

Colombia Coast to Coast Medellin to Cartagena

Classic Tour 11 Days • from 2 People • From 1,928 USD



Highlights:

- Pacific Jungles of Nuqui
- Tayrona National Park
- Modern Medellin
- Spanish Colonial Cartagena



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- Domestic Flights Included
- Salsa Lesson
- Soak in a Mud Volcano
- Welcome Shot of Aguardiente



Options for this Tour

Additionally this route can be customized with 1 Extras



Tip: You can find online Feedbacks, Travel Reports, Hotel-Info, and Extras for this tour.

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Monday • Medellin
Medellin • Shot of Aguardiente • Parque Lleras

Welcome to Colombia! Medellin's Rio Negro airport located 50 min. from Medellin is your gateway to the "City of Eternal Spring". Your private driver will meet you at the airport and deliver you to your hotel, located in the affluent neighborhood of "El Poblado". We descend from the mountaintop airport into a protected valley where you will experience Colombia's diverse climate for the first time going from a chilly 62°F to a pleasant 72°F.

Upon arrival to your hotel, enjoy a welcome shot of the National drink **Aguardiente**. Within walking distance of your hotel is the popular and upscale **Parque Lleras**. The park is surrounded on all sides by boutiques, cafes, bars, open air restaurants, and is a popular meeting spot for those ready to "rumba" (enjoy the nightlife), especially on the weekends. This evening is at your leisure to explore safe and interesting Parque Lleras.



Included Meals:
Dinner

1 hr

2 Tuesday • Medellin - Guatapé - Medellin
Guatapé • Challenge El Penol • Slice of Colombian life

Get ready for a day of fun in the Sun! After an early breakfast we are met by our guide and set out for a day trip to the small lakeside town of **Guatapé**. Our 2 hour journey takes us on winding mountain roads, over the thick green mountains and through small countryside towns as we make our way to the 'Sea of Antioquia'. This large 'inland sea' has many fjords and inlets, conifer forests and islands as far as the eye can see. Would you be surprised to know that many of the wealthiest and most powerful Colombians have built their summer homes here? We'll cruise the lake and see the private island of the notorious gangster **Pablo Escobar** and the mansion he had built years ago.



Included Meals:
Breakfast

 4 hr
 2 hr

This is a great opportunity to **observe family life in Colombia**. It is very common for Colombians to take weekend trips with the family to explore their diverse country. We'll return to Medellin in the evening, where you can enjoy the beautiful Spring weather at one of the numerous open air restaurants located within blocks of your hotel.

3 Wednesday • Medellin - Nuqui
Nuqui • Pacific Jungles • Deserted Beaches

Arriving at Medellin's regional airport we check in for our 50 minute flight to **Nuqui**. Our flight takes us over endless expanse of densely vegetated Andes mountains and to one of the countries most secluded resorts. We are headed to one of the least explored coastal regions of South America. Colombia's Pacific coast is well known for its biological diversity and Nuqui is no exception. Upon arrival to Nuqui, a representative from the lodge will be waiting to accompany you. During the short walk from the airport to the port you'll get your first look of this small tropical village.



Included Meals:
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

 1 hr
 1 hr

By boat, we continue along the rocky coast for about 1 hour. Rounding the peninsula we spot our lodge, perched on a small hill with an almost endless view of the Pacific Ocean, fine sandy beaches, and surrounded by **dense tropical rain forest**. In the afternoon, we'll explore the surrounding area and enjoy the beach! At dinner, we'll speak with our local guide and organize the next few days' activities.

Only 22lbs (10kg) per person allowed as check-in luggage. Remaining luggage will be stored at the hotel in Medellin.

4 Thursday • Nuqui
Jungle River Hike • Poison Arrow Frogs • Hidden Waterfalls

Your stay at El Cantil has been designed with flexibility in mind, you are free to choose from the various optional activities available. After a fortifying breakfast, you can relax with a book and a fresh squeezed juice in your private hammock or go for an adventure. A few of your options include a demanding 5 hour hike in our quest to find poison arrow frogs or a more moderate 4 hour trek along the Rio Terco.



Included Meals:
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

 4 hr

The vibrant colors of the **poison arrow frogs** may make them seem easy to spot, but these slippery fellows are not very easy to find in the dense underbrush. Trekking along the clear waters of the **Rio Turco** is sure to be a treat. Your guide will point out all of the unique flora, fauna and unusual insects that call this jungle their home. Looking to cool off a little? Take a dip in the crystal clear pools and **hidden waterfalls** that you find along this hike.

Activities are subject to availability. View Activities and Prices.

5 Friday • Nuqui
Whale Watching • Water Sports • Savory Seafood Dinner

Today you are free to enjoy this paradise as you wish by choosing among various optional activities. With a small beach break right in front of the lodge, El Cantil is a great spot to learn to surf. Guests can take lessons, rent a board on their own, or charter a boat for the day and travel to a great point break about an hour away. Other **water sports** include guided kayak tours, snorkeling and fishing.

Between the months of June - October humpback whales are often seen surfacing from the beach. For a closer look guests are invited to reserve a spot on a **Whale Watching** tour where they can get up close to the giant creatures.

Guests who prefer a slower pace will not be disappointed, unwind at the beach or in your hammock located at the door of your cabin. Enjoy the coast's local **fresh seafood** in the open air restaurant. Sitting at hand-carved tables, you'll have an excellent view of the ocean as the sun sets on your last night in this Pacific paradise.

Activities are subject to availability. View Activities and Prices.



