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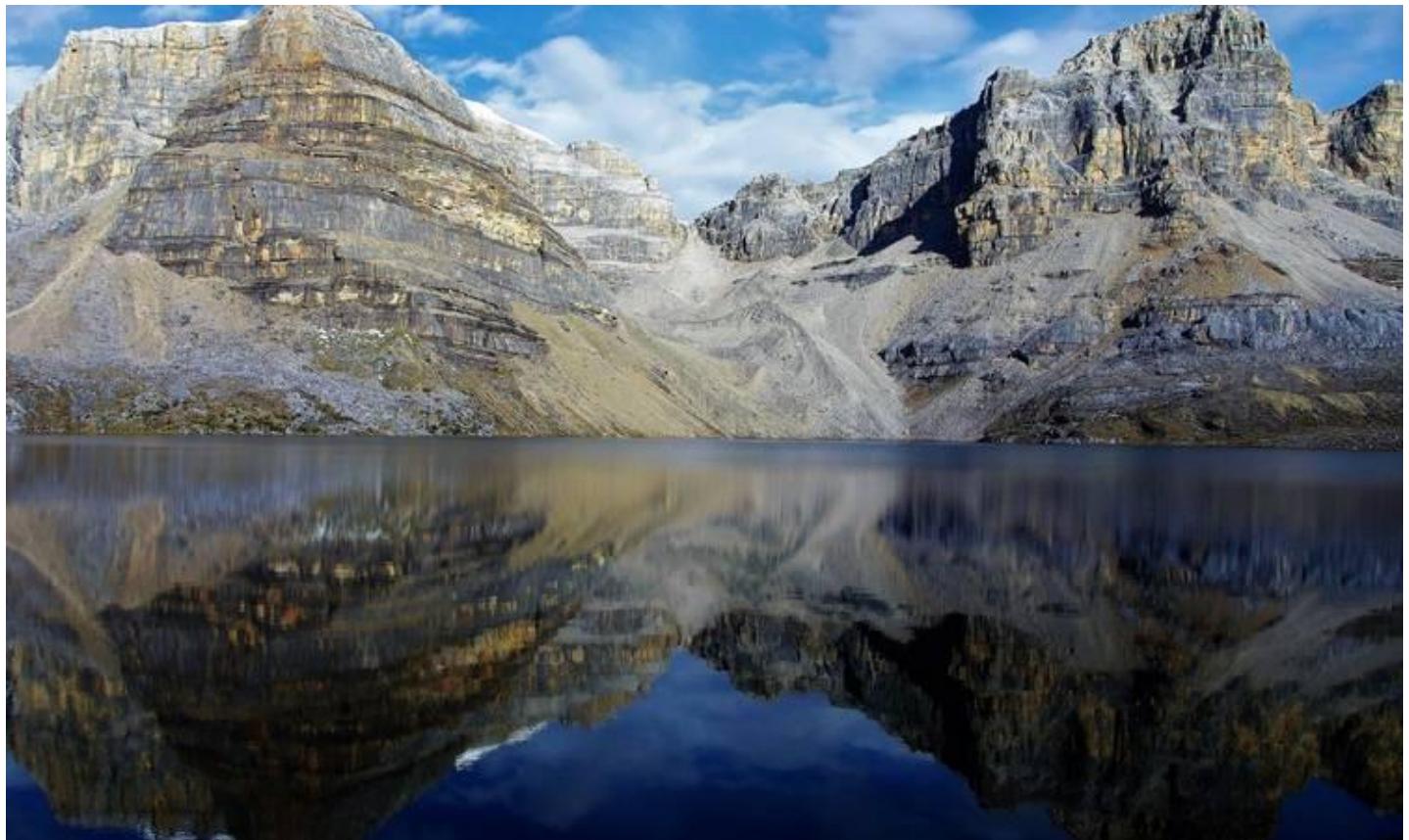
**– Small Grouptour 21 days in March & Sep 2027 –**

Bogota - El Cocuy – Los Llanos - Santa Marta - Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta -  
Tayrona - Cartagena - Sanguaré nature reserve

**First departure: 03/03/2027 - 23/03/2027**

**Second departure: 08/09/2027 – 28/09/2027**

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Day 5	07/03/2027	Lagunillas Púlpito Trail
Day 6	08/03/2027	Laguna Grande de la Sierra Trail
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### Los Llanos

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### Yopal - Santa Marta

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### Santa Marta

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### Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta

