

Colombia

Private Colombia Beyond the Usual: Guaviare's Secrets, Coffee Culture & Pristine Beaches

Bogota – Caño Cristales, Guaviare – Coffee Triangle, Pereira – Caldas – Tayrona Beaches and National Park

BEST SEASON

All year

PRICE

From US \$6,925 pp including local flights

HOW LONG

14 Days / 13 Nights



ITINERARY OVERVIEW

Colombia is a land of captivating contrasts, where vibrant urban centers give way to untamed natural wonders. In the heart of the Andes, the bustling capital of Bogotá pulses with electric energy, its historic streets adorned with a kaleidoscope of graffiti art. From the colorful murals of La Candelaria to the bold, political statements along Avenida Jiménez, the city's thriving street art scene offers a window into the country's complex social and cultural fabric. Venture deeper into Colombia's interior to discover the Guaviare region, a true Eden of biodiversity. Here, the Cerro Azul, or "Blue Hill," rises from the Amazon basin, its towering rock formations adorned with ancient, ochre-hued paintings that tell the story of the indigenous peoples who once called this land home. Nearby, the rivers of Guaviare transform into a mesmerizing display of colors, resulting from a rare aquatic plant that paints the waters in vibrant red, green, and

blue hues. Further north, the lush Coffee Region beckons, its rolling hills blanketed in verdant plantations that produce some of the world’s finest Arabica beans. This area, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is celebrated for its exceptional rural landscape and the enduring cultural traditions of coffee cultivation. Winding through this picturesque landscape, travelers can explore historic haciendas and witness the intricate coffee process before journeying to the Caribbean coast and the pristine beaches of Tayrona National Park, which have been named by **National Geographic** and **Condé Nast Traveler** as some of the best beaches in the world.

Quick Summary

B: Breakfast L: Lunch D: Dinner OV: Overnight

Day & Location	Transportation, Highlights and Accommodations	Meals
Day 1 Arrival to Bogota, Colombia	Arrival to Bogota OV: B.O.G. Design Hotel	D
Day 2 Bogota	Graffiti Tour and Workshop OV: B.O.G. Design Hotel	B, L, D
Day 3 Bogota-San Jose Guaviare, Caño Cristales	Transfer to Bogota Airport, Flight to San Jose Guaviare (included), Sightseeing tour of San Jose Guaviare, Llanera Music and Dance presentation OV: El Quinto Nivel Hotel	B, L, D
Day 4 San Jose Guaviare, Caño Cristales	Nuevo Tolima Ancestral Paintings, tour of Nuevo Tolima, 4x4 transfer to Cerro Azul for tour of the area, back to San Jose Guaviare by 4x4 OV: El Quinto Nivel Hotel	B, L, D
Day 5 San Jose Guaviare, Caño Cristales	Caño Lajas and Orion Gate OV: El Quinto Nivel Hotel	B, L, D
Day 6 Bogota	Natural Pools, flight back to Bogota (included), transfer to hotel OV: Movich Buró 26	B, D
Day 7 Pereira, Coffee Triangle	Transfer to airport, flight to Pereira (included), Visit Filandia town, transfer to Hacienda Venecia OV: Hacienda Venecia	B, L, D
Day 8 Pereira, Coffee Triangle	Coffee Tour OV: Hacienda Venecia	B, L, D
Day 9 Caldas	Transfer to Los Nevados National Park, Emerald Lagoon Lookout, continue to Termales La Quinta and hike/horseback to La Quinta OV: Hacienda Termales La Quinta	B, L, D
Day 10 Caldas	Las Bromelias Hike OV: Hacienda Termales La Quinta	B, L, D

Day 11 Pereira-Bogota- Santa Marta, Tayrona National Park	Hike/horse to La Asomadera, transfer to Pereira airport for the flight to Bogota (included) to connect with flight to Santa Marta (included) OV: Villa Playa Tayrona, Los Naranjos	B
Day 12 Santa Marta, Tayrona National Park	Tayrona National Natural Park OV: Villa Playa Tayrona, Los Naranjos	B, L
Day 13 Santa Marta, Tayrona National Park	Teiku community and Kogui People OV: Villa Playa Tayrona	B
Day 14 Santa Marta- Bogota-Departure	Flight from Santa Marta to Bogota (included) to connect with your departure flight back home.	B

