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**Reservation Code: RTI-01: Duration 10 days. Valid in 2014 - 2015**

## **Bogotá – The Coffee Axis – Cartagena de Indias**

**DAY 01:** Arrival to Bogotá and transfer to the chosen hotel. Check-in and informative meeting related to the activities schedule, general recommendations and suggestions on your stay in our country.

**DAY 02: *Breakfast*** at hotel and panoramic City Tour by the main historical and cultural places of interest of the Colombian capital. The tour includes: Bolívar Square and adjoining buildings such as the Presidential Palace "Casa de Nariño", the Palace of Liévano (City Hall of Bogotá), the Prime Cathedral of Bogotá, the 20<sup>th</sup> of July Museum or House of the Florist of Llorente that collects important passages of the independence war, the Lawcourts seat and the Parliament and Senate seat. Visit to the Museum of Gold that treasures up the greatest and most complete collection of pre-Columbian art works of precious metals in the world, to the Mint and to the Fernando Botero Museum that stores up works of Picasso, Renoir, Dalí, Chagall and Bonard and other 85 works of art donated by Master Botero. **Lunch** and visit to "Quinta Bolívar" Museum (home of Simón Bolívar) where The Liberator lived most of his life. Next, ascent by cable car to the "Monserrate" Hill, a place of pilgrimage, where is located the Convent to the Fallen (not crucified) Lord of Moserrate and a privileged place to enjoy of a view of the city of Bogotá. Shopping time for handicrafts. Estimated length: 8 hours. Return to hotel about 06:00 PM. Free night.

**Day 03: *Breakfast*** and at 09:00 AM we will begin the Tour to the Savanna, visiting the Salt Cathedral of Zipaquirá, an underground gallery completely sculpted on a salt mine. Afterwards we will go on to Guatavita municipality that in the past was the religious and cultural center of the Muisca people. Back in time the region was known by the famous legend of El Dorado that drew a host of expeditionary from the Old Continent towards it. **Lunch** and visit to an old lake where we will know about the myths and legends of those ancient settlers of South America. Visit to the Church of Our Lady of Grieves and to the Bridge of Sweethearts. Return to Bogotá. Estimated length: 8 hours. At night, group activity in Zona T and Zona Rosa (T and Pink Zones, respectively) of Bogotá, where are located the best restaurants, bars and night clubs of the city (covers not included). Estimated length: 8 hours. Return to hotel.

**DAY 04: *Breakfast*** and transfer to the airport on the arranged time to take the flight (included) to The Coffee Axis (Eje Cafetero, in Spanish). Arrival to Armenia, capital city of the Department (province) of Quindío and golden gate to The Coffee Axis. Welcome cocktail and visit to Salento municipality, a natural balcony over an extensive territory shaped by The Coffee Axis and the Valley of Cócora. **Typical lunch** with Marine Trout or Garlic Trout. Brief city tour around the beautiful city of Armenia, capital of Quindío. Arrival to the country state hotel "Araguaney" and check-in. Spare time to enjoy of: sauna, Turkish bath, Jacuzzi, swimming pool, horseback riding, swimming in the river ...

**DAY 05: *Breakfast*** and visit to the Agricultural Farm RECUCA (a trip around the Coffee Culture) to know all about this outstanding beverage, from seeds selection to harvest, roasting and tasting. On this day you will be the famous Juan Valdés. A break for a **typical country lunch** and afterwards we will continue the tour visiting the National Park of Coffee using the multiple passport that gives you access to all attractions and shows at it. Estimated length: 8 hours. Return to our country state hotel. Free night.



**DAY 06: *Breakfast*** and visit to Butterflies Garden (a garden under a dome where you will see hundreds of thousand butterflies of different shapes, colors and sizes fluttering around a wide variety of flowers and plants) and to the Botanical Garden of Calarcá. Later a City Tour to Armenia, capital of the Department of Quindío, to visit the Quimbaya Museum of Gold that treasures up an archeological heritage of inestimable value which belonged to one of the most important societies that dwelled at the region over 2500 years ago. Estimated length: 5 hours. Transfer to the airport on the arranged time to take the flight to the heroic city of Cartagena de Indias, World Heritage of UNESCO. Arrival and welcoming with "coastal rum". Transfer to the hotel for check-in and spare time. ***Dinner*** at hotel and later a guided tour by the In-walled City (The Stone Yard) to know about the Clock Tower, the Santo Domingo Square, the Hall of Sweets, The Vaults and the Handicrafts Square.