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### Sanguaré nature reserve

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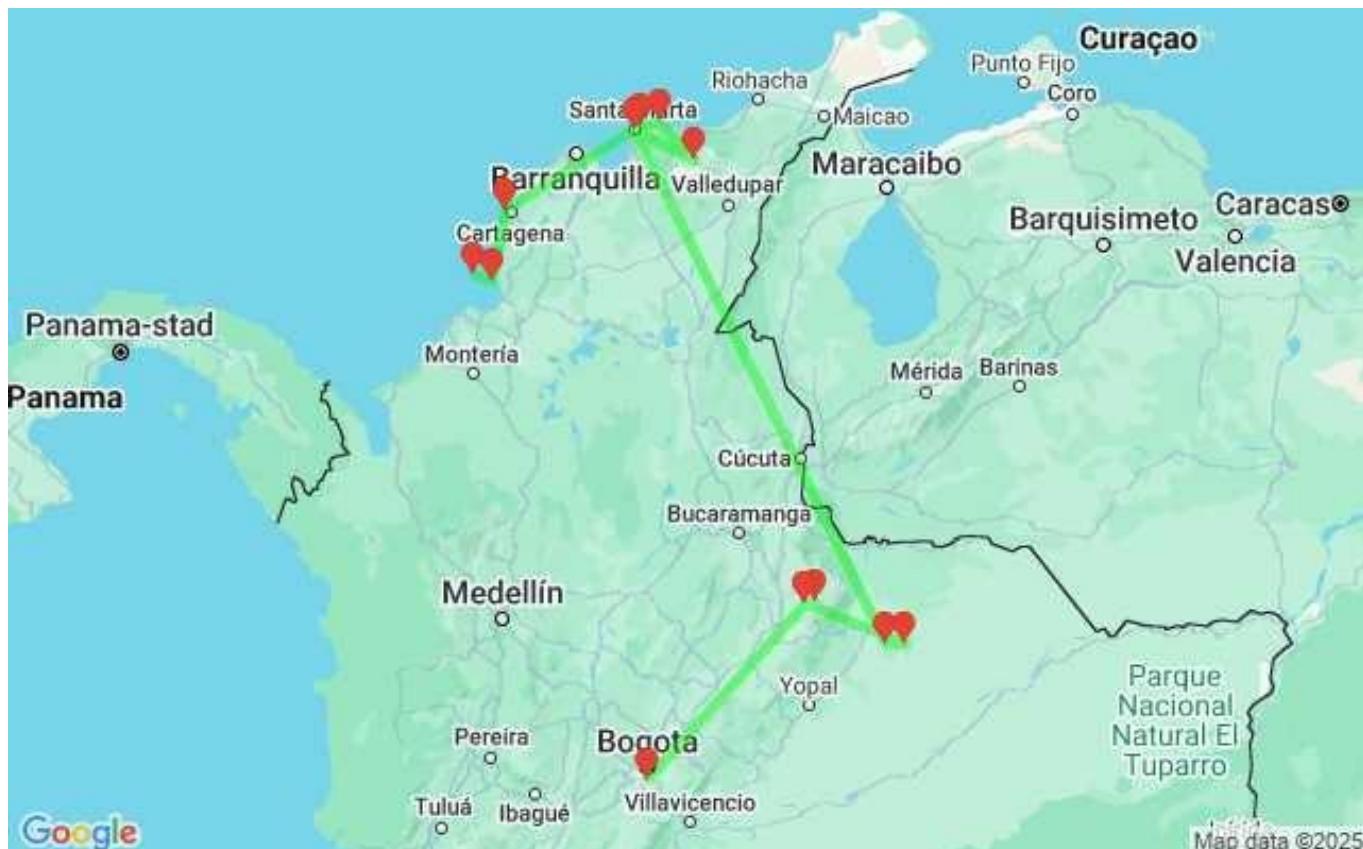




## Cartagena

Day 21 23/03/2027 Free day

Day 21 23/03/2027 Transfer Hotel - Airport





## ITINERARY

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### Bogotá

In the Andes, at 2600 meters altitude, we find Colombia's capital, Bogotá, with an estimated 9 million inhabitants. With residents from all around the globe and a thriving cultural scene, Bogotá is a city that has a lot to offer. The metropolis has several museums, such as the Gold Museum, the National Museum and the Botero Museum, where you can immerse yourself in Colombian history and culture. In addition, Bogotá is known for its graffiti street art. Amazing murals that often portray a political or historical message can be found throughout the city. Bogotá is also a popular city among cycling enthusiasts; nowhere else in Latin America will you find more bike paths in the city, and consequently the bicycle is a frequently seen means of transport. Most travellers go to the Candelaria district, the beautiful colonial centre of Bogotá where it is enjoyable to stroll around the sloping streets with their colourful colonial houses. To the north, there are more posh, modern neighbourhoods, with world-class restaurants, as well as cocktail bars and cafés.

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#### Transfer Airport El Dorado - hotel

03/03/2027

Arrival at El Dorado Bogotá airport. When leaving, look for a sign with your names. Transfer to your hotel (+/- 40 min, +/- 20 km).

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#### Hotel de la Opera

03/03/2027 - 05/03/2027



Hotel La Opera is located in the historic center of La Candelaria, just a few minutes away from the Colón Theater, the Palacio de San Carlos and Plaza de Bolívar. This colonial hotel from the Republican Era has 42 rooms. It has a spa with a swimming pool, sauna, a beauty area and gym. It also has two restaurants: La Scala and El Mirador, which serve a wide variety of national and international cuisine.

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#### City tour

04/03/2027

You will be picked up at the hotel by a local guide and start your city tour. First, you will walk through La Candelaria, Bogotá's historic center, and afterwards you will visit the famous Gold Museum as well as the Botero Museum. You will also take the cable car up to Cerro Monserrate, which has a great view over Bogotá at an altitude of 3000 meters. You will head back to the hotel in the afternoon.





## Transport Bogotá - Cocuy

05/03/2027

A driver will pick you up at your hotel to take you to the town of El Cocuy, which is a journey of approximately (+/- 11 hours, +/- 400 km) crossing the landscapes of Boyacá. El Cocuy is in the center of the eastern mountain range and is the starting point to visit the Sierra Nevada del Cocuy National Natural Park, the largest glacier in Colombia.

## El Cocuy

Between the departments of Boyacá and Arauca you will find the Sierra Nevada de Güicán, El Cocuy and Chita National Natural Park, better known as El Cocuy. This is sacred territory for the U'wa indigenous people and is recognized for being the largest glacier in Colombia because it is made up of more than 25 snow-covered peaks. In addition, the park has 150 lagoons, páramos and the Andean forest that host diverse flora, such as the iconic frailejón, and fauna species such as the tapir, morrocoy, white-tailed deer, spectacled bear, puma and the condor among others. The park has three trails established for tourists: Laguna Grande de la Sierra, Lagunillas Pulpito and Ritacuba, which will take you through a variety of landscapes and different heights, reaching a maximum of 4,900 meters above sea level. During this adventure you will also enjoy the culture of Cocuy, which is a municipality characterized by its architecture because all the houses have been painted in the same colors and where you can have a nice wool workshop with the women of the local community.