ITINERARY IN DETAIL



Day 1 | Arrival to Bogota

Colombia's capital, Bogotá, enthralles with its cool climate, rich history, and vibrant energy. Nestled in the Eastern Hills at 8,530 feet, it's a city that caters to all interests. Explore world-class museums like the famed Gold Museum, discover delicious local cuisine, and be captivated by Bogotá's nightlife scene. Immerse yourself in the city's colonial past and discover the stories that

shaped Colombia. Overnight at B.O.G. Design Hotel.



Day 2 | Bogota

Embark on a captivating exploration of Bogotá's vibrant street art scene. Stroll through the heart of the city and La Candelaria, encountering the city's most striking murals and graffiti. Meet the leading artists behind these works, gaining insights into the political and cultural messages they convey. This art form offers a powerful lens into Colombia's socio-political landscape, exploring aspects of violence, and indigenous and Afro-

Colombian cultures. But your journey doesn't end there. Under the guidance of a renowned Bogotá artist, you'll transform from observer to creator. Learn graffiti techniques, experience the thrill of large-scale composition, and let your creativity flow as you design your piece. This

unique program allows you to not only appreciate Bogotá's street art but to become a part of its artistic tapestry. Overnight at B.O.G. Design Hotel



Day 3 | Unveiling the Amazon's Secrets in San José del Guaviare

Your Colombian adventure continues in San José del Guaviare, capital of the Guaviare department. Nestled at the meeting point of the Orinoquía and Amazon regions along the Guaviare River, this town boasts exceptional biodiversity thanks to its unique location (175 meters above sea level, average temperature 28°C). Upon arrival, immerse yourself in the town's Amazonian charm. Stroll along the picturesque

Guaviare River boardwalk, savor delicious local cuisine, and be captivated by a mesmerizing performance of traditional llanero music. Overnight at Hotel El Quinto Nivel.



Day 4 | Ascending to the Ancestral Canvas

Prepare to be awestruck! Today's expedition leads you deep into the emerald embrace of the Amazon. Your journey commences with a captivating trek through the lush jungle and vibrant farmlands nestled around the Serranía de La Lindosa mountain range. This exhilarating adventure culminates in the charming town of Cerro Azul. But your exploration doesn't end there. From Cerro Azul, you'll embark on a hike toward a hidden wonder – a towering tepui (tabletop

mountain) adorned with mesmerizing blood-red cave paintings. Imagine – these enigmatic murals, remarkably preserved for over 10,000 years, act as a window into the lives of our Amazonian ancestors. The intricate depictions not only shroud the painters in mystery but also provide a glimpse into the diverse fauna that thrived in this dense forest and the early interactions between humans and the region's untamed wildlife. Overnight at El Quinto Nivel Hotel.



Day 5 | Caño Lajas and the Orion Gate

An early start unlocks the magic of Caño Lajas, a hidden gem renowned for its vibrant hues. Nestled within the Guyanese Shield, this mesmerizing river owes its striking colors to the tenacious *Macarenia Clavigera* plant. Thriving in challenging waters, this aquatic wonder blooms spectacularly from June to November, transforming the river into a breathtaking display of red, fuchsia, green, and yellow. Receding water levels during

the rainy season create the perfect conditions for this vibrant underwater spectacle. Later, embark on a journey towards the iconic landmark of the Guaviare Department – the Orion Gate. As you enter the Serranía, prepare to be humbled by majestic natural bridges, sculpted by time and the relentless flow of water. Encompassing over 18,000 hectares, the Serranía la Lindosa preservation area stands as a testament to Earth's enduring geological history. Here,

you'll find rock formations from the Guyanese Shield, one of the planet's oldest geological structures. Overnight at El Quinto Nivel Hotel.



