SOLOMBIA



WHY COLOMBIA?

Colombia has a bit of everything thanks to the incredible diversity of ecosystems, cultures, cuisine, music, and experiences. With six distinct regions to explore, each with something totally unique to offer.

FUN FACTS

- # 2 most biodiverse country in the world
- #1 Most Biodiverse Country in Birdlife
- # 1 Most Endemic Species in the World
- #1 in Emerald Exportation (70-90% of the world's emeralds come from Colombia!)
- #2 in Flower Exportation & # 1 with most orchids in the world with to more than 4,000 species
- # 2 Largest Carnival Celebration in all of South America
- 102 Different Indigenous Groups
- 71 different languages
- 1,025 musical rhythms





THE ANDES

Bogotá Medellín Coffee Zone Colonial Andes Towns



Department: Caldas, Risaralda and Quindio **Weather:** Min: 17°C (62°F) Max: 25°C (78°F) **Rain Period:** Between April and November **Best Time To Visit:** December to March **Recommended Stay:** 2 or 3 nights

About the Coffee Region

The heart of Colombia's Coffee Region can be found in its three main cities: Pereira, Armenia, and Manizales. Discover the enchanting Coffee Cultural Landscape of Colombia, a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 2011, due to the beautiful scenery of lush, mountainous landscapes and coffee plantations, coupled with the traditional architecture of terracotta- roofed farmhouses.

Nestled in tranquil mountains adorned with coffee and banana plantations, and valleys rich with bamboo and sugar cane, this region invites discerning travelers to immerse themselves in its natural beauty. Known for inspiring Disney's 'Encanto,' the Coffee Region is home to picturesque landscapes, diverse plant and animal life, as well as a number of diverse attractions.

In your visit to the coffee region, you could stroll through one of the most picturesque colonial coffee towns, ride traditional coffee jeeps through the Cocora Valley breathtaking views, and be immersed in a traditional coffee hacienda ran by a local family, while learning the intricacies of coffee growing, and taste some of the world's finest coffee.



GETTING THERE:

Pereira, Armenia, and Manizales are the vibrant entry points to the Coffee Region and are seamlessly connected by air. Direct flights are available to all three cities from Medellin (40-50 mins) and Bogota (1 hr), with additional flights between Pereira and Cartagena (1 hr 30 mins).

AND DESCRIPTION OF THE

FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN

- •Coffee
- Architecture
- Hiking
- •Nature & Adventure
- •Culture

Birdwatching

WHERE ELSE CAN YOU GO

- •Medellin 40-minute flight
- •Bogota 1 hour flight
- -Cartagena 1 hour and 30-minute flight





Coffee Tour at Finca el Paraiso





Coffee Tour at Finca el Paraiso

This small coffee plantation is located 10 minutes from the municipality of Calarcá, between hills and mountains. A wonderful way to understand and experience the magic behind coffee. We will begin our tour meeting the family that for many years has been dedicated to the cultivation and processing of the bean, we will walk through the coffee plantations and learn the process from the seed to the cup, passing through the germinator, the processing area, the drying and roasting area; ending our experience we will share an activity of coffee quality differentiation.

Duration: 2 hours + transfers

Included:

- Private transportation with Spanish-speaking driver
- English speaking guide
- Coffee experience
- Typical lunch





Coffee Tour at Finca la Morelia





Coffee Tour at Finca la Morelia

Pioneers in the transformation of the bean from seed to cup, Finca La Morelia is a family farm and business, with a vast trajectory in the local market. Upon arrival, we will have a brief introduction to the farm, and after enjoying our first cup of coffee we will begin our experience. We will walk through the coffee growing areas, visit the coffee processing and drying area, as well as the quality control and roasting area. At the end of our experience we will have a playful activity of tasting coffee of three different qualities, to finish our tour with a demonstration of barismo.

Duration: 2 hours + transfers

Includes:

- Private transportation
- Guide
- Lunch





Private Coffee Tour and Tasting at Hacienda San Alberto



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Hacienda San Alberto is the producer of the exclusive Coffee San Alberto, for this reason it has begun to share with coffee lovers a series of experiences around this exciting drink. In the hacienda there is a magical place, among the blessed coffee plantations is the Terrace San Alberto, a temple for special coffee and for the awakening of the senses. In this place, you will be able to appreciate and enjoy the San Alberto coffee in the preparation method you prefer.

At your arrival and after a delicious welcome coffee drink, you will start the tour of the hacienda visiting the coffee crops and the agro-industrial transformation zone. Later, introduction to Colombian coffee, explanation of the coffee process, qualities and olfactory and gustatory exercises. Followed by a semi-professional tasting session of two coffees, in order to immerse yourself in the awakening of the senses and thus enjoy a good coffee. Finish with a farewell coffee drink.

Duration: 3 hours plus transfers.

