

BOGOTÁ AND CARTAGENA: 9 DAYS

BOGOTÁ

DAY 1

Private transfer from El Dorado airport to Viajero hotel.

DAY 2: CITY TOUR-COFFEE TASTING AND SALSA NIGHT

After breakfast you will have a transfer to the colonial neighborhood of downtown Bogotá, La Candelaria, considered the heart and soul of the city; there you can see the architecture of the old houses, churches and buildings of Spanish colonial, baroque and art deco style. Visit Plaza Bolívar and several important colonial and republican style buildings, including the Palace of Justice, the Congress of Colombia, the Mayor's Office and the Primary Cathedral of Bogotá. Visit the Gold Museum, the most famous museum in Bogotá and one of the most fascinating in South America, which contains more than 56,000 pieces of gold and other materials from all the main pre-Hispanic cultures of Colombia. After lunch we will transfer you to Usaquén, a very popular place for food lovers. Here you will make a stop at Catacón Pública, a beautiful place where you can taste the best Colombian coffee.

At the end we will transfer you to a salsa night where you will know the best of salsa in Bogotá, learning to dance from the hand of a professional dancer and discovering the most relevant in the history of salsa and practice the steps learned with locals in three of the best salsa clubs in the city and end the night with a live show of Bogotá musicians or dancers. Transfer to the hotel and time to rest.

DAY 3: ZIPACUÍRÁ AND GUATAVITA

After breakfast at the hotel, we will transfer you to the Salt Cathedral of Zipacuírá, one of the wonders of Colombia, a Roman Catholic church excavated in a salt mine that still works in the west of the city. The local guide will explain the construction process, considered one of the most remarkable achievements of Colombian engineering, being described as a 'Jewel of Modern Architecture'. The cathedral represents a valuable cultural, environmental and religious heritage for the Colombian people and is composed of several chapels and the immense main basilica. You will have lunch in Zipacuírá and we will transfer you to Guatavita, a colonial town full of history which you can get to know while walking its streets. At the end of the afternoon, we will return to the hotel in Bogotá.

CARTAGENA

DAY 4: FLIGHT TO CARTAGENA

Breakfast at the hotel and free morning to visit nearby places. Transfer to El Dorado airport to fly to Cartagena. Upon arrival we will transfer you to the hotel to check in and you will have free time for the rest of the day.

DAY 5: BAZURTO MARKET – BIKE CITY TOUR AND DRUM WORKSHOP

After breakfast at the hotel, you will head to the Bazurto market, a very traditional market in Cartagena where you can buy traditional Colombian dishes or simply enjoy the market, walk through a labyrinth of alleys, where the guide will give you all kinds of fruits, herbs, vegetables, fishes, seafoods and meats. There is also a spices market and natural healing pharmacies.

After the visit to the market, you will take a bike tour through the historic center (the walled city), Getsemani, Manga, Bocagrande and the main points of tourist interest, where you will stop on several occasions in order to take photos and listen to the stories of our guide about Cartagena.

After lunch you will do the drum workshop (1 hour), where you will have the unique opportunity to connect with the typical Afro-Colombian rhythms of folk music such as cumbia, mapalé and champeta through immersion with traditional drums. At the end you will have a transfer to the hotel where you will have free time to rest or go around the city on your own.

DAY 6: TOTUMO VOLCANO

After breakfast we will transfer you to the Totumo volcano. The conical-shaped volcano is located on the coast of the freshwater lagoon El Totumo. You will have this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to bathe in a warm mud pool that is 500 meters deep, but the mud is so thick that it is impossible to sink. You will have the opportunity to clean yourself from the mud and go to the beach where you will have lunch: fish with banana, coconut rice, salad and a drink. Afterwards, you can take a walk on the beach, relax or go swimming. Around 2:30 in the afternoon, we will take you back to Cartagena.

DAY 7: ROSARIO ISLANDS TOUR

After breakfast at the hotel you will transfer to the pier la Bodeguita, where you will take the boat for the tour of the Rosario Islands. You will stay in Bendita Beach a totally natural island of white sand, where you can enjoy the warm Caribbean sun in its 3 private beaches with the peace and beauty of the sea, have lunch there and have free time to enjoy on the beach until the return time that will be approximately at 4 pm depending on the waves of the sea.

DAY 8: FLIGHT TO BOGOTÁ

After breakfast, we will take you to the airport to take the flight to Bogotá, when you arrive, you will have a transfer to the hotel to check in and rest a little. In the evening we will take you to the Andrés Carne de Res restaurant, where you can taste typical Colombian dishes. Time for dinner and transfer to the hotel to rest.

DAY 9

Transfer to El Dorado airport to take your flight back home.

