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HIGHLIGHTS OF COLOMBIA TOUR TO BOGOTA & SAN AGUSTIN

Bogota, Villa de Leyva, and San Agustin

8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS

Bogotá is the capital of Colombia, its cultural, administrative and political centre, located at an altitude of 2600m above sea level, along the central chain of the Andes mountains. This urban centre pulsates with a combination of colonial and modern styles, wealth and poverty; luxury, and downright squalor.

Villa de Leyva it is as if time has stood still here in this small colonial town of cobbled streets and wooden balconies. Villa Leyva is set in spectacular countryside and is the departure point for trips to Iguaque National Park, with its stunning views of the Andes and mystical lake, also called Iguaque.

Just outside the village of San Agustín can be found a well known (yet at the same time relatively unexplored), assortment of archeological remains dating from before the Spanish conquest. Here, between the 6th and 14th centuries AD, a mysterious culture grew and flourished, leaving its mark in a number of tombs, burial chambers and large sculptures of carved stone.

FROM
\$ 2020
per person

THIS TOUR INCLUDES:

- All Nights Accommodations
- All Breakfasts
- All transfers and transports in good and well-equipped vehicles: automobiles, vans and buses
- Full lodging in the coffee-growing region
- Bilingual travel guides
- All other services mentioned in the program: promenades, excursions and meals

HIGHLIGHTS

- Bogotá
- Villa de Leyva
- Armenia
- Coffee Region
- San Agustín

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Day 1 **ARRIVAL IN BOGOTA**

Arrival in Bogotá, welcome by the bilingual travel guide and transfer to a pleasant and well located hotel.



Day 2 **BOGOTA CITY TOUR & MONSERRATE HILL**

In the course of the day, half a day tour through Colombia's Capital City. Tour of the Plaza de Bolívar and the surrounding government buildings; to the colonial centre and the old city of "La Candelaria". Visit to the impressive San Francisco and La Tercera churches; to the world-Museo del Oro, which contains more than 30.000 objects, relics of the pre-Columbian epoch. Trip in a cable car to Monserrate hill and "Nuestro Señor Caído" sanctuary, enjoying from here a spectacular view of Bogotá City and the Savannah fields.



Day 3 **EXCURSION TO VILLA DE LEYVA**

Early in the morning, travel from Bogotá in northerly direction along the Autopista. After approximately 2 hours, arrival to one of the most significant national monuments in Colombia: the "Puente de Boyacá". At this bridge, Simón Bolívar fought and won the most important battle against Spanish settlers. Trip to Tunja with a short visit to Villa de Leyva, one of the most beautiful colonial small towns in South America. After a brisk walk through the town, lunch will be served in a pleasant, colonial style hotel. At the start of the afternoon, travel continues towards La Ráquira, a village famous for its ceramics and clay pots, finally, crossing Chiquinquirá an important place of pilgrimage located on the route, we return to Bogotá.



Day 4

TRANSFER BOGOTA TO ARMENIA

Flight from Bogotá to Armenia. On arrival, welcome by the local travel guide and trip to a romantic coffee-growing hacienda located near Armenia. In the afternoon, visit to the marvellous "Parque del Café" a park located near Montenegro, where we can learn everything about coffee cultivation and production.



Day 5

TOUR OF THE COFFEE REGION

After breakfast, whole day tour driving through the Barcelona, Pijao, Buenavista and Génova municipalities, in order to appreciate their marvellous landscapes. Here, we will obtain a clear image of how life is led in the coffee-growing region. Finally, a visit to the "Guadua and Bamboo Experimental Centre", where research is being done on making products with bamboo. Trip continues towards Armenia, visiting this city and its Quimbaya Museum, where a wide sample of gold and silver works belonging to the pre-Hispanic epoch are on display. During the afternoon, return to the coffee-growing hacienda.



Day 6

COFFEE REGION - SAN AGUSTIN

After breakfast, transfer to the airport and flight with transfer in Bogotá towards Neiva. Once in Neiva, the capital city of the department of Huila, terrestrial travel of 4 to 5 hours along the Magdalena River border to San Agustín, a place that shelters very significant archaeological excavations famous in South America, which are scattered over a radius of various kilometres. Once arrived in San Agustín, around noon, transfer to a medium class central hotel.



Day 7

SAN AGUSTIN ARCHAEOLOGICAL TOUR

After breakfast, visit to San Agustín Archaeological Park, to Mesitas A, B, C and D, the Lavapatas Ceremonial Fountain and the Archaeological Museum. Around noon, trip towards San José de Isnos which include the view of spectacular landscapes surrounding the Salto del Mortiño and Salto de Bordones water falls. Ending the afternoon, return trip to San Agustín. Time to rest and to explore the beautiful village at you leisure.



Day 8

HORSEBACK RIDE AND TRANSFER TO BOGOTA

In the morning, horseback ride to "El Tablón" and "La Chaquira" archaeological sites, or trip to Magdalena River strait. Then, terrestrial trip back to Neiva and flight to Bogotá. After arrival, transfer to the hotel or flight continuation to some other chosen city.