Included:

- Private transportation with Spanish-speaking driver
- Bilingual-speaking guide
- Private visit to San Alberto coffee plantation lead by a Bilingual-speaking barista from the hacienda





Private tour to Filandia, Cocora Valley & Salento



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We will visit one of the most emblematic sites of the coffee region, the majestic Cocora Valley. Upon arrival and after an environmental interpretation of the site and its ecological importance, we will begin a short walk of two hours. Afterwards we will move to the municipality of Salento, we will have time to walk through its colorful streets, visit the viewpoint Cerro de la Cruz and the local handicrafts; at the end of our tour we will visit Filandia, another of the few remnants and example of architectural conservation of the coffee region, we will walk through the streets of the town, visit the viewpoint, and enjoy a local drink in the town square.

Duration: 8 hours + transfers.

Included:

- Private transportation with Spanish speaking driver.
- English speaking tour guide
- Palm forest entrance fees
- Entrance fees to the illuminated hill viewpoint
- Lunch included in a typical restaurant





Cocora Valley and Salento





Cocora Valley and Salento

Visit to the majestic Cocora Valley, where we will hike for approximately two hours through the palm forest, appreciating the beautiful scenery of the site, during the walk we will have an environmental interpretation of the environment of the valley. Afterwards, we move to the town of Salento, we will have time to walk through its colorful streets, visit the viewpoint Cerros de la Cruz or enjoy a typical lunch.

Duration: 8 hours + transfers

Includes:

- Private transportation
- Guide
- Tickets
- Bottle of water



Cacao experience + basketry workshop





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Our experience begins upon arrival at the El Diamante farm near the municipality of Quimbaya, where we will meet the grandchildren of the owner of this place, they will be responsible for transmitting the passion inherited from his grandfather for agriculture; we will walk through the cocoa crops knowing the magic of Colombian chocolate and all the hard work behind this product; during our walk we will also learn how the farm is sustainable not only with cocoa, but also with coffee and bananas. At the end of the tour, we will learn how to make chocolate and share a delicious lunch with the family in a typical "fonda caminera". In the afternoon, we will travel to the town of Filandia. We will walk through the most beautiful streets of the town, learning about its history, traditions and culture. Our walking experience in Filandia, will take us to discover the workshop of a local artisan, who will share his knowledge in the magical art of basket weaving, after observing and talking with the master craftsman, our travelers will have the opportunity to weave their own souvenir.

Duration: 6 hours + transfers

Includes: Transportation, tour in Filandia and basket weaving workshop, entrance to the viewpoint of Filandia Cocoa Tour in Quimbaya, lunch, hydration and English speaking guide





"Puebliando" through the Quindio Mountain Range + Coffee Tour in San Alberto



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Visit the mountain municipalities of Córdoba, Pijao (declared a cityslow town) and Buenavista in a local means of transportation such as jeep willys and also during the tour you will enjoy incredible landscapes. At the end of the tour, you will know the coffee tour in the San Alberto terrace which is one of the most awarded coffees in Colombia, where in two and a half hours you will know the whole process from the seed to the cup and you will have a semi-professional coffee tasting.

Tour Time: 6 hours approx. + transfers

Included:

- Private transportation with Spanish speaking driver.
- English speaking guide.
- Maximum 3 hours tour in Willys Jeep.
- Coffee tour in San Alberto with coffee tasting,
- Lunch in a typical restaurant in Buenavista





OUR PREFERRED HOTELS IN THE COFFEE ZONE





TOURISM SEASONS



Jan Feb Mar Apr May June July Aug Sept Oct Nov Dec







High Season January - April - June - July - August - December



AUTHENTIC COLOMBIA

DAY 1-3: Bogota / Medellin DAY 4-6: Coffee Zone DAY 7-9: Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta / Tayrona DAY 10-12: Cartagena DAY 13-14: Rosary Islands DAY 15: Cartagena - Departure

CARIBBEAN VIBES

- DAY 1-3: Cartagena Rosario Islands
- DAY 4: Santa Marta
- DAY 5-7: Palomino Guajira
- DAY 8-9: Cabo de la Vela-Guajira
- DAY 10-12: Santa Marta Tayrona
- DAY 13-14: Cartagena Departure





WILDLIFE ENCOUNTERS

OPTION 1: BOGOTÁ, CAÑO CRISTALES AND CARTAGENA

- DAY 1-2: Bogotá
- DAY 3-5: La Macarena Caño Cristales
- DAY 6-9: Bogotá Amazonas
- DAY 9-10: Cartagena
- DAY 11-13: Rosario Islands
- DAY 14: Cartagena Departure



Andes to the Sea

DAY 1-2: BOGOTÁ
DAY 3-6: COFFEE REGION
DAY 7-9: CARTAGENA
DAY 10: BARU
DAY 11: CARTAGENA - DEPARTURE



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