

# COLOMBIA TRADITIONAL 2019

## 10 Days Bogota – Paisaje – Cultural Cafetero - Cartagena

The program is valid for the period of 11 Jan/ 2019 to 11 Jan /2020 (except Easter Week or Christmas Season or Events)

### Day 1. BOGOTA- City Tour.

Arrival at the El Dorado International Airport (or airlift) and transfer to the hotel. After check-in you will enjoy a sightseeing half day tour to the historic center known as La Candelaria. This antiquated barrio is of great architectural and cultural heritage and is made up of old "stately homes" or large Spanish colonial buildings with iron windows, thick and sturdy wooden doors, balconies and internal patios with beautiful yet hidden gardens. Visit the Plaza de Bolívar, the Cathedral, on the eastern side of the plaza, is constructed on the remains of the first church built in Bogotá in 1539 and houses an important collection of religious artefacts such as textiles and artwork that has built over four centuries. The Capilla del Sagrario is located just beside the Cathedral and is a gem of religious architecture and which houses valuable pieces of colonial religious art by Gregorio Vasquez de Arce y Ceballos. The Capitol, built between 1847 and 1926, shows its renaissance and neoclassical influences with its carved stonework and tall columns and, it is the first republican piece of civil architecture. The central area of the Capitol, known as the Salon Eliptico, is where congress meets and is the actual chamber for politicians and the Senate. In the internal plazas are busts of former presidents such as General Tomás Cipriano Mosquera, president on four occasions, and Rafael Núñez, the composer of the Colombian national anthem. Around the Plaza de Bolívar are the Palacio de Justicia, the Mayor of Bogotá's offices called the Edificio Liévano, the oldest school in the county called San Bartolome and the Casa de los Comuneros who participated towards the end of the XVII Century in some of the first movements towards independence from Spain and the formation of the Republic. The visit continues with the Museo del Oro (closed on Mondays) which has a permanent exhibition of some 32,000 pieces of gold, 20,000 stones, ceramics and textiles all precious to the Quimbaya, Calima, Tayrona, Sinu, Muisca, Tolima, Tumaco and Magdalena cultures. The Museo del Oro is considered as one of the most important museums of its type internationally and it has been functioning since 1939. End the visit in the Santuario de Monserrate, a symbol of Bogotá.

Return to the hotel.

### Day 2. BOGOTA.

Breakfast at the hotel. Then we will start a tour to Zipaquirá and Guatavita, The first place will be Guatavita Lagoon, Toward to Northeast of Bogota just to 75 kilometers, on the North motorway is found the Guatavita town, the lagoon has the same name, has a historic and recognized legend "el dorado", it's great Indigenous past, then you will have a typical lunch and continue the tour to the Salt Cathedral of Zipaquirá, one of the most content-richness tourist sightseeing with a great architectural, archaeological and cultural value; Salt Cathedral is built in the architectural Socavón of a salt mine 180 Meters deep; Chapel Diocesan Colombia declared a National Monument and other sites of interest.

Tour Includes: Private transportation, entrance to the Cathedral, Guatavita Lagoon and Guide and typical lunch, at the afternoon return to hotel.

### Day 3. BOGOTA.

Breakfast at the hotel. Around 8:00 am, our guide will meet you at the hotel and you go to the Villa de Leyva, you will enjoy a panoramic visit and museum entrance Acuña, Acuña, a known artist who worked with the technique Bachue, he wrote allegorical paintings of pre-colonial era. Then on the way to Bogota, you will see a bridge Boyacá, where there was a battle, to free this territory from the Spanish rulers. Return to the hotel.

### Day 4. BOGOTA- TRIANGULO DEL CAFE.

Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to the airport of Bogota to take the flight to Pereira. After arrival we start to learn Morelia Farm, one of the best places in coffee production zone in Colombia. In the midst of coffee plantations and surrounded by a magical landscape, you will discover the magic of the coffee, enjoy a delicious coffee drink and will learn about the coffee process from planting, harvesting to collecting and sorting, about aroma, color and production, and the importance of elements such as land, water, sun and shade. In the late afternoon return to the hotel.