## Hotel Casa Museo La Posada Del Molino

05/03/2027 - 07/03/2027



Casa Museo La Posada del Molino is located in the historic center of the municipality of Cocuy. The hotel consists of two houses with colonial architecture and rustic decor. It is located close to the Sierra Nevada del Cocuy National Natural Park, which has more than 20 snow-capped peaks, countless lagoons and various areas of páramo ecosystems.





## Acclimatization trail

06/03/2027

In the morning, MIRADOR MAHOMA:

It starts from the village of El Cocuy at an altitude of 2.750 m.a.s.l. from where we leave by campero (journey that lasts 1 hour) reaching an altitude of 3.800 m.a.s.l. Then we make a 3 hour walk there and back: we reach the Mahoma hill at an altitude of 4.000 m.a.s.l. where we can see more than 8 villages and the majestic Sierra Nevada del Cocuy and Guican with paramo vegetation and the unmistakable frailejones with more than 4 species of frailejones.

In the afternoon, TOUR THROUGH THE TOWN CENTRE

The tour starts in the streets of Cocuy where the guide explains the most relevant events, telling the history, culture and tradition, showing the architecture of the houses, churches, parks and other emblematic places of the place. This tour takes place in the morning and lasts 2 hours. Optional: In the afternoon there is a tour of the wool and salt workshops. The wool workshop is led by live craftswomen who show you the process of the wool from its origin to the finishing of the products. In the salt workshop (also run by staff from the region) we visit a demonstrative place from 60 years ago, where the production and exchange of salt is explained, which at that time the people of this region of Boyacá traded with the people of the salt mine in Casanare.

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## Lagunillas Púlpito Trail

07/03/2027

We'll set off from El Cocuy to the start of the trail by vehicle (the journey takes around 1,5 hours). It starts above 3,700 meters above sea level on an easy trail for people who are already acclimatized. It starts at Alto de la Cueva (if it is clear) where you can see the snow-capped peaks of the Sierra. At the beginning the hike goes through a paramo ecosystem. In this sector are located the lagoons Parada, Pintada, Atravesada, and Cuadrada. Later we begin to ascend through high moorland to moraine until we reach the edge of the glacier, where the imposing Púlpito del Diablo can be seen (+/- 10 hours). In the afternoon we won't be returning to the village, but will arrive directly at the 'hacienda La Esperanza' refuge.

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## Hacienda La Esperanza

07/03/2027 - 08/03/2027



Hacienda La Esperanza is a simple and rustic accommodation in the area of El Cocuy, Boyacá. It features several rooms with shared bathroom facilities and also offers breakfast service. Due to its location on the edge of National Park El Cocuy, it is very suitable to visit the park from here by day hikes.



## Laguna Grande de la Sierra Trail

08/03/2027

The hike starts from the Hacienda La Esperanza, at an altitude of 3700 m.a.s.l., until reaching 4800 m.a.s.l., covering 10.8 km; where you can enjoy the scenery offered by the road as: the cave of Cuchumba, the valley of frailejones until reaching the Laguna Grande de la Sierra, a lagoon of glacial origin crossed by several snowy peaks, as the Concavo, the Concavito or the Pan de Azúcar (+/- 10 hours). In the afternoon, return to the village by vehicle (the journey takes around 1h30).

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08/03/2027 - 09/03/2027

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## Transport El Cocuy - Hato La Aurora

09/03/2027

Transport from El Cocuy to Hato La Aurora, a journey of around 8 hours. You'll descend from the heights of the Andes to the plains of Los Llanos, first by bus and then by 4x4 on dirt tracks. During the journey you will have the opportunity to see many wild animals. Arrive late afternoon at the Juan Solito Ecolodge for dinner and overnight.

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## Los Llanos

A vast savannah with muddy rivers where cowboys, called llaneros here, gather their huge herds of cows on horseback, where at dusk the llaneros themselves sing for you playing the harp, and where a great deal of wildlife lives on the plains; from alligators to jaguars. A visit to the Llanos Orientales in eastern Colombia is an unforgettable experience. Immerse yourself in the traditional lifestyle of the llaneros, watch howler monkeys, capybaras and crocodiles on a savannah safari and marvel at the sunset and starry sky of Los Llanos, far away from civilization.

Note: it's better to wear long-sleeved clothing and a hat covering your head and neck, as well as hiking boots. We recommend that you bring a small suitcase and a backpack for short trips or hikes. Most hotels don't have hot water, as the climate is hot all year round. In the event of heavy rain, there may be electricity restrictions.



## Ecolodge Juan Solito

09/03/2027 - 12/03/2027



Juan Solito Ecolodge is an ecological hotel located in the Hato La Aurora Nature Reserve on the plains of Los Llanos. The ecolodge offers different types of simple (so no hot water) but comfortable accommodation, from cabins with bathrooms to hammocks with mosquito nets. Thanks to the biodiversity of the nature reserve, it is possible to observe a large number of wildlife such as alligators, capybaras, wild horses, deer and anacondas. Travelers can choose from activities such as 4X4 safaris,

horseback riding, trekking and boat tours to go fishing for example. Here you will experience the traditional culture of Los Llanos such as its music, gastronomy and learn more about the llaneros who gather their cattle on horseback. Tours and all meals are included.

