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*Classic Colombia*

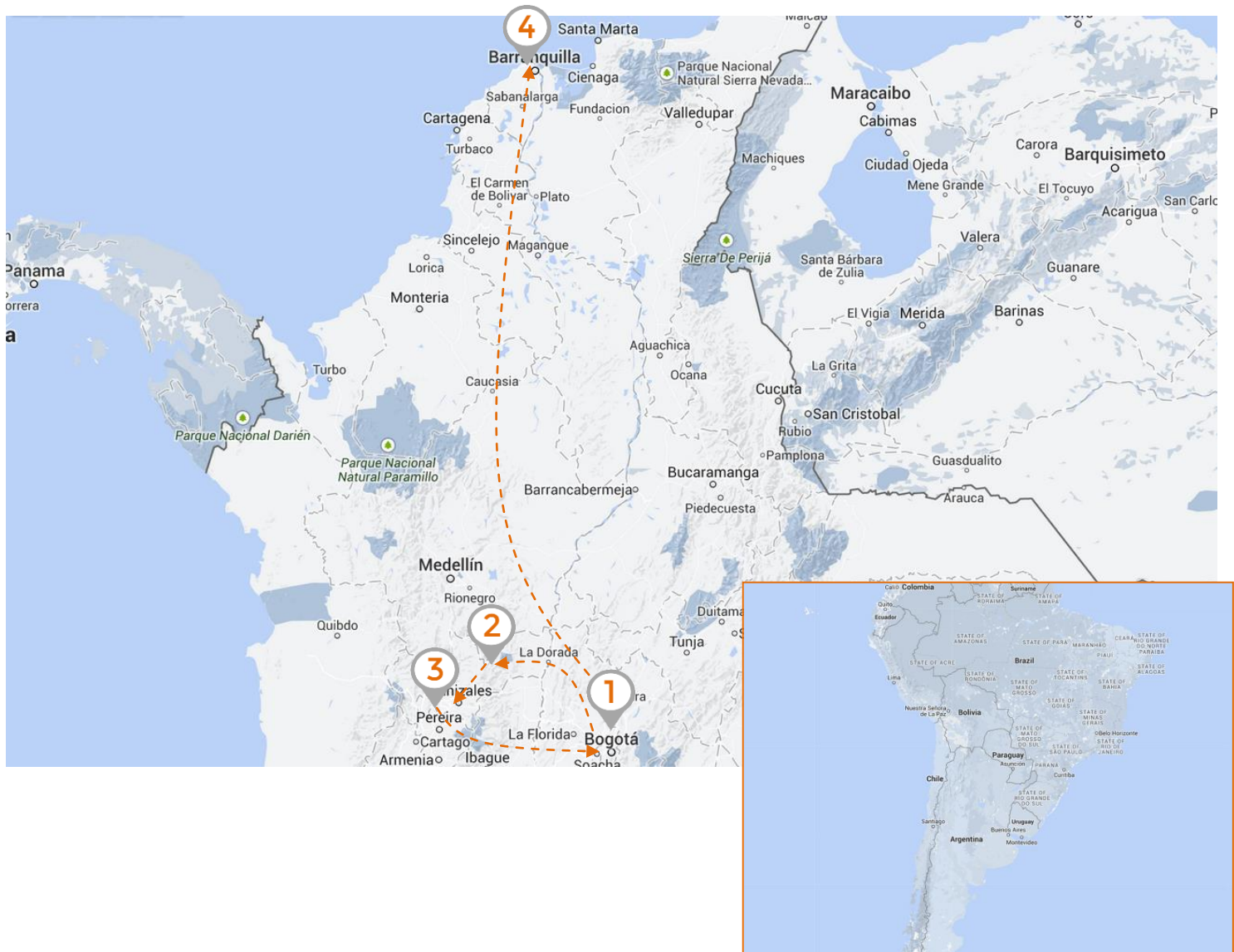
*13-days / 12-nights*





## Itinerary Summary

No.	Date	Location	Details	Meals	Hotel	Nts
<b>1</b>	Day 01	<b>BOGOTÁ</b>	Arrive in Bogotá	-	Hotel Abadía Colonial	2
	Day 02		Half day walking tour of La Candelaria	B		
<b>2</b>	Day 03	<b>COFFEE REGION</b>	Air & road transfer to the Coffee Region	B	Hacienda Sazagua	3
	Day 04		Full day tour of Filandia, Cocora Valley and Salento	B		
	Day 05		Full day coffee culture tour	B		
<b>3</b>	Day 06	<b>CARTAGENA</b>	Air & road transfer to Cartagena	B	Hotel Alfiz	3
	Day 07		Half day driving tour of the city	B		
	Day 08		Day at leisure	B		
<b>4</b>	Day 09	<b>TAYRONA</b>	Road transfer to Tayrona	B	Hotel Eco-Habs	3
	Day 10		Day at leisure	B		
	Day 11		Day at leisure	B		
	Day 12		Meet return flights to the UK	B	-	
	Day 13		Arrive back in Heathrow	-	-	



## Detailed Itinerary



### Day 01 DEPART - BOGOTÁ

Depart Heathrow for Bogotá via Madrid flying with Iberia.



