this day, you will have direct 45-minutes flight from Medellin to Bahía Solano (11:30-12:30). You will be welcomed by the local team that will take you to the hotel in front of the beach where you will check-in. Once there, you will have lunch and some free time to enjoy the wild beaches of the region. Later on, we will have a jungle hike looking for continental wildlife such as frogs, monkeys, among other species.



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

Day 17 – Fri, Aug 09th: BAHÍA SOLANO DAY 2

On this day, after breakfast you will have a 3 hours whale-watching activity in the ocean in this month, which is probably the best one for this activity with the guidance of an expert bilingual biologist. In the afternoon, you will visit the Olive ridley sea turtle conservation project, where you can do a liberation activity of baby turtles and with some luck you can observe the mother turtles nesting.



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

Day 18 – Sat, Aug 10th: BAHÍA SOLANO DAY 3

On this day, you will have a 1-hour boat transfer towards Utria National Park, where you will explore the very well-preserved mangroves ecosystems of the protected area. You will also have time to enjoy the great diverse dark and white sand beaches of the national park, while learning about the conservation efforts of the local authorities. In the afternoon you will be taken back to the hotel.



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

Day 19 – Sun, Aug 11th: BAHÍA SOLANO DAY 4 + COFFEE REGION

On this day, you can optionally wake up early in the morning in order to see birds or just have time to enjoy the ocean. After that you will have breakfast and will be taken to the airport of Bahía Solano 2 hours before your flight back to Medellín (10:20-11:09), where you will connect for a flight to Pereira (12:50-13:35). Once there, you will have a private transfer to Hacienda Venecia, where you will spend the night.



Meals: **(B/L/-)**
Hotel: **Hacienda Venecia**

Day 20 – Mon, Aug 12th: HACIENDA VENECIA

This day you will have a coffee tour where you will learn about the origin and history this fruit, its global distribution, the different varieties and qualities of Colombian coffee, as well as its aromas and properties. You will walk around the plantation to learn more about growing, harvesting, roasting, preparation and will finish with a tasting of a great cup of coffee by this traditional hacienda. In the afternoon you will have a rum tasting activity.



Meals: **(B/L/-)**
Hotel: **Hacienda Venecia**

Day 21 – Tue, Aug 13th: EL NIDO DEL CONDOR 1

After breakfast, you will be taken to El Nido del Condor reserve, where you will be transported in a gondola that passes through a canyon where the hotel is located and you will have the late afternoon and evening to enjoy this natural reserve, which is a place located the mountains of the coffee region with astonishing views and landscapes and home of a population of Andean condors. You will sleep in luxury comfortable tents surrounded by great nature.



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

Hotel: **El Nido del Condor Ecolodge**

Day 22 – Wed, Aug 14th: EL NIDO DEL CONDOR 2

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, which have different levels of difficulty with the possibility of visiting the condor nests and different walks to 2 rivers that surround the area and/or arrange activities directly with hotel for additional cost.



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

Hotel: **El Nido del Condor Ecolodge**

Day 23 – Thu, Aug 15th: SALENTO

On this day, after breakfast you will check out and will have a 3.5 hours transfer to Salento, which is one of the most famous colonial towns of the country. You will check-in at the hotel and will have time for lunch. In the afternoon, you will have a guided short walk by the town where you will see its main spots, colorful houses and colonial heritage before visiting the lookout of the town where you can enjoy a great cup of local coffee.



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

Hotel: **Casa de las Dos Palmas Boutique hotel**

Day 24 – Fri, Aug 16th: COCORA VALLEY

On this day, you will have a full day tour starting at 9:00 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 enjoy a typical lunch while enjoying the unique landscapes of the place, with the option of visiting Acaime hummingbird reserve where you can see several different species of these birds in its feeders.



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

Hotel: **Casa de las Dos Palmas Boutique hotel**

Day 25 – Sat, Aug 17th: CARTAGENA

On this day, you will have a free morning at leisure at this charming town, before having a 1-hour transfer to be at the airport of Pereira 2 hours before your flight to Cartagena (14:06-15:26). Once there, you will have a private transfer to your hotel. You will have the afternoon walking tour by the walled city, exploring its cobblestone streets, watching the colorful balconies and discovering the secrets of this famous colonial city that used to be an Spaniard fortress.



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

Hotel: **Casa Don Luis by Faranda Boutique.**

Day 26 – Sun, Aug 18th: SAN FELIPE CASTLE & MAINSPOTS

On this day, you will have a 4-hours city-tour starting at 9:00 AM, visiting the San Felipe castle and the main spots of the city of Cartagena, which outside the walled city offers diverse attractions along with the colors, energy and Caribbean vibes. You will have a free afternoon and night in order to enjoy the city by yourself with several optional activities to do in that city.



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

Hotel: **Casa Don Luis by Faranda Boutique.**

Day 27 – Mon, Aug 19th: ROSARIO ISLANDS DAY 1

On this day you will be transported to arrive at 1:30 p.m. to the La Bodeguita pier, where you will have a shared boat transportation to reach the most famous hotel in the Rosario Islands, where you will enjoy its crystal-clear waters. You will have the afternoon at leisure to enjoy the Caribbean Sea, the private cabins and the hotel's beautiful private beaches where you can optionally arrange activities directly with hotel.



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

Hotel: **Las Islas Baru**

Day 28 – Tue, Aug 20th: ROSARIO ISLANDS DAY 2

This day will be completely free to enjoy the Las Islas hotel, which is considered one of the best hotels in Colombia, with its private beaches and where snorkels, kayaks, and paddle boards will be available or you will be able to hire one of the different motorized activities that can be done on the island, in an exclusive environment in the Caribbean Sea.