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## Two full days of activities Hato la Aurora

10/03/2027 - 11/03/2027

Two days with activities of your choice in and around the ecolodge, in the protected nature reserve of Hato La Aurora. Go on a 4X4 safari in the savannah to observe wildlife and birds, hike through the wildlife-rich nature reserve to see capybaras, wild horses, toucans, and monkeys, go fishing in one of the rivers where you can immediately eat your catch, roasted over the fire on the river bank, go horseback riding or learn about the traditions of the llaneros. Too much to choose from. All activities are guided.



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## Transport Hato La Aurora - Yopal

12/03/2027

Transport from Hato La Aurora to Yopal (+/- 4.5 hours), a journey on largely unpaved roads through the savannah of Los Llanos.





## Yopal - Santa Marta

### Flight Yopal - Bogotá - Santa Marta

12/03/2027

Flight from Yopal to Santa Marta, with stop in Bogotá. Operated by Latam.

Baggage policy:

- 1 piece weighing a maximum of 23 kilograms (50 pounds)
- 1 carry-on piece weighing a maximum of 10 kilograms (17 pounds)
- 1 personal item

## Santa Marta

The city of Santa Marta has a special location, nestled between the mountains of the Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta and the Caribbean Sea. The city was founded in 1525 by the Spaniards, making it the oldest colonial city in South America. Santa Marta is a good starting point to visit the Tayrona National Natural Park and the Sierra Nevada Mountains. The city itself is also a very interesting destination to visit thanks to its rich history represented in its various museums. You can also enjoy a great variety of restaurants and nightspots or just admire the beautiful sunset over the bay.

To be more comfortable, we recommend good hydration, sun protection and a hat during your visit. Santa Marta has a warm climate all year round, which makes it the ideal destination for a vacation in any season.

### Transfer vliegveld - hotel

12/03/2027

Aankomst op de luchthaven van Santa Marta. Kijk bij het verlaten van de luchthaven uit naar een bordje met jullie namen. Transfer naar het hotel (+/- 40 minuten, 20 km).

### Hotel Boutique Casa Carolina

12/03/2027 - 13/03/2027



Casa Carolina is a boutique hotel located in the historic center of Santa Marta, built in an old colonial house with spacious rooms and airconditioning. Some of the rooms have their own balconies. The hotel has continuous service in its Eli restaurant with Colombian and international dishes, as well as two swimming pools, two jacuzzis, a patio and a spa.



## Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta

13/03/2027

Deep in the jungle of the Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta, at +/- 1600 meters altitude, lies one of the Kogui towns called Satey. The descendants of the natives of Tayrona live here, they also built 'Ciudad Perdida' 650 years before the much better-known Machu Picchu in Peru. The indigenous people whom you will interact with are called Kogui, they are one of the four indigenous people in the Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta, the other three are Wiwa, Arhuacos and Kankuamos. The walk to Satey is quite difficult, but at the same time it will also be one of the most special experiences of your trip through Colombia: the walks lead through a dense jungle, through waterfalls, rivers and sometimes you even have to descend or climb.

Tours to La Sierra de Santa Marta are anything but commercial, only offered a few times a year by special request. The Kogui community gives us permission to do these tours and interact with them. These tours are for people who really want to interact and are open to getting to know the indigenous Colombians and their customs: eating habits, lifestyle, beliefs, etc.

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NOTE: Instead of very adventurous 4 day itinerary to the Kogui indigenous, we can offer a 4 day trip to Minca and El Dorado Lodge as well. This is interesting for both nature as bird lovers with excellent opportunities for birdwatching. Price is very similar or the same.

### Tour 4 day/3 nights Kogui Village Satey

13/03/2027

Tour 4 day/3 nights Kogui Village Satey

The Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta is a mountain region on the Caribbean coast with the highest peaks in Colombia. It is isolated from the Andes mountains and is therefore completely different. From the beaches of Tayrona at sea level, the Sierra Nevada rises at a rapid pace to the snow tops of around 5800m. Due to these height differences, you will find all kind of climate zones in this relatively small area of 17,000 km<sup>2</sup> and as a result, you will also find many different and unique ecosystems. The Sierra Nevada area is inhabited by indigenous people, descendants of the former "Tayrona", who live largely according to their traditional culture. We are talking here about the "Kogui", "Arhuacos", "Wiwas", and "Kankuamos". They speak their own language, have their own traditional dress, live in traditional villages and houses, but most importantly, they have their own beliefs and traditions about their world and way of life. The trips we offer in this area are unique because you will actually visit a whole different world. It is as if you go back in time and find a culture and a way of living that is hard to imagine in today's society. This unique experience will open your eyes and it will make you reflect about life.

This tour takes you to the villages of Palmor and Satey. Palmor is a village with two sides, a village with settlers from different areas of Colombia, who have settled in the foothills of the high mountains, mainly engaged in coffee production and other agriculture. The other side is the indigenous people, who come to Palmor to supply a number of needs. It is a very lively and peaceful village.

Satey is a traditional Kogui village further into the mountains. It is almost surreal to see the difference with our





western world, and to think that we can actually find a completely different culture and way of life at such a short distance, is incredible. Different rules apply here however, the community has both political and spiritual leaders, and the so-called "Mamos" (shamans) are the most important community members, and have natural authority because of the knowledge they have acquired. The Kogui people live here in harmony with nature, and you will not only feel it, but you will also notice this during the trip from Palmor to Satey. It is as if you were part of a completely different world, in which materialism is less important and where happiness seems to have a whole different meaning.