IB7441 Economy Dep: Heathrow T5 06:20  
IB6585 Economy Dep: Madrid 11:50

Arr: Madrid 09:35  
Arr: Bogotá 16:30

Private transfer on arrival to your hotel.

#### Hotel Abadía Colonial



#### 1 x Standard Room on a Bed & Breakfast basis for 2-nights

A small, intimate property well located in the historic La Candelaria district, the Hotel Abadía's 12 rooms all face out onto one of the three colonial style patios; it is a peaceful retreat away from the hustle and bustle of down town Bogotá. There is a coffee shop inside the building and the rooms are simply decorated, and very well presented.



### Day 02 BOGOTÁ



#### Private half day walking tour of La Candelaria including a visit to the Gold Museum

La Candelaria is Bogotá's heart and soul and the oldest part of the city. You will start your walking tour at the main square – the Plaza Bolívar which is surrounded by many important Colonial and Republican style buildings and centred around a statue of the country's liberator Simon Bolívar. As you wander the streets of La Candelaria away from the main square, your guide will not only explain the history of Bogotá but also the intricacies of current Colombian culture and daily life. There will be time for a refreshment stop in one of the city's coffee houses.





## **Day 02    BOGOTÁ ...**

Afterwards you will head onto the Botero Museum, which houses not only paintings and sculptures by the Colombian artist Fernando Botero but also other world famous artists such as Dali, Monet and Van Gogh.

Then you will visit Gold Museum, which has one of the finest collections in the world – over 35,000 pieces of pre-Colombian gold work in the collection. Many of the works are said to be unsurpassed by goldsmiths of today and it's easy to understand when you allow yourself time to study examples such as the Balsa Muisca (Offering boat). This golden raft is one of the focal point of the display and was the driving force in the Spaniards quest to find El Dorado.

Afternoon at leisure.



## **Day 03    BOGOTÁ – COFFEE REGION**

Private transfer to Bogotá airport to meet a flight to Pereira flying with Avianca.



AV980    Economy    Dep: Bogotá 09:41

Arr: Pereira 10:48

Private transfer on arrival to your hotel.

### **Hacienda Sazagua**



### **1 x Standard Room on a Bed & Breakfast basis for 3-nights**

This boutique hotel combines refined detailing, great design and attentive service. The house recalls the old homes of the coffee plantations with its wooden structure, wide corridors and lively colours. It is decorated in an eclectic style with furniture and objects from different periods and places and a wide selection of works of art. It offers ten bedrooms decorated in a mix of classic and modern style on two floors. Sazagua also has a sophisticated restaurant, swimming pool and a garden with a good collection of palm trees and tropical plants, which attract a variety of birds early morning and late afternoon.







**Day 04 COFFEE REGION**



**Private full day tour of Filandia, Cocora Valley and Salento including lunch**

You will begin your tour in the traditional pueblo of Filandia in Colombia's Coffee region. The main square hasn't changed in appearance or character in decades. A coffee break in one of its many small coffee shops will allow you to appreciate its quaint, brightly painted houses as you learn about the culture and people of the region. Small pueblos like this form the backbone of rural agricultural life, and if you want to see the real Colombia then look no further. From Filandia you will drive onto the Cocora Valley, which is part of the Parque Nacional Los Nevados. Located on the eastern limits of Quindío along the central Andean range, the valley has a unique landscape like a lush version of a Swiss valley. It is regarded as a sanctuary for its national symbol; the Wax Palm. The valley is truly spectacular and is great for walking or horseback rides. After the Valley you will visit Salento, a picturesque rural town founded in 1850, which boasts a number of fine traditional houses and is surrounded by distant snow-capped mountains.



**Day 05 COFFEE REGION**



**Private full day coffee culture tour including lunch**

Coffee is the heart and soul of this area and this tour will allow you to see how this simple bean affects every part of the region. From quaint towns and stunning views, this is a real insight into the 'Coffee Triangle'. You will visit the National Bamboo Centre, the settlements of Cordoba, Pijao, and Buena Vista, enjoy a typical lunch in a traditional Finca and learn about the coffee process. Your vehicle for the day will be a local jeep, the traditional means of transportation in the region.





**Day 05 COFFEE REGION ...**



The first stop allows you to understand how this simple bamboo forms the back bone of so much that goes on in the region, from house construction to furniture and agriculture. Next you will make your way through the coffee covered hills and valleys, to the small town of Córdoba which is home to many of the coffee workers who work the steep slopes in the coffee plantations upon which the town is dependant. It's a great place to sit and drink a coffee whilst watching the elders of the town playing billiards at the club on the corner.

The next stop is Pijao where many of the inhabitants will be picking the coffee whilst the rest are centre stage in the plaza sipping coffee and chatting. You will learn about the intricate process of coffee cultivation in a working coffee plantation. Colombia is heavily dependent on coffee exports and you will start to understand the daily struggles of all those who depend on this plant for their survival.