*Included Meals:
Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*



6 Saturday • Nuqui - Medellin
Medellin • Bandeja Paisa • Paragliding • City Tour

Following breakfast, we take the short boat ride back to Nuqui where we board our return flight to Medellin arriving around mid day. We then head to a nearby restaurant to eat the tasty, famous, and definitely filling local dish known as **Bandeja Paisa**.

This evening is free to enjoy the city as you wish. Explore Zona Rosa full of cafes, open air restaurants and bars as well as numerous boutiques. Take a guided **city tour** to visit Parque Botero, or take a scenic cable car ride, and visit Pueblito Paisa. Ever heard of the Feria de Flores? This week long flower festival is the pride and joy of Medellin and attracts visitors from around the world to see the famous Silleteros. Take a short drive to the small town of Santa Elena, home of the artists and their flower farms.

If you're looking for something more adventurous there is no better place than Medellin for **Paragliding!** Medellin is located in a valley, which makes it an ideal location for this extreme sport. Take a short ride up the mountains and enjoy a bird's eye view of the city and the giant green mountains that surround it.

Optional activities are subject to availability. Please contact us for details and prices.



*Included Meals:
Breakfast, Lunch*



7 Sunday • Medellin - NP Tayrona
Sunset on the Caribbean

Enjoy breakfast and, depending on our flight time, take a stroll through **Parque Lleras** and pick up some last minute souvenirs. You will be picked up at the hotel by your driver and make your way to the Rio Negro airport to catch your short flight to the beautiful coastal city of Santa Marta.

Get your sandals out! The distinct Caribbean heat is felt immediately upon arrival to Santa Marta so you'll want to dress for the heat. You will be met at the airport by your driver and begin the 45 min drive to your cabañas in Finca Los Angeles, located just a few miles from the main entrance of Tayrona National Park. As we wind our way west through the small coastal villages we will see donkeys, bicycles, cars, trucks, and buses all sharing the road with the local children playing in the street close by. The hotel is located in a protected area tucked among the thick tropical jungles where you will find your thatched roofed cabaña a stones throw from the beach below. Take a **sunset walk**



*Included Meals:
Breakfast*



on the beach or go for a swim in the nearby river before turning in. If you are feeling adventurous, you can sleep in a hammock just feet from the beach.



Guests may choose to sleep in hammocks opposed to cabañas, call for details

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Monday • NP Tayrona
El Cabo • Rain Forest Hike • Horseback Riding

Tayrona National Park opens at 8 a.m. and we suggest arriving early. Tayrona is famous for its boulder strewn beaches which create little secluded bays such as beautiful **El Cabo** beach. There are no vehicles permitted inside the National Park making for a clean secluded atmosphere.

After entering the park, you can either take a 2hr trek or go by **horseback** 1hr (optional) through the rain forest to the various beaches. Along the way you'll have the chance of seeing Iguanas, Monkeys, Parrots and more. The park is littered with **hidden waterfalls**, fresh water creeks, enormous boulders, and palm lined beaches all waiting to be discovered. Tayrona is not only a haven for biodiversity, it is a cultural destination as well. In the park, it is possible to find descendants of the Kogi tribe, who sought refuge in this region during in the Spanish colonization almost 400 years ago. Enjoy the day at the beach returning to your lodge in the evening for dinner and a relaxing massage (optional).



Included Meals:
Breakfast



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Tuesday • NP Tayrona - Cartagena
Cartagena • Mud Volcano • Colonial Cartagena

Enjoy breakfast today overlooking the beaches of paradise. We leave this ecological highlight for a cultural one, the UNESCO world heritage site **Cartagena**. Driving along the coast we will cross the Magdalena river at Barranquilla, Colombia's second largest city in terms of its population. Remember wanting to play in the mud as a child? Want to recapture that feeling? You can! An hour outside of Cartagena we make a small detour for a unique dip in a **mud volcano**. Cover yourself from head to toe to get the full effect of its healing properties. After rinsing off, enjoy a cold beer with your tasty lunch.



Included Meals:
Breakfast, Lunch



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Wednesday • Cartagena
Free Day • Salsa Class

11 Thursday • Cartagena

It's time to say goodbye to the Caribbean and to Colombia. You are transferred to the airport where you will check-in for your flight back home. We hope that you enjoyed your short visit to Colombia and have a personal understanding to the country's slogan: Colombia - the only risk is wanting to stay! Hasta pronto!



*Included Meals:
Breakfast*



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The earlier you book, the lower the price of your tour!

Starting Day	Special Info	Status	Dollars
Every Friday	Gtd. Departure	■	1,928
Every Saturday	Gtd. Departure	■	1,928
Every Monday	Gtd. Departure	■	1,928
Every Wednesday	Gtd. Departure	■	1,928

Prices based on double accommodation

■ Available ■ There are a few spaces left ■ There is 1 space left ■ Sold Out

Tours are subject to availability at the time of confirmation. Depending on the tour destination, bookings must be confirmed 1-3 months in advance.

Included Services

- 9 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 3 dinners
- All Domestic Flights
- Private Airport Pickup/Drop Off
- Fuel surcharges
- Transfers to/from airports
- Land transfers
- Accommodations as indicated in the itinerary
- Local Guides
- Entrance fees to national parks and excursions, unless otherwise noted
- As much fun and entertainment as you can handle

Additional Services

- Single Supplement | 200 USD

Not Included

- Suggested Meal Budget: \$160 per person
- International flights
- Airport taxes
- Excursions and tours specifically marked as optional or activities noted as on your own
- Tips and personal charges
- Drinks