

# COLOMBIA

Cartagena



Tropical beaches of the Caribbean coast, bays lined with coconut palms in the Pacific, the mysterious Amazon jungle, limitless savannahs in Orinoquia, a valuable past in colonial architecture and the imposing peaks of the Andes. With a long history, several sites bear testimony to its fascinating Indian heritage.

**Day 1-2** Depart any day of the week on a daytime flight arriving in **Bogota** in the evening. The following day you will be met for a tour of colonial Bogota and surroundings. Visit the Gold Museum and Fernando Botero Museum, the northern residential area of the city and the town of **Zipaquirá**, famous for its salt mine. Here we visit the underground salt cathedral. Return to Bogota. (B)

**Day 3** Drive through magnificent mountain scenery to Puente de Boyaca, where Simon Bolivar defeated the Spanish forces in 1819. On an unpaved road for a few kilometres (but rich in landscapes and beautiful views) will then take us to **Villa de Leyva**. Afternoon walking tour of the city, founded in 1572, still today keeping the quiet atmosphere of past centuries. Continue to visit "The Fossil", a kronosaurus said to have lived 130 millions years ago, and the convent of the Ecce Homo located in the desert area of La Candelaria. (B)

**Day 4-6** Return to Bogota airport for the flight to **Popayan**. Visit Silvia indigenous market (Tuesdays) where the Guambianos Indians dress in the

traditional "anocos". Silvia is a small town with picturesque houses and surrounded by mountains with sugar cane plantations. Full day visit of the Purace National Park with volcanoes, waterfalls, lagoons and caves. Enjoy the Pilimbala hot springs. (B)

**Day 7** Flight to Bogota connecting with a flight to **Cartagena**. Afternoon tour exploring the historic city. Visit Bocagrande, the modern residential district, the Convent of La Popa built at the beginning of the seventeenth century on a hill of the same name

Cartagena colonial quarter



with magnificent views of the city & the bay. Continues to San Felipe's Fort, built to protect the city where we have time to walk along the streets to admire the old Spanish colonial architecture and beautiful balconies. (B)

**Day 8-10** Explore Cartagena with its Spanish colonial heritage, or visit one of the islands on a full day excursions to the Baru or **Islas del Rosario**. (B) Transfer to the airport for your return flight home arriving on day 11.

## Extension to the Beach: Tayrona National Park

**Days 10-12** Depart Cartagena on a private transfer by road to **Tayrona National Park** on the Caribbean sea with a beautiful coastline and beaches. Stay for 3 nights at ECOHABS with 14 typical cabañas in the style of Tayrona culture. (B)

**Day 13** Transfer to Santa Marta airport for your departure flight home, via Bogota, arriving the following day, Day 14.

**The Santa Fe Tour** Departs every day throughout the year - 11 days including 9 nights' accommodation and breakfast (B), all flights (1 overnight), guided transfers to/from airport & excursions, all transport and meals as shown. Please see pages 182 - 187 for further details of what is included.

## The Santa Fé Tour

9 night itinerary:

Bogota - 2 nights • Villa de Leyva - 1 night • Popayan - 3 nights

Cartagena - 3 nights

Continuing to:

Tayrona National Park (Santa Marta) - 3 nights

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Bogota Capital city of Colombia

Ecobabs at Tayrona National Park



### PRIVATE INDIVIDUAL TOURS

No of Travellers	1 Single Traveller	2 Sharing Double	Single Room Supplement*
First	£2733	£1725	£455

Tayrona Beach Extension - £730 when Sharing

**AIRFARES** below for transatlantic flights on IBERIA and all internal flights to be added to tour prices above.

FLIGHT PRICES FROM, subject to availability:

Low (01Jan-27June; 22Sep-19Dec)	£1394
High (28June-01 Sep, 20Dec-31Dec)	£1499

Flight departures from London Heathrow. Most UK regional airports add £80. UK departure tax is included. Business Class upgrade on IBERIA additional £1766 in Low and £1661 in High Season.

All prices shown are per person.

\* Applicable to those who wish to have a room for single occupancy, while travelling together with other passengers.

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