**Day 06 COFFEE REGION - CARTAGENA**

Private transfer to Pereira airport to meet a flight to Cartagena via Bogotá flying with Avianca.



AV8538	Economy	Dep: Pereira 06:20
AV9548	Economy	Dep: Bogotá 09:29

Arr: Bogotá 07:10
Arr: Cartagena 10:54

Private transfer on arrival to your hotel.

**Hotel Alfiz**



**1 x Standard Room on a Bed & Breakfast basis for 3-nights**

This boutique hotel is located in Cartagena's historical Old Town, only a short walk to most of the city's attractions. Alfiz offers eight stylish suites in the elegant ambiance of a restored XVII's heritage building. À la carte complimentary breakfast is served in the garden-patio or if you prefer in your room. There is also a refreshing pool, library and reading room, sun deck, balcony and hammocks.



**Day 07 CARTAGENA**



**Private half day driving tour of the city**

You will be met by your guide and taken to your vehicle to begin your tour of the principal sights around Cartagena. Castillo San Felipe and El Convento de La Popa are two of Cartagena's most spectacular sites. The Castillo is the largest Spanish fortification in the Americas and dominates the old town. The first fortification on the site was started in 1536 and further extended over the following 200 years mostly by African slave labour. Underneath this amazing structure you will find a labyrinth of tunnels. The sun soaked fortification has tales for every traveller and some of its tunnels are lit and accessible to visitors.

From the fort you will continue in your private vehicle to the Convento La Popa. The hill is the highest point in the city and commands excellent views of the bay, old town and Caribbean Sea beyond. Started initially as a humble wooden chapel but later replaced by a more solid construction that was fortified two centuries later. Enjoy the flower filled patio and the views that stretch all over the city and wander through the cool patio and interior of the convent. Throughout your trip your guide will make the sites come to life as he explains not only their history but also their relevance and importance to the Cartagena of today.

Afternoon at leisure.



**Day 08 CARTAGENA**

Day at leisure.







## **Day 09 CARTAGENA - TAYRONA**

Private transfer to Tayrona and your hotel.

### **Hotel Eco-Habs**



#### **1 x Standard Cabin on a Bed & Breakfast basis for 3-nights**

Overlooking the incredible beauty of the Tayrona National Park and its wild windswept beaches, Ecohabs are one of the top places to stay on the Caribbean coast, situated on a hillside, overlooking the ocean. Round ecologically-friendly thatched roof double storey cabins on a stone base are inspired by Tayrona Indian architecture. All cabins have hammocks, thatched roofs and terrace from which to relax and take in the stunning views. They are furnished to a high standard, even boasting flat screen TVs and iPod docks, should you wish to use them.

You can relax on the beach or to organize excursions such snorkelling or horseback riding. Bike rental is also available. Most of the park is covered by virgin tropical forest and inhabited by over 100 species of mammals, 200 species of birds and 50 species of reptiles. The Paujil, a kind of hen, is often represented in Tayrona gold work and is indigenous to the area, as is the majestic condor which nests in the highest peaks of the Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta. Monkeys can often be seen along the fringes of the beaches, especially around the Ecohabs.



#### **Please Note:**

Currents are very strong on the beach directly in front of the hotel, but there is a small swimmable beach just a 5-10 min walk from the hotel where the hotel beach club is set up.



## **Days 10-11 TAYRONA**



Days at leisure.





**Day 12 TAYRONA – SANTA MARTA – DEPART**

Private transfer to Santa Marta airport for flight to Bogotá flying with Avianca.



AV9775 Economy Dep: Santa Marta 13:32 Arr: Bogotá 14:58

On arrival meet your return flights back to the UK flying with Iberia in economy class.



IB6586 Economy Dep: Bogotá 18:00 Arr: Madrid 10:05 (Day 13)



**Day 13 MADRID – UK**



IB7444 Economy Dep: Madrid 12:05 Arr: Heathrow 13:25

Arrive back in the UK via Madrid.

# Holiday Cost

**from £3,295.00 per person**

20% deposit is required to secure this booking

## Suggested Itinerary

- This is just a suggested itinerary which we can amend to fit your exact requirements.

## Includes

- International flights as listed.
- All pre-payable airport departure taxes.
- Hotel accommodation as listed.
- Transfers as listed (on a shared basis unless specified as private).
- Meals as listed.
- Excursions as listed (on a shared basis unless specified as private).

## Excludes

- Local departure taxes where applicable.
- Tips and gratuities.
- Any future currency surcharges.
- Any future airline fare, tax or fuel surcharges.\*

*\*In the event of airfare /tax increases you will have the option to pay for your airfare in advance to avoid these increases.*

## Please Note

- The cost of this itinerary is based on 2 passengers sharing one room.
- All flights, accommodation and services are subject to availability at the time of booking.
- Air fares, taxes, schedules and routings are subject to change until ticket issue.

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