#### Day 1

Pick up at your hotel in Santa Marta and transport to the village of Palmor, a 2 and a half hour drive. In Palmor we have time for lunch, and buy some last things we need for your trip into the mountains. We continue in a 4x4 jeep for about 2 hours over a dirt road, till we get to a local farm house called 'Donde Fidel'. After arrival we will get to know the local coffee process, and after dinner, we sleep in very simple beds at the farm house.

#### Day 2

Early breakfast, and continue the start of our 4 to 5 hour hike. We go further into the mountains, and get into the Kogui area. On our way we have enough time to relax, and take pictures. We have a mule for our luggage, and only carry our daypack. On arrival in the Kogui village Satey, we will be welcomed by the authorities, and have the rest of the day for interaction with the community. This day we will also organize a meeting with a 'Mamo', a spiritual leader from the community. When in Satey, we have our meals with a local family, and we sleep in a hammock in a 'Choza', a traditional Kogui hut.

#### Day 3

Full day at the Kogui village Satey. We don't have a fixed program for this day, but we will try as much as possible to interact with the community. Besides that, we can do short hikes in the surroundings, to a crystal clear river, a traditional wooden Kogui bridge, a ceremonial site of the Mamo's with rock and stone art, or we can just stay in the village and experience the Kogui culture. In the afternoon, and after lunch, we hike back to the farmhouse 'Donde Fidel', where we have dinner and sleep our last night in simple bedrooms.

#### Day 4

Breakfast at the farmhouse, and 4x4 jeeps back to Palmor. After a short stop in the village, we continue with transport to Santa Marta, where you will be dropped off at your hotel.

#### What to bring?

Good hiking shoes or rubber boots for hiking  
Extra pair of footwear  
Clothes for warm and humid climate  
Clothes for cool climate (nights at Satey can be cold)  
Swimwear and towel  
Raincoat, sunblock, and repellent  
Backpack for luggage, and small daypack for hiking  
Sleeping Bag or blanket for in the hammock  
Flashlight and extra batteries



Water bottle (at least 1 liter) and flashlight

Personal medication and first aid kit

Water tablet, or water filter

Cash money

The villages we visit in the Sierra Nevada are not well-known tourist destinations at all. Each visit is done in close consultation with the community, is announced in advance, and upon payment of a permission fee to the community. This payment is used for general purposes within the community, but it also keeps out a certain type of tourism. A number of Kogui villages are prepared to receive tourists, but the intention is to regulate this to a certain point. It is only meant for those who have a genuine interest in the culture, show respect, and accept that a visit to the Kogui villages proceeds under the existing conditions of the community.

There is no tourism infrastructure present in Satey. You take a shower in the river, your toilet will be nature itself and your bed will be a hammock in a Kogui hut. Taking photos of the traditional huts and the people is only possible after approval of the "Mamo", or of the person in question. The meals you will have in the Kogui villages are a combination of groceries brought by the guide and meals offered by the Kogui community. You will have a mule at your disposal for the luggage and in an emergency this mule can also be ridden to return to Palmor. You can find water in the form of rainwater, or small streams and rivers, but it is recommended to bring water purification tablets with you to purify water. For a visit to the Sierra Nevada, a vaccination against the Yellow Fever is recommended. Malaria does not occur in this area. The program as mentioned, can be adapted to the circumstances, and will also depend on the permissions in the Kogui village. Forget about tight schedules, be flexible, and enjoy this unforgettable experience.



## Transport Palmor - Tayrona

16/03/2027

A driver will pick you up in Palmor to take you to Tayrona Park (+/- 2 hours 30 minutes).

## Tayrona

Tayrona National Park is undoubtedly one of the most important natural reserves in Colombia. Its pristine clear blue beaches in the Caribbean Sea, lined with palm trees and rocks that resemble huge bird eggs, are impressive. Plus, at sunset, you can hear the sounds of howler monkeys from the nearby rain forest. The natural reserve, just 35 kilometers from the city of Santa Marta, has 15,000 hectares, of jungle and the most beautiful beaches in Colombia. For thousands of years, the area has been inhabited by the Tayrona, whose descendants still live in the park. The yellow fever vaccination is recommended in this area.



For your information:

There are no ATMs or Wi-Fi in this area, also, since the climate is hot all year round, it is common that most hotels do not have hot water. However, this is not the case in the higher category hotels. We also recommend that you bring a bottle of water, sunscreen, mosquito repellent and a hat during your visit to be more comfortable.

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## Arrecifes Refugio Natural

16/03/2027 - 18/03/2027



Arrecifes Refugio Natural is an ecolodge located on La Piscina beach, in Tayrona National Park. Cabo San Juan and Arrecifes beaches are within walking distance nearby. The hotel offers sea views, a garden, terrace, restaurant, Wi-Fi and a bar. Rooms have a private bathroom with toiletries and some have a terrace overlooking the garden or beach. The ecological, local materials and decoration used throughout the hotel make it an ideal place to relax with an excellent level of

comfort. Hiking and also snorkeling are possible in the immediate vicinity. Pack light for the hike, bring your passport along with a flashlight for the evening. From the Cañaveral parking lot it is about 1.5 hours of walking (or on horseback at an additional cost), from Calabazo about 6 hours.

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## Free day

17/03/2027 - 17/03/2027

Enjoy a day off in the beautiful nature of the Tayrona National Park. Swim in the turquoise blue sea and rest in one of the many beaches. Explore the coral reefs with a snorkel, and spot three different species of monkeys and colorful birds with a walk through the jungle. The village of Arrecifes is located at a 45 to 90-minute walk from the park entrance. Look out for the signs at the beaches. Swimming is not always allowed due to the high waves and strong currents. From the Arrecifes sector, it's only a 15-minute walk to the next village, La Piscina, where you can swim in natural pools and where the many coral reefs provide perfect scenery for snorkeling. Another 15 minutes away you will find the beach of El Cabo San Juan, where you can also swim and snorkel, and eat fresh fish in one of the restaurants.



