

The Santa Fé Tour

12 night itinerary:

Bogotá – 2 nights

Villa de Leyva - 1 night

Bogotá - 1 night

Coffee Region - 3 nights

Medellin - 2 nights

Cartagena de Indias – 3 nights

Optional: beach extension at

Caribbean Island Resorts – 3 nights

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COLOMBIA



Bogotá Capital city of Colombia

Days 1-3 Depart in the evening on the overnight direct flight to **Bogotá**, staying for 2 nights. Surrounded by the high peaks of the Andes, Bogotá is a vibrant capital steeped in history, with cobbled streets, colonial churches and squares. On Day 3 take a full day tour of the city, including the excellent museum of pre-hispanic gold, the lookout point of Monserrate, and the underground salt cathedral at Zipaquirá. (B)

Days 4-5 We journey north of Bogotá by road through stunning mountain scenery to visit small historical towns with colonial churches and modern-day artisan workshops. We spend the night in **Villa de Leyva**, founded in 1572 and still exuding a grand though faded colonial charm. The

next day we take a walking tour of the town, enjoying the colonial architecture, large square and relaxed ambience, before returning to Bogotá in the afternoon where we spend the night. (B)

Days 6-8 Morning flight to Pereira, in the heart of Colombia's **Coffee Region**, where we stay at a historical hacienda for 3 nights. Colombia's world-renowned coffee is surrounded by the culture and traditions of the countryside, and the verdant hillsides and valleys are also excellent for walking and bird-watching. We spend 2 days tasting coffee, learning about the history of the production, discovering the area's small picturesque towns, with a morning walk through the stunning **Cocora Valley**. (B,L)



Cartagena colonial quarter



Church of San Pedro Claver, Cartagena

Discover the markets and colonial centre of Bogotá, and its magnificent museum of pre-hispanic Quimbaya gold. Green mountains, fertile valleys and walking trails await in the 'Coffee Triangle', while the formidable fortress in Cartagena tells tales of gold, pirates and colonial history. Savour the Caribbean atmosphere, beaches and warm sea.

Days 9-10 Fly to Medellín, a modern city infused with arts, restaurants, dancing and culture. The city was recently hailed as the 'most innovative city in the world' and offers many architectural gems, mainly concentrated around the Plaza Botero (B).

Days 11-13 Fly to Cartagena via Bogotá. Tour the historic city, including the Convent of La Popa, with magnificent views of the old city and the bay; San Felipe's Fort, built to protect the city from pirates and invaders, and learn about the city's history, including its ransom by Sir Francis Drake. Walk around the narrow cobbled streets to admire the Spanish colonial architecture and ornate balconies filled with flowers. Day at leisure to explore, and soak up the marvellous Spanish-Caribbean colours, flavours and atmosphere. Or take an optional excursion to visit one of the islands on a full day excursion to **Baru** or **Islas del Rosario**. (B) Transfer to the airport for your return flight home arriving on Day 14.

The Santa Fé Tour Departs every day throughout the year - 14 days including 12 nights' accommodation and breakfast (B), all flights (2 overnight), guided transfers to/from airport & excursions, all transport and meals as shown.

Please see pages 190-193 for further details of what is included.



San Pedro Claver church, Cartagena

PRIVATE INDIVIDUAL TOUR GUIDELINE PRICES FROM :

Santa Fé Tour	First	
	2 Sharing	Own room
1 Jan-30 Jun, 6Sep-17Dec	£3973	£4835
1 Jul-5 Sep, 18Dec-31Dec	£4318	£5180

Tayrona Beach Extension : £730 when Sharing

FLIGHTS ARE INCLUDED on AVIANCA departing from London, Internal Flights and Taxes. UPGRADE to Business Cabin seat add: £1191 in High Season / £1534 in Low Season

GUIDELINE TOUR PRICES are all per person, subject to availability. To obtain a Guaranteed Price for your travel dates, please call 020 8762 0616, email travel@veloso.com, or contact our appointed travel agents. Prices for Special Events, New Year's Eve, Christmas, Easter on request.