Day 6 | Natural Pools and flight to Bogota

Our Colombian adventure concludes with a refreshing exploration near San José. We embark on a scenic hike along Los Pozos Naturales trail, following the La Esperanza channel. This enchanting path winds past the beautiful Cascada del Amor waterfall and culminates in a series of natural pools nestled within the dramatic rock formations of the Guyanese Shield. These crystal-clear pools, some exceeding 10 feet deep, provide a welcome respite for weary travelers. The irresistible allure of the cool water at each turn promises a wet and wonderful adventure. After soaking up the beauty of this natural wonder, we'll transfer to the airport for your flight to Bogotá. We'll stay near the airport for easy access to your onward journey to Colombia's captivating Coffee Region the following morning. Overnight at Hotel Movich.



Day 7 | A Deep Dive into Colombia's Coffee Heart

Today, we journey to Pereira, the bustling hub of Colombia's famed Coffee Triangle – a region encompassing Quindío, Risaralda, and Caldas. Agriculture, particularly coffee cultivation, has been the lifeblood of this region for generations. Our exploration begins in Filandia, a charming coffee town nestled in the northeast corner of Quindío. Here, you'll step into the rich cultural tapestry of this coffee-growing haven. Gain a deeper appreciation for the vital role these smaller towns play in Colombia's rural agricultural life. Prepare to be captivated by breathtaking panoramic views of Quindío and Risaralda from a stunning 360° lookout point. Rest of the day free to enjoy the Hacienda. Overnight at Hacienda Venecia.



Day Day 8 | Coffee Connoisseur's Day at Hacienda Venecia

Greet the day serenaded by birdsong amidst the natural embrace of Hacienda Venecia, the region's most extensive coffee estate nestled in a picturesque valley. Today's captivating coffee tour unveils the fascinating world of Colombian coffee production. Explore the cultural significance of coffee, its rich history, and the unique qualities and varieties cultivated here. Witness the skillful art of roasting firsthand, allowing the enticing aromas to awaken your senses. Stroll through vibrant coffee plantations, appreciating the meticulous care these crops receive. Your journey will also encompass a visit to the 'Wet Mill,' a vital stage where coffee beans are washed, dried, and prepared for export. This enriching experience transcends mere coffee appreciation. It's a captivating exploration of Colombia's history, economy, and culture, all interwoven with the country's beloved coffee industry. Gain a deeper understanding of how coffee has shaped the cultural and economic landscape of both the region and the nation. Following the tour, the afternoon is yours to

unwind. Indulge in the hacienda's luxurious amenities, explore scenic trails, or simply soak in the tranquility of this remarkable setting. Overnight at Hacienda Venecia.



Day 9 | The Emeral Lagoon Lookout

Embark on an breathtaking journey through Los Nevados National Natural Park, immersing yourself in an environment over 4,000 meters above sea level and unveiling the extraordinary paramo ecosystem. This ecosystem, adorned with a myriad of frailejones, mountains, waterfalls, and lagoons, including the stunning Laguna Verde, nestled amidst the Ruiz and Santa Isabel snow-capped peaks, boasts an emerald hue derived from sulfur and other minerals originating from the surrounding volcanic activity. Our adventure starts

with a 4x4 transfer to the Laguna Verde trail, situated at an average altitude of 4,000 meters (13,120 feet) above sea level. Embark on a roughly 5 km (3.1 miles) round trip hike, witnessing the gradual transition of the paramo ecosystem as you ascend to the Laguna Verde viewpoint. From this vantage point, marvel at the northern summit of Nevado Santa Isabel before retracing your steps back to the mountain refuge El Cisne, where a delicious lunch awaits, culminating our exploration of Los Nevados National Natural Park. After lunch, we head north to Caldas, an area near Manizales renowned for its remarkable agricultural diversity. Caldas boasts exceptional biodiversity, with a staggering 477 bird species calling this region home. Diverse mammals like tapirs and monkeys also thrive here, supported by the region's vital biological corridors. Overnight at Hacienda Termales La Quinta.



