



VIAJAR LO CAMBIA TODO



Chaska TOURS

San Agustín | Bogotá | Cartagena

CLASSIC COLOMBIA *by* CHASKA TOURS

15 days – 14 nights fixed departure or private departure program.

With permanent English-speaking guide
(other languages available).



The route



This is our recommended tour for those travelers that come to Colombia for the first or second time and want to visit the highlights but also explore other different Colombian facets. This complete itinerary allows the visitor to enjoy exciting cities and charming towns, delight country's coffee culture, travel through stunning natural landscapes and share with indigenous communities. The tour can be booked as a private tour or as a group tour (fixed departure dates) and it also can be combined with extension programs to the Amazon, the Pacific Coast, Medellín and the Coffee Cultural Landscape to enrich the trip.

Trip plan

Day 1/Sun: Bogotá

Arrival in Bogota and transfer to the hotel. Overnight at the Hotel Casa Platypus.

Day 2/Mon: Bogotá

After breakfast, we'll go on a half-day sightseeing trip of Bogotá to get to know the historical and cultural highlights. We will visit the Plaza de Bolivar, city's main square with the surrounding government buildings and the historic center La Candelaria with its restored colonial houses. Afterwards, we will seek for the sun and take the cable car up to 3.200m to Monserrate. From there, you will have an impressive round view of the whole city. The rest of the day is at your disposal. Overnight at the Hotel Casa Platypus.

Day 3/Tue: Bogotá – Zipaquirá – Villa de Leyva

After breakfast, we will visit the world-famous Bogotá's Gold Museum. We continue driving through city's northeast to Zipaquirá for visiting its beautiful underground Salt Cathedral. Next, we will move on to Villa de Leyva, one of the Andes' most beautiful colonial towns with cobblestoned streets and its impressive main square, one of South America's largest. After a quick refreshment, we will visit the village walking through its main streets. Overnight at Don Paulino hotel.

Day 4/Wed: Villa de Leyva – Bogotá

Around noon, we will drive back to Bogotá for around 4 hours. Overnight at the Hotel Casa Platypus.

Day 5/Thu: Bogotá – San Agustín

Today, we will take the comfortable public bus from Bogotá to Pitalito (there's a flight Bogotá – Pitalito as an alternative with additional cost). The approximately 9-hour trip first brings us to Melgar, Ricaurte and Girardot, sunny and warm towns situated at arounds 500 m.a.s.l. on the Magdalena river's valley, then reaching Neiva and following the river up to Pitalito. From its bus terminal, our local guide will pick you up to go to San Agustín (1 hour). In this town, there lies one of the most important and impressive archaeological excavations in South America, known for its monoliths embedded in a stunning green mountain landscape. Overnight at Finca El Maco.

Day 6/Fri: San Agustín

After breakfast, we will visit San Agustín's Archaeological Park and in the afternoon, we will go horse riding through the mountains, passing by coffee plantations, seeing more archaeological sites and finishing with the breathtaking view over the Magdalena River from La Chaquira. Overnight at Finca El Maco.

Day 7/Sat: San Agustín

Today we will visit the Magdalena River strait which is only 2 meters wide, being the narrowest part of the river all along its route to the Caribbean Sea. Afterwards, we will visit the archaeological sites close to Isnos village: the Alto de los Idolos and the Alto de las Piedras, which are complements of the main Park and part of San Agustín's Archaeological Area. Return to San Agustín and overnight at Finca El Maco.

Day 8/Sun: San Agustín – Popayán

At morning we will visit an organic coffee farm to learn all about its harvesting and processing, as well as some keys for its tasting understanding why Colombian coffee is worldwide famous. In the afternoon, we will start a beautiful journey of approximately 4 hours through the cleft of the Andes towards Popayán, passing by Puracé National Park's surroundings. This city was founded in 1537 by Sebastian de Belalcázar, who was heading north from Quito to find the legendary treasure of El Dorado. Overnight at Hotel Camino Real.

Day 9/Mon: Popayán

Today we will go for a walk through the beautiful Historic Center of the so-called "White City", thus many Colonial-style buildings are traditionally painted white. Overnight at the Hotel Camino Real.

Day 10/Tue: Popayán – Silvia – Cali

At morning, we will visit the colorful Guambiano indigenous market in Silvia and travel to Cali afterwards, passing through the lowlands of Cauca river for around 3 hours. At night, you have the chance to visit a salsa school where you will have the opportunity to learn some basic moves of this famous Latin rhythm and own the dancefloor (not included). Overnight at the Hotel Boutique San Antonio.

Day 11/Wed: Cali – Bogotá – Santa Marta

After breakfast, transfer to the airport to take the flight to Santa Marta via Bogota. Transfer and overnight at Hotel Aluna.

Day 12/Thu: Santa Marta – Tayrona National Park – Santa Marta

Today we go on a daytrip to the Tayrona National Park. It is one of the best known and most beautiful South American national parks. In addition to its unique flora and fauna, it offers outstandingly beautiful palm-draped dream beaches. In the evening, we will return to Santa Marta. Overnight at the Hotel Aluna.

Day 13/Fri: Santa Marta – Cartagena

Along the Caribbean coast, passing Barranquilla, we will reach Cartagena. Like no other city, Cartagena understands to combine the Caribbean joy of life and colonial heritage in an irresistible way. Undoubtedly one of the highlights of any trip to Colombia! Overnight at the Hotel Villa Colonial.

Day 14/Sat: Cartagena

After breakfast, we will visit the colonial treasures of the city on a half-day city tour. In the afternoon you are welcome to discover the city by your own. Overnight at the Hotel Villa Colonial.

Day 15/Sun: Cartagena – Bogotá



At the appointed time, transfer to the airport and flight to Bogotá. End of the tour.

Rates










Price per person, in fixed departure:	2.150 €
Fixed departures require minimum 4 confirmed passengers.	
Supplement per person in private departure / Base 2 pax:	+400 €
Supplement per person in private departure / Base 3 pax:	+200 €
SGL Supplement	+220 €
Optional: Day 10 Visit to a Salsa school with a 1-2 hours dancing class	+30 €

Tour departures 2019








	From	Until
1. Tour	10/03/2019	23/03/2019
2. Tour	23/06/2019	06/07/2019
3. Tour	24/11/2019	07/12/2019

-  Different hotel options are available; also, flights Bogotá – Neiva or Bogotá – Pitalito to substitute the public bus. Please consult us prices and availability.
-  Rates valid until 21/12/2019.

Included services:

-  Flights Cali – Bogotá – Santa Marta // Cartagena – Bogotá
-  Private airport transfers.
-  Other transports according to the itinerary, in public or private service:
 - Private: Bogotá – Villa de Leyva – Bogotá, Pitalito – San Agustín, Popayán – Silvia – Cali.
 - Public: Bogotá – Pitalito in comfortable buses and San Agustín – Popayán & Santa Marta – Cartagena in public vans (also available in private service – consult us the supplements and availability).
-  English-speaking local guides for 2-3pax tours.
 - Bogotá – Villa de Leyva – Bogotá (days 1-5)
 - San Agustín – Cali (days 5-11)
 - Santa Marta – Cartagena (days 11-15)
-  Permanent English-speaking guide for groups of more than 4pax.
-  14 overnights in typical guesthouses, or 3* hotels, in double rooms.
-  Breakfasts.
-  All activities, walks and excursions mentioned in the itinerary.
-  National Park charges and entrance fees.

Not included:

-  International flights.
-  Not specified meals.
-  Drinks.
-  Tips.
-  Personal expenses.
-  Activities not mentioned in the program.
-  Travel insurance.



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