## Transport Tayrona Park - Cartagena

18/03/2027

Transport from Tayrona National Park to Cartagena. It's a pleasant (+/- 5.5 hours, +/- 250 km) drive along the coast with views of the ocean and the mountains of the Sierra Nevada. The cities of Santa Marta and Barranquilla are also on this route.

## Cartagena

Cartagena de Indias is by far the most beautiful city in the Caribbean. Its centuries-old walled-in city center, that has been declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site, seems to have been made for people to wander around for hours. Its maze of colorful colonial houses on narrow streets and alleys ending in shadowy squares where, in the afternoon, street musicians and dancers show the best of the swinging Caribbean culture. But there is also plenty to do outside the city walls. The archipelago Islas del Rosario is at an hour's boat ride from the port city. And of course they have the pearl white beaches and turquoise-colored sea that the Caribbean is famous for. Even closer are the beaches of Cartagena, where you can end the day with a swim in the sea and by watching the enchanting sunset.



## Walking tour

18/03/2027

Today you will learn about the historical importance of Cartagena while visiting incredible places that will take you on a journey back in time to relive the era of the Spanish conquest. An English-speaking guide will pick you up at the hotel for a guided tour of Cartagena's historic center. You will visit all the iconic places of the walled-in, colonial city center, such as the Parque Bolívar, Las Bóvedas, Iglesia de San Pedro Claver and Plaza de los Coches. It can get quite hot in Cartagena, so bring along a bottle of water and protection against the bright sun. After the 2-hour walk, the guide will accompany you back to the hotel.

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## Hotel Monterrey

18/03/2027 - 19/03/2027



Hotel Monterrey is located in front of the Plaza de la Independencia in the historic center of Cartagena. On the top floor of the building you will find the terrace that has a mirador called "La Heroica" which offers a panoramic view of Cartagena's walled city. The hotel also has a swimming pool, patio and restaurant serving local and French cuisine.

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## Transport Cartagena - Sanguaré

19/03/2027

A driver will pick you up at the hotel for your transport to the Sanguaré Nature Reserve, an approximately (+/- 3 hours, +/- 150 km) drive.



## Sanguaré nature reserve

Birdwatchers and other nature lovers will enjoy this nature reserve. In addition to a multitude of exotic birds, you will also find capybaras, sloths, lizards, alligators and many other wild animals here. It is also the ideal starting point for other activities in the area, such as a tour of the San Bernardo islands, nature walks, a horseback ride or sports such as kayaking, snorkeling or diving. Note: Due to the hot climate all year long, it's customary for most hotels to not have hot water

### Hotel Reserva Sanguaré

19/03/2027 - 22/03/2027



Located within the Sanguaré Nature Reserve of 598 hectares of tropical forest, this Ecolodge lies far away from the stress and pollution of nearby cities. Here you can see the variety of birds in the reserve, lazy bears, alligators, lizards and many other animals. In the same way, it is the ideal point to carry out activities in the outskirts such as a tour to the San Bernardo islands, ecological walks, sailing, kayaking or diving.

### Free day

20/03/2027 - 21/03/2027

Enjoy a free day in Sanguaré. Drink a cocktail on the beach, swim in the sea, explore the nature reserve or choose an optional activity offered by the hotel.

### Transport Sanguaré - Cartagena

22/03/2027

A driver will pick you up at the lodge in the nature reserve for your transport back to Cartagena, an approximately (+/- 3 hours, +/- 150 km) drive.

## Cartagena

### Hotel Monterrey

22/03/2027 - 23/03/2027

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## Free day

23/03/2027 - 23/03/2027

Enjoy a day off in Cartagena. Both in the old, walled-in city center and in Getsemaní, the city district just outside, there is always something new to discover. Marvel at the remarkable murals in the streets, drink a fruit juice prepared by the Palenqueras in their African dresses, eat coconut rice with fresh fish in one of Cartagena's many good restaurants, dance salsa and drink a cocktail overlooking the sunset. The beach is also pretty close by, for those who prefer to rest.



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## Transfer Hotel - Airport

23/03/2027

A driver will pick you up at the hotel and take you to the airport in Cartagena, a short 20-minute drive.

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## ACCOMMODATIONS

Bogotá

2 nights Hotel de la Opera [website](#)

El Cocuy

2 nights Hotel Casa Museo La Posada Del Molino [website](#)

1 night Hacienda La Esperanza [website](#)

1 night Hotel Casa Museo La Posada Del Molino [website](#)

Los Llanos

3 nights Ecolodge Juan Solito [website](#)

Santa Marta

1 night Hotel Boutique Casa Carolina [website](#)

Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta

Tayrona

2 nights Arrecifes Refugio Natural [website](#)

Cartagena

1 night Hotel Monterrey [website](#)

Sanguaré nature reserve

3 nights Hotel Reserva Sanguare [website](#)

Cartagena

1 night Hotel Monterrey [website](#)

## Flight(s):

Date	From	To	Departure	Arrival	Flight Nr	Reservation
Day 10	Yopal	Bogotá	15:55	16:59	LA4211	
Day 10	Bogotá	Santa Marta	17:44	19:17	LA4160	



## PRICES ESCORTED GROUP & TRAVEL CONDITIONS

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Pricing in EURO per person for Escorted Group March – Sep 2027.

For early bookers and when you book directly through us there is a discount of 450 Euro pp.