Day 10 | Tranquility at a Historic Hacienda and the Las Bromelias Trail

This morning stroll along the "Las Bromelias" trail, a scenic path that offers a charming combination of rural life on a working dairy farm and the natural beauty of the Andean Forest. In the afternoon, unwind at a hidden gem nestled in the heart of the Central Andes near Los Nevados National Park – a 130-year-old hacienda. Warmed by natural thermal springs that course beneath the building, this historic estate boasts a central courtyard thermal pool. Imagine soaking in the soothing waters, surrounded by lush mountains, towering wax palms, and the mesmerizing spectacle of a 200-meter cascading waterfall. This tranquil setting

provides a truly enchanting experience in the heart of the Colombian Andes. Overnight at Hacienda Termales La Quinta.



Day 11 | From Caldas to Tayrona, a day of scenic transitions

Your adventure begins early with an invigorating hike or horseback ride (your choice!) to La Asomadera. This breathtaking viewpoint rewards you with panoramic vistas before boarding a private 4x4 that will take you to Villamaría (27 km/16.7 miles, 1.5 hours). This charming town, steeped in Colombian history, offers a delightful opportunity to refresh and unwind before continuing your journey. After your transfer to Pereira Airport (60 km/37 miles – 1.5 hours), check-in and board your flight to Bogota. Bogota's airport offers a variety of restaurants and cafes to suit every taste. You can grab lunch there before you connect with the flight to Santa Marta (total flight time: 2.5 hours). Finally, paradise awaits! A private van will transport you directly to your beachfront hotel (51 km, 1 hour). The rest of the afternoon is yours to savor – unwind on pristine sands, take a refreshing dip in the crystal-clear waters, or explore the vibrant coastal town. The choice is yours! Overnight at Villa Playa Tayrona, Los Naranjos.



Day 12 | Exploring Tayrona National Park

Tayrona National Park entralls visitors with its perfect blend: lush rainforests meet pristine Caribbean beaches, embraced by turquoise waters. No wonder it's Colombia's most popular park! The Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta, the world's highest coastal range, rises dramatically from sea level to nearly 5,800 meters (19,000 ft) at Colón Peak, creating a unique spectrum of microclimates. This morning traverse a fascinating network of jungles, mangroves, rivers, and beaches, leading you to La Piscinita, one of Tayrona's popular swimming spots. For the adventurous, extend the hike towards Cabo San Juan, arguably Tayrona's most photogenic location. Exploring Tayrona's beaches, it's easy to understand why *Discovery Channel* dubbed them some of the world's most beautiful. Imagine: stunning sandy beaches adorned with smooth, rocky formations emerge from jungle-clad hills, cascading dramatically into the sea. A true tropical paradise awaits exploration on foot. Overnight at Villas Playa Tayrona, Los Naranjos.



Day 13 | Teiku community visit and Tayrona Beaches

Within the tranquility of Colombia's Tayrona National Park lies the Teiku community. Here, the Kogui people's profound connection to their spiritual beliefs comes alive. Central to their worldview is the concept of "Aluna," or "The Great Mother." The Kogui revere nature as a living entity, with humanity entrusted as its steward. Teiku functions as an eco-spiritual village, offering solace and connection to those seeking harmony with the natural world. This unique location facilitates a transformative experience. Visitors gain insights into the ancient traditions and spiritual practices of the Kogui, fostering a deep appreciation for the interconnectedness of all life and the inherent sacredness of the natural world. The remainder of the afternoon is yours to spend at your leisure. Relax on the pristine beaches, or perhaps

embark on further exploration of the park's diverse ecosystems. Overnight at Villa Playa Tayrona, Los Naranjos.



Day 14 | Transfer to Airport and flight to Bogota – Departure

After soaking up the last rays of Caribbean sunshine, a private car will whisk you comfortably from your hotel lobby directly to Santa Marta Airport in just 30 minutes. There, you'll board your flight back to Bogota, ready to return home, heart full of Colombian memories.

Pricing

2025	Price per person sharing double occupancy
Based on 2-3 participants	\$7,375
Based on 4-5 participants	\$6,925

Internal flights are all included. Prices are valid until December 15, 2025. Christmas surcharges may apply. This is a preliminary costing; hotels may vary according to availability at time of booking.

