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HIGHLIGHTS OF COLOMBIA

January 8-15, 2021



Itinerary in Brief

Day 1	Fri, Jan 08	Depart USA and arrive in Bogotá
Day 2	Sat, Jan 09	Bogotá
Day 3	Sun, Jan 10	Flight to Medellín
Day 4	Mon, Jan 11	Medellín
Day 5	Tue, Jan 12	Medellín-Guatapé-Medellín
Day 6	Wed, Jan 13	Medellín-Cartagena
Day 7	Thu, Jan 14	Cartagena
Day 8	Fri, Jan 15	Depart Cartagena and arrive in the USA

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Day 1 – Depart USA to Bogotá

Fri, Jan 08, 2021

Depart on any regularly scheduled flight from the USA to Bogotá (BOG). Upon arrival in Bogotá, you may book a transfer with Coda Tours to be met at the airport and transferred to the hotel.

Hotel: W Hotel Bogotá ★★★★★

Room: Superior or Deluxe

Meals: None

Day 2 – Bogotá

Sat, Jan 09

After breakfast, begin with a visit to La Plaza de Mercado Paloquemao, one of the biggest and most famous local markets in Bogotá. Then, enjoy a visit to the historic center La Candelaria with an impressive main square, Plaza de Bolívar. Continue to the Botero Museum, a colonial house exhibiting some of Fernando Botero's works of art and pieces from his personal collection that includes works by Picasso, Renoir, Dalí, Matisse, Monet and Giacometti. After lunch, tour the Gold Museum which has a permanent exhibition of some 32,000 pieces of gold, 20,000 stones, ceramics and textiles all precious to the Quimbaya, Calima, Tayrona, Sinu, Muisca, Tolima, Tumaco and Magdalena cultures. This evening is a Welcome Dinner, after which, you may wish to explore the nightlife in Bogotá.

Hotel: W Hotel Bogotá ★★★★★

Room: Superior or Deluxe

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 3 – Bogotá | Medellín

Sun, Jan 10

After breakfast, depart to the airport for a midday flight to Medellín. Upon arrival, transfer to the hotel for check-in. The evening is at leisure.

Hotel: Medellín Marriott Hotel ★★★★★

Room: Superior

Meals: Breakfast

Day 4 – Medellín

Mon, Jan 11

Today, learn about Medellín in the 1980s when it was one of the most dangerous cities in the world. In the early 1990s, when the hunt for Pablo Escobar, *El Patrón*, took place, the head of Medellín's drug cartel was at its peak. Learn how the city achieved the drastic transformation from that history to today being one of the most innovative metropolises in the world and referred to as the *City of Eternal Spring*. Lunch will be at a popular restaurant nearby and the evening is at leisure.

Hotel: Medellín Marriott Hotel ★★★★★

Room: Superior

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Day 5 – Medellín- Guatapé- Medellín

Tue, Jan 12

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Leave Medellín and head to the town of Guatapé in order to visit the enormous rock. The drive takes around two hours, during which you can appreciate the outstanding landscape of Antioquia. Guatapé has a reservoir created by the Colombian government for a hydro-electric dam. In the middle of the reservoir is the Peñol Rock. The Peñol Rock is possibly a meteorite due to its size.

Walk up the stairs if you are full of energy (there are 654 steps to get to the top), to view the entire Guatapé reservation, this is an optional activity. Then visit the picturesque village of Guatapé where all of the houses are painted in quaint pastel colors. After lunch (included), tour the Guatapé reservoir by boat (30 minutes) before returning to Medellín

Hotel: Medellín Marriott Hotel ★★★★★

Room: Superior

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Day 6– Medellín | Cartagena

Wed, Jan 13

In the morning, transfer to the airport to take a flight to Cartagena. In the afternoon, take a Panoramic City Tour with a stop at San Felipe Fortress built on San Lázaro hill to defend the city from pirates and erected in honor of the poet from Cartagena, Don Luis Carlos López.

Hotel: Bastion Luxury Hotel ★★★★★

Room: Superior

Meals: Breakfast

Day 7 - Cartagena

Thu, Jan 14

In the *Ciudad Vieja* (old city), visit the Convent and Church of San Pedro Claver, built in the middle of the XVII century. Also visit the Zenú Gold Museum, inaugurated in 1982 by the Bank of the Republic, which has a gold and ceramics collection from the main pre-Columbian cultures. Lastly, continue to the handicrafts zone of the Bovedas, a collection of archways built into the city wall of Cartagena and that were used until the end of the 1700s to house armaments and then later as a prison in the 14th century. The afternoon is at leisure to spend at the pool or on an optional excursion tour to the fishing village of *La Boquilla*, also a former slave colony.

Hotel: Bastion Luxury Hotel ★★★★★

Room: Superior

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 8 – Cartagena | USA

Fri, Jan 15

After breakfast, transfer to the airport to take the departure flight. Cartagena (CTG)/USA.