**DAY 07: *Breakfast*** and at 9:00 AM guided City Tour to the Castle of "San Felipe de Barajas", the most important of the military structures built by Spanish Conquerors in Latin America. Brief city tour around Bocagrande neighborhood and to El Laguito. Return to hotel about 1:00 PM. Spare time and ***lunch*** and ***dinner*** at hotel. Free night to enjoy of the night life of the magical Cartagena de Indias.

**DAY 08: *Breakfast*** and at 8:00 AM excursion for the day to Nature National Park "Corals of Rosario Islands" (maritime tax and harbor tax). Trip around some of the islands, visit to the "Oceanarium" in San Martín de Pajarales Island, ***lunch*** and afternoon at the beach. Return to Cartagena de Indias about 5:00 PM. ***Dinner*** at hotel. Free night.

**DAY 09: *Breakfast*** and free day to enjoy the sea, personal activities, shopping ... ***Lunch*** and ***dinner*** at hotel.

**DAY 10: *Breakfast*** at hotel. Transfer to the airport on the arranged time to take your flight back (not included) to your city and/or country of origin. End of our services.

#### **INCLUDED IN THE PACKAGE TOUR:**

- ✚ Overland transfers in Bogotá, Armenia and Cartagena cities. All transfers as private service, in modern vehicles and in accordance with the number of passengers.
- ✚ Sea and river transfers described or required.
- ✚ Flight tickets Bogotá-Armenia.
- ✚ Flight tickets Armenia-Cartagena de Indias.
- ✚ Airport taxes (for the aforementioned tickets).
- ✚ All air transfers between cities will be daytime flights.
- ✚ Tickets to visit the places mentioned every day.
- ✚ Feeding mentioned in ***bold italic*** types.
- ✚ Hotel insurance and Accident insurance.
- ✚ Spanish-speaking tour guide.
- ✚ If you need tour guides in English, German, French, Russian, Italian or Chinese language, an extra charge of 10 % over the rates related bellow will be applied.

#### **NOT INCLUDED IN THE PACKAGE TOUR:**

- ❖ Flight tickets from or to Colombia.
- ❖ Food and/or drinks not related in the contract in bold italic types.
- ❖ Bilingual guide service for which you must pay extra charge.
- ❖ Personal expenses such as laundry service, phone calls, shopping or any other.
- ❖ Any service that is not clearly related day by day in the program itinerary.



**Options of 4\* Superior Tourist Class Hotels:**

- ✚ In Bogotá City, three (3) nights at: Ibis, Novotel or similar hotel.
- ✚ In Armenia City, two (2) nights at: "Araguaney", "Los Arrieros" or similar country state hotel.
- ✚ In Cartagena de Indias, four (4) nights at: Dorado Plaza, Costa Azul Premium or similar hotel.

**Season price x person in USD, according to the number of passengers, from:**

<u>Room or Number of passengers</u>	<u>Low Season</u>	<u>Mid-Season</u>	<u>High Season</u>
Two (2) to four (4) passengers	USD 2350	USD 2450	USD 2650
Five (5) to nine (9) passengers	USD 2250	USD 2350	USD 2550
Ten (10) to Fifteen (15)	USD 2150	USD 2250	USD 2450
Sixteen (16) to twenty-five (25) passengers	USD 2050	USD 2150	USD 2350
More than twenty-six (26) passengers	USD 2000	USD 2100	USD 2250

*Low season:* From January 25<sup>th</sup> to June 11<sup>th</sup> and from July 20<sup>th</sup> to December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013. Except for Holy Week, Public Holidays of Colombia, June 12<sup>th</sup> to July 19<sup>th</sup>, and School Recess Week in October.

*Mid-season:* From June 12<sup>th</sup> to July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013, and School Recess Week in October. From December 4<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

*High season:* Holy Week of 2013, Public Holidays of Colombia in June, July and August, and from December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013, to January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

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