



## COLOMBIA TOURS: BOGOTA, THE COFFEE ZONE AND CARTAGENA SPECTACULAR

7 Days / 6 Nights

Prices begin from \$2789.00 Per Person in Double Occupancy. Includes Land Arrangements only. Domestic and International Air Fare is not included. Please ask for our Airline Specials!

### **Day 1 HOME CITY - BOGOTA**

Meet and Greet upon arrival and Transfer to the *Cite Hotel* <http://www.citehotel.com/>. Balance of day free to stroll, shop and explore this exciting, cosmopolitan capital city on your own.

### **Day 2 BOGOTA - CITY TOUR - ZIAPAQUIRA/SALT CATHEDRAL**

Morning visit to the beautifully preserved historical center of the city, La Candelaria. Plenty of time for photographs at the legendary Plaza de Bolivar, the main square of Bogota. We see up close the Cathedral, the Congressional Palace, the Cardinal's Palace, the colonial Church of El Sagrario, The House of Independence, the Palace of Justice and City Hall all located here. Then continue to the "must see" Gold Museum where the world's greatest collection of pre-Hispanic Indian gold crafts is displayed. Next, visit the Fernando Botero Museum with paintings and sculptures from this famous, contemporary Colombian artist. (Note: The Gold Museum is closed on Mondays; and the Botero Museum is closed on Tuesdays). In the afternoon, we drive through the northern residential area of the city through the fertile plateau to the small colonial town of Cajica. Stop at the main plaza to enjoy Lunch. Then continue to the town of Zipaquirá famous for its underground salt cathedral. Enjoy its extraordinary architecture and design as the Stations of the Cross and three Nave s are eerily illuminated along with other sculptures and cavernous pools all hewn from the salt mine tunnels under the Halite Mountains. B L

### **Day 3 BOGOTA - PEREIRA**

At scheduled hour, Transfer to Airport for flight to Pereira, in the heart of the coffee growing region. Meet and Greet upon arrival and Transfer to the *Hacienda Sazagua* <http://www.sazagua.com/>. In the afternoon, we visit the Hacienda Venecia for a delicious Lunch and introduction to Colombian coffee. The farm is surrounded by abundant coffee plantations where we enjoy a colorful description of the culture and cultivation of coffee. A delicious Lunch and coffee tasting round out this wonderful afternoon. B L

### **Day 4 PEREIRA/SALENTO, COCORA VALLEY & BOTANICAL GARDEN**

Today it's a full day excursion, first to the charming, colonial town of *Salento*, one of the many typical "Paisa" towns in the Coffee region. Continue to the *Cocora National Park* where the protected national tree of Colombia, the wax palm, and the tallest palm in the world can be



seen. Then it's off to the *Botanical Garden* and *Butterfly Park* to enjoy the abundance of flora and fauna especially the variety of hummingbirds and butterflies that abound. B L

#### **Day 5 PEREIRA - CARTAGENA - CITY TOUR**

At scheduled hour, Transfer to the Airport for flight to *Cartagena*, marvelous historic, Spanish colonial, walled city on the Caribbean Sea and designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Meet and Greet upon arrival and Transfer to the *Hotel Cartagena de Indias* <http://www.hotelcartagenadeindias.com/home.html> . In the afternoon, visit to the most important monuments of the city including the *Convent of La Popa* built at the beginning of the 17th century. From here we enjoy wonderful panoramic views of the colonial city and Caribbean Sea below. Then to *San Felipe's Fort* built also in the 17th century to protect the city from invading marauders and pirates. Continue to the walled city to stroll its quaint streets and small shops where local artisans display their colorful craft. Visit the *Convent of San Pedro Claver* named in honor of the Spanish born monk known as the "Apostle of the Blacks". B

#### **Day 6 CARTAGENA - ROSARIO ISLANDS**

Morning transfer to the pier for motorboat ride to the beautiful *Islas de Rosario* archipelago, located an hour and a half south of the Bay of Cartagena. Coral reefs, white sandy beaches, crystal clear waters are a perfect setting for your day in the sun. Plenty of time for swimming, snorkeling or to just simply soak up the rays before returning to Cartagena. Lunch included. B L

#### **Day 7 CARTAGENA - HOME CITY**

At scheduled hour, Transfer to the Airport for flight homeward or to next destination.

#### **Program Includes:**

- Airport Transfers and Sightseeing Excursions as indicated
- Assistance of professional, local English speaking Guide
- 2 Nights Hotel Accommodations in the Cite Hotel in Bogota
- 2 Nights Hotel Accommodations in the Hacienda Sazagua in the Coffee Zone
- 2 Nights Hotel Accommodations in the Hotel Cartagena de Indias in Cartagena
- Breakfast daily
- Lunch (4)
- Hotel Taxes

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