Included

- All guided tours and excursions as specified
- All internal flights within Colombia
- All entrance fees to the sites mentioned in the above itinerary
- Meals as indicated [B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner] also snacks and hydration
- Safety and emergency equipment
- Hotel accommodation as mentioned in the itinerary
- Groups of up to 4 people: professional local guides in all destinations
- Groups over 4 people: Tour Leader during the whole trip
- Permanent assistance during the trip
- Green Planet Expeditions travel consultation and pre-departure services

Not included

- International flights
- Drinks, additional alcoholic beverages, and meals other than those listed above
- Early check-in, late check-out, services, and non-mentioned meals in the itinerary
- Personal expenses for extra services, optional activities, or changes in your itinerary for reasons beyond our control
- Gratuities. Details will be provided in our pre-departure material for your convenience.
- Mandatory Travel Insurance: To ensure a smooth travel experience, all participants are required to have a comprehensive travel insurance policy. This policy should include trip

cancellation, medical services, and coverage for active adventures or evacuations. “Cancel For Any Reason” (CFAR) coverage is highly recommended to protect your investment in case of unforeseen circumstances

- Any other items not mentioned above

ACCOMMODATIONS



B.O.G. Design Hotel

B.O.G. Hotel is a luxurious boutique property located in the vibrant heart of Bogotá. Designed by the renowned Portuguese designer Nini Andrade Silva, the hotel exudes contemporary elegance inspired by Colombia's rich natural resources—gold and emeralds. Each room is an oasis of sophistication, offering modern comforts like plush bedding, complimentary Wi-Fi, and a minibar stocked with local delicacies. Guests can indulge in gourmet dining at the on-site restaurant, where a fusion of Colombian and international flavors takes center stage. For relaxation, the rooftop terrace provides a serene escape with a heated pool and stunning panoramic views of the city's skyline and surrounding mountains. The hotel's wellness facilities include a state-of-the-art fitness center and a tranquil spa offering rejuvenating treatments. Leisure guests can enjoy personalized concierge services to explore Bogotá's cultural gems.



El Quinto Nivel Hotel

Hotel El Quinto Nivel, located in Guaviare, Colombia, offers comfortable accommodations with essential amenities, including air conditioning, flat-screen TVs, and private bathrooms. Guests can stay connected with free Wi-Fi throughout the hotel. On the top floor, the Jungla Terraza Pizza Bar invites visitors to enjoy live music and a vibrant atmosphere while savoring handcrafted pizzas, Tex-Mex cuisine, and signature cocktails. The terrace also features several jacuzzies, providing a relaxing space to take in views of the city. Additionally, the Tiktak Café offers a cozy spot to enjoy specialty coffees and snacks.



Hotel Movich

Hotel Movich Buró 26 is conveniently located just 5 minutes from Bogotá's El Dorado International Airport, making it an ideal stop for adventure travelers needing a comfortable stay between connections. The rooms are equipped with a minibar, a private bathroom, a hairdryer, and complimentary toiletries. Guests can also enjoy the hotel's Teak Bar, the gourmet Ebano Restaurant, and the fitness and wellness center, which includes a hot tub, steam room, and massage services. Free private parking and WiFi are available throughout the hotel.



Hacienda Venecia

Hacienda Venecia is a traditional coffee farm located in the heart of Colombia's Coffee Cultural Landscape, just outside the city of Manizales. This scenic and peaceful retreat offers an authentic experience for travelers looking to immerse themselves in Colombia's rich coffee heritage and natural beauty. The hacienda provides various accommodation options, from charming private rooms to dormitories, all surrounded by lush coffee plantations. Guests can enjoy coffee

tours that showcase the complete coffee production process, from bean to cup, along with nature walks, birdwatching, and other outdoor activities. Hacienda Venecia features a swimming pool, a large garden, free WiFi, and cozy communal areas for relaxation. Meals are made with fresh, local ingredients, offering a taste of traditional Colombian cuisine.



Hacienda Termales La Quinta, Caldas

Hacienda Termales La Quinta, located in the lush hills of Caldas and set within a working coffee farm, blends rustic charm with modern comfort, surrounded by stunning landscapes of rolling green mountains. The highlight of the property is its natural hot springs, where visitors can soak in mineral-rich waters known for their therapeutic properties and the nearby waterfalls, which guests can admire even from the comfort of the swimming pool, adding to the serene

and picturesque setting. The hacienda features cozy, traditionally styled accommodations with all the modern amenities needed for a comfortable stay, while maintaining the authentic ambiance of a Colombian countryside estate. The hacienda is known for its exceptional hospitality, with Daisy, Alberto, and Edgar as gracious hosts, always attentive and ready to fulfill any need you might have, ensuring a personalized and memorable stay. Free wifi is also available.



