

DAY 1: BOGOTÁ, COLOMBIA

Arrive in Bogotá, Colombia's capital city, and transfer to your hotel. After you check-in, meet your fellow travelers at a welcome dinner and orientation led by your National Geographic Expert and Expedition Leader.

Meals Included: Dinner

Accommodations Sofitel Bogotá Victoria Regia Hotel

DAY 2: BOGOTÁ, COLOMBIA

After breakfast at the hotel, take a short motorcoach ride through the city to Paloquemao Market for a privately guided tour where you'll sample local fruit and learn about the diversity of local flora. Then, take a walking tour through some of the city's historic plazas and see local landmarks. You'll also explore colorful neighborhoods where you'll see some of the vibrant street art representing Colombian culture.

Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant before heading to the Museo del Oro for a privately guided tour to see its magnificent collection of pre-Columbian gold relics. You will learn about the precious metal's cultural significance to the indigenous Muisca people. Return to the hotel where you'll settle in for a fascinating lecture by your National Geographic Expert. Then, you're on your own to explore and enjoy the evening and dinner on your own.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodations Sofitel Bogotá Victoria Regia Hotel

DAY 3: COFFEE REGION

Have breakfast at the hotel, then check out and transfer to El Dorado International Airport for your flight to Armenia, the capital of the Department of Quindío. The area is a declared UNESCO World Heritage Site for the Coffee Cultural Landscape of Colombia. Upon arrival, explore a 4th-generation, family-owned coffee farm where you'll learn about the process of coffee production from bean to roast, followed by lunch at the farm. Next, transfer to Cocora Valley, home of Colombia's national tree—the 125-foot wax palm—for a hike through the valley and an opportunity to discover more of Colombia's incredible biodiversity. After your hike, head to your hotel for check-in and dinner.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodations Casa San Carlos Lodge

DAY 4: SANTA MARTA

After breakfast at the hotel, take an early morning interpretive nature walk to learn more about the region's unique flora and fauna. Later, join the National Geographic Expert for a lecture, followed by lunch at the hotel.

Bid farewell to the coffee region and transfer to Pereira Airport for a flight to Simón Bolívar International Airport in Santa Marta, via Bogotá. Upon arrival in Santa Marta, check-in to the hotel before setting out to enjoy dinner with your fellow travelers at a local restaurant.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodations AC Marriott Santa Marta

DAY 5: TAYRONA NATIONAL PARK

Following breakfast at the hotel, make your way to Tayrona National Park to meet with a naturalist to discuss the environmental impact of the mountains and Caribbean Sea bordering both sides of the park. Then, take a short boat transfer on the Don Diego River, visit Taironaka Village and the ruins of a historic indigenous community. In the village, you'll meet members of the Kogi community—present day descendants of the Tairona culture—and learn about their culture. Then, return to the hotel and enjoy the evening and dinner on your own.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodations AC Marriott Santa Marta

DAY 6: BARRANQUILLA

Have breakfast at the hotel, then begin your journey to Cartagena with a stop in Barranquilla. Visit the local Carnival Museum which houses years of history from Barranquilla's famed Carnival, recognized by UNESCO as an Intangible Cultural Heritage. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant before departing for the final leg of your journey to Cartagena.

Upon arrival, check-in at your colonial hotel in the historic walled city of Cartagena, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, then gather with your fellow travelers for dinner at the hotel.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodations Sofitel Legend Santa Clara Cartagena

DAY 7: CARTAGENA

After breakfast at the hotel, take a privately guided tour of San Felipe de Barajas, the historic fortress overlooking Cartagena and the Caribbean Sea. From there, transfer to the Getsemani neighborhood where you'll take a walking tour of this former working-class area, now filled with street art and installations, along with a vibrant local scene. Next up, transfer to the historic Walled City for lunch at a local restaurant followed by a final lecture from the expedition's National Geographic Expert. Then, walk in the footsteps of Gabriel Garcia Márquez, the famed Colombian writer and former resident of Cartagena, as you traverse the streets of the historic Walled City. While in town, you'll also enjoy a delectable rum and chocolate tasting. Following the tour, head back to the hotel to rest and enjoy the hotel's amenities. Or you may choose to venture back out into the city for dinner on your own at a local restaurant.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodations Sofitel Legend Santa Clara Cartagena

DAY 8: CARTAGENA

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before riding out of the city to the small town of San Basilio de Palenque. The town is famed for being the first free town for enslaved people in the Americas. While here, learn about its rich African roots and music, taste regional treats and step into the ring at the local boxing studio. Return to Cartagena for lunch at a local restaurant and enjoy the rest of the afternoon on your own.

In the evening, join your group for a farewell dinner and celebration of the expedition at a local restaurant that celebrates the culture and cuisine of Cartagena.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodations Sofitel Legend Santa Clara Cartagena

DAY 9: DEPART FOR HOME

Once you've had your final breakfast at the hotel, transfer to the Rafael Nuñez International Airport for your flight home.

Meals Included: Breakfast