6 pax	8 pax	10 pax
6750	5975	5490

Including:

- National flights x 1
- Accommodation in private double rooms with breakfast
- Accommodation with 3 meals per night in Hato la Aurora and Sanguaré
- Meals as mentioned during trips NP Cocuy and Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta
- Transfers and transport as mentioned with Spanish-speaking drivers
- Alternative transport (by boat or per 4x4) needed for the itinerary
- Tours and activities as mentioned with entrance fees and English-speaking guides
- Special entrances fees for foreigners for NP Cocuy and NP Tayrona
- Permit and gifts for the Kogui village
- Mules for luggage to Kogui village
- Experienced international tour leader (English Spanish speaking mountainleader & naturalist, guided 170 groups with University degree in Geology)
- 24/7 assistance office Bogota

Not included:

- International flights
- Insurance (health and travel)
- Meals and drinks not mentioned
- Voluntary tips for guides, drivers, etc.
- Services mentioned as optional
- Personal expenses

NOTE: Instead of very adventurous 4 day itinerary to the Kogui indigenous, we can offer a 4 day trip to Minca and El Dorado Lodge as well. This is interesting for both nature as bird lovers with excellent opportunities for birdwatching. Price is very similar or the same.

*\* Please note that the price might have to be adjusted, depending on the constantly changing USD-COP exchange rate, flight prices, availability of services, etc.*

*\*\*If domestic flights are included in the booking, regardless of the time of cancellation 100% of the flight price will be charged.*





\*\*\*Hotels are only suggestions and will only be reserved at the time of booking. If there is no availability, a similar or equivalent alternative will be offered.

Before booking we will have first an interview via Whatsapp to doublecheck if this small group travel really suits you.

If that is all fine we will send you some documents to be filled in.

Amount first deposit is 500 Euros to be on the list of participants and reserve your place.

Dates for the second & final payment will be communicated.

The final payment needs to be on our bank account of ABN AMRO in the Netherlands 7 weeks before arrival.

>> **For our conditions of the travel agreement, these are standard travel conditions used worldwide in similar forms, see: <http://www.latinamericajourneys.guru/travel-agreement>**

>> **When you proceed with booking you accept the conditions of the travel agreement.**

**It is obligatory to take care of a good travel insurance, including all medical coverage that might occur and cancellation insurance.**

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## GENERAL INFORMATION COLOMBIA

### (also for private tailormade travels)

#### General information Language

It is important to mention that not all tourist sites and lodging establishments, restaurants or others will be able to communicate in English or other languages (other than Spanish). For this reason, we recommend planning and visiting the activities and tourist sites in the company of an English speaking guide.

#### Money

You can withdraw money from ATMs with your debit and/or credit card. Please note, however, that it is not always possible to withdraw money in small towns and/or remote areas. When using ATMs, preferably they should be located in shopping malls or on busy streets. When visiting these types of destinations, we recommend that you bring enough cash. It is better to exchange USD, GBP or EUR to the Colombian currency (Colombian pesos) in the big cities, since the exchange rates are the most favorable there. To use a credit card it is important to know the corresponding code. Tipping in Colombia is common and very appreciated. Restaurants and cafes will ask if they can add a 10% tip to the bill. In the services of drivers and guides the tip is not included and you can decide by yourself if you want to give it or not, according to the quality of the service you have received. An indication of tips can be found in the following table. In addition, you may like to help people living on the streets. Our advice is that you can give them money when they offer a service or a product (crafts, chewing gum, etc.). If that is not the case, you can give them a coffee or sandwich, for example.

Services based on 2 persons	Private Shared
Drivers during short transfers	5 USD/EUR
Drivers for multiple days (day price)	10 USD/EUR
Guide half day	10-20 USD/EUR
Guide full day	20 USD/EUR
Doormen (Price per suitcase) or similar services from	2 USD/EUR
	N/A

#### Passport

In Colombia it is obligatory to be able to identify oneself at all times, if requested by the police. Make sure you have a valid identity document at all times (passport, identity card, driver's license, etc.). The passport must be valid for at least 6 months before the end of the trip. We recommend that you make a copy of your passport so that you can leave the original at the hotel. PLEASE NOTE: As a tourist, you do not have to pay 19% VAT (Value Added Tax).

Therefore, this tax will not be charged on the accommodations booked in the program. To be excluded from this tax, it is important that upon your arrival to Colombia you indicate that you will be traveling as a tourist for a maximum period of 3 months. This in order to receive the correct stamp. The required stamps are: PIP-5 and the 'V' visa. For cases in which other stamps or visas are used other than those mentioned above, Our local operator will not be responsible for any VAT that must be paid in the reserved accommodations.

If you are traveling with a Colombian nationality, you are responsible for proving that you are living abroad and that you will remain in Colombia for less than 183 days per calendar year, in order to be excluded from VAT.

#### COVID-19

Upon arrival in Colombia, the following rule applies:

You must complete the online form of the migration service, Check-Mig. We've created a 10 Step Plan, so you can follow all the 10 steps here to avoid doubts and mistakes. You must fill out this form upon arrival in Colombia and upon departure from Colombia, each time 24 hours before the start of the international flight. In addition to this, the use of a face mask is not mandatory anymore. There are no further requirements to enter Colombia.

#### Vaccines

Please ask your general practitioner for information on the necessary vaccinations for your trip, in advance. Required



and/or recommended vaccinations depend on the areas visited. In cases where a destination is to be visited that requires some type of specific vaccination, it will be mentioned to you in advance of the trip. Yellow fever is recommended to enter Colombia but not mandatory.