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

Hotel: **Las Islas Baru**

Day 29 – Wed, Aug 21st: ROSARIO ISLANDS DAY 3

On this day, you will have the morning at leisure to enjoy the island and your last full day in Colombia. You will have again snorkels, kayaks and paddle boards available or you can hire different optional activities on site. At noon, you will have a shared boat transportation back to Cartagena where you will be taken back to your hotel. Once in the city we suggest you to book in advance a farewell dinner at one of the many great restaurants of Cartagena.



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

Hotel: **Casa Don Luis by Faranda boutique**

DAY 30 – Thu, Aug 22nd: FLIGHT OUT COLOMBIA

On this day, you will have breakfast at the hotel, and you will be taken to the international airport of Cartagena in order to be 2 hours before your connection flight to El Dorado Airport of Bogota (15:29-16:59). You will directly flight from El Dorado airport of Bogota to London by AVIANCA AIRLINES AV120 scheduled at 23:15 (GMT-05:00 time)



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

DAY 31 – Fri, Aug 23th: ARRIVAL TO LONDON

On this day, you will arrive at LONDON HEATHROW at 15:35 (GMT-00:00 time)



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

TOUR DESCRIPTION

This tour is designed for wildlife lovers by some of the best spots in Colombia to observe fauna & flora while also visiting the highlight destinations and main cities nationwide. Our country is known for being the 2nd most biodiverse country in the world, and the first if we measure it per square kms. This is not very demanding physically, but has some hikes, and you need to be prepared to different boat and 4x4 transportations.

Here you can expect to see great wildlife, some of it endemic. The destinations chosen are normally away from mass tourism and you can get a deeper contact with rural communities and very well-preserved ecosystems, visiting the Amazon jungle, the unique rainbow river of Caño Cristales, the Colombian Pacific Coast, the Coffee region and ending in the colonial city of Cartagena and the great beaches of its surrounding islands.

DATES: JULY 24th to August 23th, 2024

GROUP SIZE 2 pax

Starting point: BOGOTÁ, COLOMBIA

Ending point: BOGOTÁ, COLOMBIA

Physical requirement: 3*

Comfortability level: 4+*

INCLUDES

LODGING

4+ stars hotels, boutique hotels and private natural reserves.

ROOMS

- **Four Seasons Casa Medina:** Superior double room.
- **Plazuela de San Agustín:** Suite double room.
- **Courtyard by Marriot BOG Airport:** Superior double room.
- **Calanoa Reserve Lodge:** Junior Suite Agua with river view.
- **La Manigua Lodge:** Standard private double cabin.
- **El Cielo Hotel:** Standard double suite.
- **Boato hotel:** La Aquia Deluxe room
- **El Almejal Lodge:** Superior double room
- **Hacienda Venecia:** The hummingbird double room
- **El Nido del Condor Ecolodge:** Private double glampling tent
- **Casa de las Dos Palmas Boutique hotel:** Deluxe double room
- **Casa Don Luis by Faranda Boutique:** Standard double King room
- **Las Islas Barú:** Private double bungalow

ACTIVITIES

All the activities mentioned in the plan, all in private tours and transportations, except when necessary for activities like whale-watching activity.

MEALS

- 29 Breakfasts, 20 Lunches and 9 dinners

TRANSPORTATION

- All land/sea transportation in private vehicles, except when necessary for some boat trips in the Amazon river, the Pacific and the Caribbean coast:
 - Boat transportation by the Amazon River from Leticia to Calanao lodge on day 7th (can be done privately for an extra cost)
 - Boat transportation by the Amazon River from Calanao lodge to Leticia on day 10th (can be done privately for an extra cost)
 - Boat transportation from El Peñol to the hotel inside Guatapé on day 15th (can be done privately for an extra cost)
 - Whale-watching tour on day 17th
 - Boat transportation from Cartagena to Las Islas Baru hotel on day 27th (can be done by helicopter for an extra cost)
 - Boat transportation from Las Islas Baru hotel to Cartagena on day 29th (can be done by helicopter for an extra cost)
- All internal flights within the country with the following conditions:
 - 10kg handbag + 23 kgs with LATAM – AVIANCA airlines
 - 5kg handbag + 15 kgs luggage for CLIC, SATENA & Charter flights *(where we add weight at no additional cost up to 23 kg of luggage exclusively at the airport before flight check-in and when there are no flight advisory weight restrictions)*

FLIGHTS INCLUDED

- 30/07/2024 BOG – LET (08:12-10:14) LATAM LA 4042
- 02/08/2024 LET – BOG (12:15-14:15) LATAM LA 4043
- 03/08/2024 BOG - LMC (06:30-07:30) Charter flight
- 05/08/2024 LMC - EOH (11:10-12:45) CLIC VE7879
- 08/08/2024 EOH - BSC (10:25-11:25) CLIC VE7862
- 11/08/2024 BSC - EOH (10:20-11:09) SATENA 9R8603 + EOH - PEI (12:50-13:35) CLIC VE9056
- 17/08/2024 PEI - CTG (14:06-15:26) AVIANCA AV8460
- 22/08/2024 CTG - BOG (15:29-16:59) AVIANCA AV9793

GUIDANCE

English speaking guides throughout the trip for all activities in private tours.

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

2 SIM Cards with unlimited 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.