Meals: Breakfast

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RATES	
Double Occupancy	\$3495
Single Occupancy	\$4495
Intra-tours flights (subject to change until ticketed) are at an additional cost. Coda Tours will book these flights for you. Bogotá (BOG) / Medellín (MDE) Medellín (MDE) / Cartagena (CTG)	
Economy Class	Approx. \$200
Business Class	Pls inquire

Special Notes:

Single Occupancy rates can be avoided if you wish to be matched with another single traveler who also wishes to share. If no share is available, the single rate will apply.

Rates are based on current rates and currency exchange rates at the time of publishing the tour online.

Rates are subject to change until final payment has been made. Rates are based on a minimum participation and if the minimum participation is not met rates may need to be revised.

INCLUDED

- 2 nights at the **5★ W Hotel Bogotá**; 3 nights at the **4★ Medellín Marriott**; 2 nights at the **4★ Bastion Luxury Hotel Cartagena**
- American breakfast daily, 3 lunches, 2 dinners with glass of wine, as listed in the itinerary
- Group transfers airport/hotel for arrival/departure; One designated group transfer per tour.
- All tours and excursions as per the itinerary, with professional English-speaking guides
- Entrance fees to sites and museums as per itinerary
- Coda Tours Representative with minimum participation
- All local taxes and service charges
- Pre-departure assistance
- Comprehensive Pre-Departure Portfolio from Coda Tours

NOT INCLUDED

International airfare including seat assignments & baggage fees; Intra-tour flights (quoted separately & issued by Coda Tours); Private arrival/departure transfers (outside designated group transfer); Passport or visa fees (if applicable); Any meals not mentioned in the itinerary; Drinks with meals unless indicated; Trip cancellation and Interruption insurance (highly recommended); Gratuities to guides, escorts, drivers, Coda Tour Manager; Items of a personal nature (laundry, phone calls, WiFi, etc.)

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TRAVEL PREP

INTERNATIONAL AIRFARE

American, Avianca, JetBlue are among airlines that can be used to book international airfare for this tour. We recommend booking at least 7 months in advance if you want to use Frequent Flyer Miles or the American Express Platinum card 2-4-1 program. Coda Tours can assist you with your international air booking in Business or Coach class (First Class is rare nowadays on international flights, but if available, we can quote it.) Please ask us to quote for you. We often have favorable rates. There is a standard \$35 per ticket ticketing for this service.

INTRA-TOUR AIRFARE

Intra-tour flights will be booked and issued through Coda Tours. Pricing is quoted separately under RATES. Only economy class will be booked. If you wish to have a quote for Business Class on these flights, please inquire.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

A valid passport is required for international travel and must be valid for 6 months after the return date of travel and must have at least two blank pages. No visa is required for entry into Colombia for US and Canadian passport holders.

HEALTH

No immunizations are required for travel on this tour. However, the Center for Disease Control suggests that all travelers make sure they are up-to-date on routine vaccines before every trip. These vaccines include measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine, diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis vaccine, varicella (chickenpox) vaccine, polio vaccine, and your yearly flu shot. For this tour, the CDC warns that there is a risk for Hepatitis A and Typhoid and that most travelers should consider getting vaccinated.

WEATHER

Average Temperature	Low	High
Bogotá	43	66
Medellin	64	79
Cartagena	75	85

PACKING

Coda trips all casual at all times. There is no need for a jacket or tie unless you personally opt to dine at a fine restaurant requiring formal dress. We do not book these restaurants for our group experiences.

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Pack for a variety of weather. Bring a light jacket or sweater. Jeans, khakis and shorts are fine for daily wear. Comfortable shoes are a must. All hotels offer laundry service but it can be expensive.

MINIMUMS

All departures are guaranteed on a minimum number of participants. A Coda Tour Manager will accompany a tour also based on a minimum number of participants. This tour can be operated as a Private Tour, can be customized and repriced based on a final itinerary. Rates are based on a minimum participation, if the minimum is not met, rates may need to be revised.

PRE-DEPARTURE INFORMATION

A complete portfolio of pre-departure information will be mailed to you approximately three weeks prior to departure.

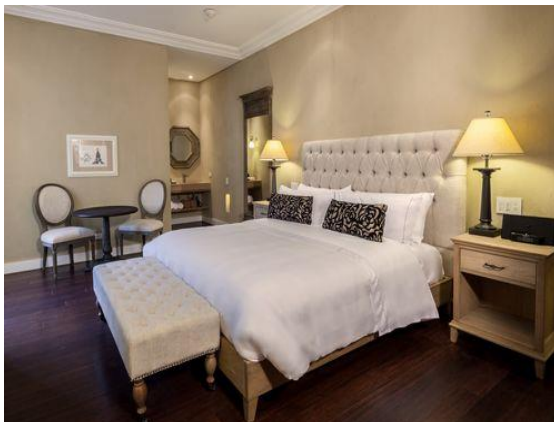
ACCOMMODATIONS



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