## **Weather**

The temperature in Colombia is very constant throughout the year and has few fluctuations. This depends mainly on the altitude of each region, the higher you are above sea level, the lower the temperature. The seasons in Colombia are characterized by 2 periods of relative drought and 2 periods of rain. The enormous diversity of altitude, the fact that sometimes several climatic zones are visited in a single day and the current unpredictability of the seasons, make it advisable to be prepared for all types of weather.

## **Accommodation**

In the travel program you will find an overview of the booked accommodations. The reservations are in the name of the client. In case of problems during check-in, please mention that the reservation was made by Our local operator. If coupons are required for certain activities and accommodations, these will be sent separately. In general, only breakfast is included in the accommodation, unless otherwise indicated. Keep in mind that check-in hours are around 15:00 and check-out hours around 10:00.

## **Flights**

For domestic flights, it is recommended to be present at the airport at least 1 hour in advance. For international flights it is recommended to be at least 2 to 3 hours before the flight. Baggage policies and other conditions may vary according to the airline. For possible baggage limitations and conditions, we recommend that you consult the baggage information stated in the travel program. With several airlines it is possible to check in online one day before the flight, for which only the reservation code is required. To avoid overbooking issues with the airline, passengers are required to do the web check-in 48 hours before the flight or as soon as it is available (24 hours in some cases). If for any reason it is not possible to do so, please notify the agency immediately for review. If notification is not made, Our local operator will not be responsible for the completion of the flight or for any additional payments arising from any inconveniences with the airline. We recommend that you do so to avoid possible waiting times at the airport and to keep up to date with the latest flight information. E-tickets no longer need to be printed and registration with a valid identity document (passport) is sufficient.

## **Transportation**

The transportation organized by our local operator is reserved with different transportation companies. Therefore, it is possible that a driver may not always be aware of the entire itinerary, but only of the service he is currently performing. In case of questions or comments about the transportation, please contact us.

## **Insurance**

Every aspect of the tour organized by our local operator has a special insurance: hotel insurance, insurance for organized transportation, insurance for the activities and insurance for the flights. However, it should be kept in mind that incidents may occur. For example, an accident, theft or illness. Therefore, we recommend the client to request travel insurance in his country of origin and that it is valid and adjusted to the planned trip in Colombia. This insurance must have coverage for COVID-19. Other insurances, like the cancellation insurance, are the responsibility of the client and Our local operator cannot be held responsible for this. We ask you to provide us with information about your travel insurance, as well as an emergency contact in your home country (name, phone number and mail).

## **Security**

Nowadays Colombia is a very safe country for tourists, who are kindly received in all regions. However, it never hurts to take precautions as in any place in the world. We recommend always to be aware of the environment, to have common sense when you go to an unknown place. It is not recommended to take cabs in the street, it is always suggested to ask the hotel to request this service. Take care of your personal belongings and avoid carrying your passport, please leave it in the hotel security box and carry only one copy of it. It is recommended that you ask for directions from the police or army in case you are out of place. When using ATMs, preferably they should be located in shopping malls or on streets that have been passed by.

## **Responsible and sustainable tourism**

For our local operator, responsible tourism is very important. They not only seek to be respectful of the environment,

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they are also committed to protecting Colombia's cultural heritage and treating local communities with respect, while seeking to promote the local economy. The (sexual) abuse of children, and the use, purchase or sale of drugs is prohibited and will be reported to local authorities. On the other hand, they try to minimize the impact that the trip will

have on the environment, prioritizing our commitment with hotels, restaurants, tour guides and drivers who take the necessary measures for the conservation of resources, the protection of biodiversity and the cultural characteristics of each region. To us, responsible and sustainable tourism means opportunity and commitment. As of 2017 they became members of the TourCert community; they implement and they are certified according to the TourCert guidelines. Similarly, they see the client as an important ally to address this matter in a responsible and conscious way. To achieve this, they are committed to providing correct and honest information to the client, so that their experience in Colombia is unforgettable.

### Travel without plastic

In order to accomplish our sustainability policies, they recommend you to bring a reusable bottle to use during your trip. Most hotels have a water station, bottle or filter water to fill your bottle with drinking water. When you arrive, ask at the reception where you can fill it for free or for an additional cost. In some destinations such as Caño Cristales, Pacífico, La Guajira, and all the National Parks it is mandatory to bring a reusable bottle because single-use plastics are not allowed.

### Plugs and connectivity

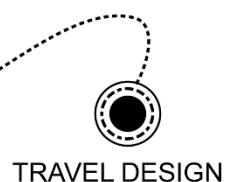
Type A and B sockets are used in Colombia. The mains voltage is 110V and the frequency is 60Hz. It is best to bring a world plug that allows you to charge small electronic devices such as mobile phones and cameras. Devices from Europe with higher power consumption, such as hair dryers or straighteners, cannot be used in Colombia due to the low power voltage. They will work, but only at half power. There is free Wi-Fi in most hotels and public places. You can also always buy a local sim card from Claro, Tigo or Movistar upon arrival. In Colombia, people communicate a lot via WhatsApp and almost everyone has a smartphone.

### Our team & local operator

The accompaniment of a tour guide will depend on the agreed upon travel program. The tour guide is the direct contact and the face of our local operator. They also use third party services and local contacts (hotels, drivers, local guides, etc.), all of them used to work with foreign tourists, able to offer the service and quality that they represent. In the unlikely event that something goes wrong, or if there are any questions during the trip, you can contact us at the emergency number 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. It is preferable that in the event that something does not go as estimated, you contact us as soon as possible, so that they can work quickly on a solution. During office hours, first call the person responsible for the tour (see contact details). Outside office hours, during the weekends and during vacations, you can call the emergency number (second number on the list). If for some reason you do not get an answer, you can still call 'reservations', which can only assist you in Spanish.



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