TAILOR-MADE SERVICE: We can prepare a personalised itinerary to fulfil your requirements.

CARTAGENA DE INDIAS

Cartagena de Indias, founded in 1533, was one of the most important Spanish cities in the New World. Located on the edge of a shallow bay on Colombia's Caribbean coast, it was the stronghold used to store all of the looted Gold and Silver before it was shipped back to Spain. The old city is surrounded by protective walls wide enough to walk on, and colonial-era forts line the bay. The largest, the Fort of San Felipe, lies just outside the walls and can be visited for

beautiful views of the city and bay. The walled city has been completely restored to its former glory, made up of monuments in leafy squares and cobbled streets lined with colourful houses, exotic flowers draped from the colonial wooden balconies. Many town houses have been converted into boutique hotels with high quality restaurants. Exploring on foot is a delight, and it is well worth visiting the many museums and churches such as San Pedro Claver.



Historic Centre, Cartagena

CARIBBEAN ISLAND RESORTS

Las Islas *Deluxe*

Individual bungalows in wood and with a thatched roof, spread wide apart over a very large property, blend beautifully with the dense surrounding vegetation. It takes 45 minutes by boat to reach hotel Las Islas part of Leading Hotels of the World. There are treetop bungalows and sea level bungalows, some with a private pool, all with a simple luxury decoration, terrace deck and beautiful bathrooms. You may also choose a villa on a private island and a house on a motor boat to cruise along. Las Islas has 24-hour room service, two restaurants, a cafe with icecream, plus a bar with live music overlooking the sea. You also have a wellness spa and gym.

Punta Faro *First*

Located on a small remote Caribbean island, two hours by boat from the city of Cartagena, the hotel is designed for pure relaxation. Very quiet, very private, very secluded, it is possible to enjoy activities such as kayaking, snorkelling or walking along the forest and mangrove trails. There is no swimming pool but its beach is well-known to be the best of the area. Its beautiful bungalows, surrounded by tropical vegetation, are all spacious and decorated in light-blue hues and sea-themed decor. The hotel provides a full board basis with fresh soft drinks. The outdoor restaurant serves delicious local cuisine and delightful seafood products.

Punta Faro beach - Caribbean Island Resort



Don Pedro *Tourist*

A simple hotel set in a historic house in the heart of colonial Cartagena. It has exposed brickwork, wooden balconies and a small pool surrounded by plants. The rooms all have air-conditioning.

San Agustin *Deluxe*

Occupying 3 houses in historic Cartagena, Casa San Agustin's luxurious rooms offer character and comfort. There is an indoor pool, an excellent restaurant and access to a private beach on Baru Island.



Character streets and colonial architecture in Cartagena

THE COFFEE REGION

West of Bogotá, the 'Coffee Triangle' is found in the warm, fertile valleys between Colombia's western and central mountain ranges. Protected by UNESCO as a 'cultural landscape', the coffee is still harvested by hand and historical haciendas stand in the middle of the vast plantations. Visitors can walk through the fields to learn about the growing and production of the coffee, as well as tasting different varieties. There are also excellent options for walking, hiking and bird watching in the hills and valley of Cocora and visiting the small colonial town of Salento. A number of the historical haciendas have been converted into boutique hotels, with comfortable rooms, antique furniture and private facilities.



Bambusa Hacienda *Deluxe*

Located in the Coffee Region, and built out of bamboo and clay, the Hacienda offers only 8 rooms all decorated in an old colonial style. You'll feel at home here: choose the spot you would like to eat, enjoy a variety of activities, relax by the swimming pool or admire the numerous hummingbirds flying on your balcony.



PRICES FROM 4 days • 3 nights

CARTAGENA DE INDIAS

Don Pedro	£240
San Agustin	£825

CARIBBEAN ISLAND RESORTS

Las Islas	£996
Punta Faro	£836

THE COFFEE REGION

Bambusa Hacienda	£745
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Prices are per person in a Standard Room for double occupancy including accommodation, breakfast, transfers to/from the local city centre or airport. Prices for Triple room, Single Room, and Children available on request.