#### **Day 5. CULTURAL LANDSCAPE CAFETERO**

Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to the typical village of Pijao in the department of Quindío. We continue towards Pijao where we will have the reception in the coffee of the Forest by a specialized local guide with whom we embark the tour by the four historical houses more emblematic of the Pijao where we enter and we interact with the families of each house, and enjoy their beautiful gardens. And the pride of the housewives is their traditional furniture. At noon, enjoy a delicious gastronomic experience having lunch (Includes: entrance, fort, dessert, drink and coffee) Then walk along its colonial streets, craft workshops with typical architecture, visit the viewpoint of Quindío. Return to the hotel.

#### **Day 6. PAISAJE CULTURAL CAFETERO- Salento y Valle del Cocora- Cartagena**

Departure from the hotel very early to start Eco tour to the Cocora Valley located in the department of Quindío. On the way you can admire a beautiful landscape. Once you reach the Valley, there will be a cocktail reception (Canelazo) and assistance by an expert guide, The Forest of fog where you can meet and appreciate the diversity of fauna and flora. When returning and crossing the River Quindío, we will walk along an ecological path with highest wax palms. We will also have a tour to Salento, crafts street, During the lunch we will taste the regional food. In the afternoon return to the hotel.

Transfer to the airport of Pereira to take the flight to Cartagena. Arrival in the airport of Cartagena and transfer to the hotel.

#### **Day 7. CARTAGENA- City Tour.**

Breakfast at the hotel.

In the afternoon we are going to the sightseeing Shuttle Tour.

The tour begins with panoramic view from 'La Popa' Monastery and Church. Continue to "San Felipe" castle-fortress built on "San Lázaro" hill to defend the city from pirate attacks. Walk-around the fortress and see the castle tunnels, underground galleries and passageways. Continue to Walled City, go to 'the Vaults', archways built within the walled-city used until late 1700s to store armament and later as prison in the XIX century. Nowadays, it's an artisans' center to appreciate local handcrafts.

Return to the hotel.

#### **Day 8. CARTAGENA.**

Breakfast at the hotel. In the morning we will go to the ethno-tourist trip in La Boquilla, visit the African folk fishermen, take a walk with a view to find a 250-year history of this nation with its distinctive traditions. We also learn about the cuisine of Cartagena and enjoy a traditional food (seafood, rice with coconut, Patacona and drink)

In the afternoon return to the hotel.

#### **Day 9. CARTAGENA.**

Breakfast in Hotel. Free time for discovery new places in Cartagena.

**CARTAGENA** Colombia's most popular city Cartagena de Indias was declared by UNESCO a World Heritage Site because of its colonial walled city; and just walking through to its cozy narrow streets is enough to understand why. It is divided into three sightseeing zones: the Historic Centre with Clock Gate, Carriage Square, San Peter Square, Palace of the Inquisition, The Cathedral, dating back to the 16th century, Santo Domingo Square, the Heredia Theatre and masterpiece San Felipe de Barajas Castle, built between 1639 and 1762 which is the greatest fortress ever built by the Spanish. The San Diego zone, with its enchanting Hotel Santa Clara, formerly Convent of the Saint Claire

Order and Las Bóvedas The Vaults by the Santa Catalina Fortress and Getsemaní; the zone used to be a slave neighborhood and now hosts Cartagena's Convention Center and popular nightlife clubs. The real joy of Cartagena is exploring it's exhilarating narrow streets by foot or on a horse-carriage, an experience that awakens all senses with the flavors and warm breeze of its sunset, making it an incredibly romantic destination and the most fascinating Caribbean hidden treasure.

### Day 10. CARTAGENA.

Breakfast in the hotel, Transfer to the airport for your flight home.

### The price of the program for 1 pax in \$ USD:

BOGOTA-COFFEE LANDCAPE-CARTAGENA					
Lodging Bogotá	Lodging Pereira	Lodging Cartagena	SGL	DBL	TPL
Hotel Metrotel	Abadia Plaza	Corales de indias	\$ 4305	\$ 2352	\$ 2023
Estelar Windsor House	Sonesta	Capilla del Mar	\$ 4734	\$ 2570	\$ 2133
Estelar La Fontana	Casa San Carlos Lodge	Tcherassi SPA	\$ 5609	\$ 3719	N/A

### The price of the program includes:

- ✓ Daily breakfast
- ✓ All the transfers according to the program
- ✓ Excursions according to the program

### The price of the program does not include:

- Air ticket
- Unspecified services

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