Villas Playa Tayrona Los Naranjos

Villa Playa Tayrona, Los Naranjos is a picturesque retreat located just a 2-minute walk from the stunning Playa de Los Naranjos. This charming accommodation offers guests a serene escape with a refreshing outdoor pool, complimentary private parking, and beautifully landscaped gardens. Guests can unwind on the inviting terrace while enjoying the gentle sea breeze. The property is conveniently situated within a short stroll of Playa Los Ángeles and a 2.3 km distance from Playa de Mendihuaca, making it an ideal base for beach lovers.

The historic Quinta de San Pedro Alejandrino is only 37 km away, providing a glimpse into the region's rich heritage. Guests can savor delicious meals at the on-site restaurant or enjoy a refreshing drink at the café. Complimentary Wi-Fi is available throughout the property, ensuring you stay connected during your visit. Each well-appointed room features a wardrobe, private bathroom with a shower and complimentary toiletries, and air conditioning for your

comfort. Some rooms offer stunning views of the sea, allowing you to wake up to the sound of waves gently lapping the shore

Booking your Green Planet Expedition

How to reserve a trip

To secure your spot on a trip, you can conveniently book online using our [Reserve a Trip form](#) or by calling **1-800-430-9498**. Your reservation is confirmed upon receipt of the reservation form and the initial 50% trip deposit.

Please note that we are unable to hold space until the deposit is received. If the requested space is unavailable, we will promptly provide alternative options for your consideration (if an upgrade is necessary, higher rates may apply).

Pre departure service

Upon receipt of your deposit and completed reservation form, we will email you a comprehensive Predeparture Dossier. This contains important information to help you prepare including immunizations, visas, trip insurance, packing checklist, reading list, maps, cross-cultural information, optional trip extensions, and more. You will receive a final trip email including Final Reminders and local contact information in your destination 2-3 weeks before departure.

Terms and Conditions

Green Planet Expeditions has arranged your trip utilizing the travel services of local in-country ground operators who are independent contractors. These local outfitters, lodges, hotels, and other suppliers of your travel services will make every effort to conduct this trip as described in the itinerary; however, it is possible that due to transportation schedule changes, weather, delays, and unforeseeable acts of God, humans or nature, this itinerary may vary from what is described. Participants must assume all risks whether identified in advance or unforeseen. All optional activities are at your own risk. Extra costs due to unexpected changes in your itinerary for reasons beyond our control are not included.

Caring for our planet is integral to our ethos. In alignment with our commitment to sustainability, a carbon emissions mitigation fee is incorporated into all our trips. This fee contributes to environmental initiatives that offset the carbon footprint associated with our journeys, ensuring a positive impact on the destinations we explore. Your safety and peace of mind during the journey is our top priorities. **The purchase of traveler's insurance is mandatory for all participants, and it must cover trip delays, trip cancellations, baggage, accident, or sickness. In some specific cases like Antarctica, it must cover evacuation.**

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we maintain close relationships with local partners, ensuring flawless execution with the assistance of passionate guides deeply connected to their heritage and committed to its preservation.

We believe that tourism, when harnessed thoughtfully, becomes a powerful catalyst for conservation and community upliftment in the destinations we visit.

As with any good recipe, our trips are infused with the following flavors:

- Positive impact on the areas you choose to visit, directly or indirectly.
- Amazing private local guides.
- Lovely small boutique hotels according to your budget.
- Good food, no matter how remote the destination is, we strive to offer good cuisine.
- Our trips frequently include surprises, which often turn out to be the highlight of the journey.
- When open to it, visits to less-known destinations, reserved for the daring few, and engages in intimate and meaningful encounters with locals—a cherished treasure highly valued by discerning travelers, as we have discovered through our years of experience in the industry.

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