

SOUTH AMERICA - HIGHLIGHTS OF COLOMBIA



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INTRODUCTION

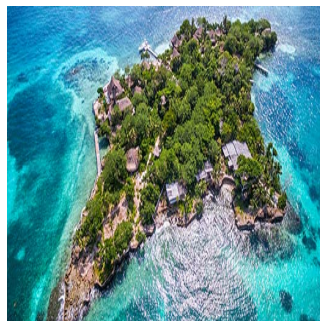
Colombia has something for everyone so join us on an adventure through Colombia's highlights. Enjoy the countries natural and urban wonders, including pristine coastlines, dense and wild Amazonian forests, beautiful architecture and a rich and fascinating colonial history. On this trip visit Bogota and visit the original Plaza Mayor, central Cathedral and Palacio de Justicia as you take a journey back in time to the era of Spanish rule and conquer.

In Cartagena, marvel at the artesian centre of the city and visit the famous Monasterio before heading to paradise at Rosario Island for some relaxation and delicious local food.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: Private Transfer Bogota Airport - Hotel

On arrival, please make your way to the Arrivals Hall where our representative will be waiting for you to transfer you to your hotel. He/she will be holding a sign with your name on it. Should you not able to locate them, please refer to the front of your itinerary for emergency contact details of our representative office. Please note this service is with local guide.



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DAY 1: Arrival in Bogota

Colombia's capital Bogotá is a vibrant and cosmopolitan city located in central Colombia on a vast plain 2,600m above sea level, cradled by the Andean mountains. The "Old City" of La Candelaria is the historic cultural centre of the city. Its cobbled streets are lined with colonial buildings housing museums, libraries, restaurants, hotels and bars set amongst convents, churches and homes that date back 300 years. Bogotá's most famous museum is the Gold Museum with over 55,000 pieces of gold, bone, ceramic and textiles from the Pre-Hispanic cultures such as the Tayrona, San Agustín, Chocó, Quimbaya, Muisca and Tierradentro.



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DAY 2: Half Day Tour Bogota

After breakfast enjoy a half day visit to the historic centre known as La Candelaria. This antiquated barrio is of great architectural and cultural heritage and has beautiful architecture. Visit the Plaza de Bolívar, where a statue of the great liberator Simon Bolívar is located. This Plaza, originally called the Plaza Mayor, was used for civil and military purposes, as a marketplace, a bullring and a gallows. Then visit the Museo Botero, a colonial house filled with works of art (that includes pieces by Picasso, Renoir, Dalí, Matisse, Monet and Giacometti). Next is the Museo del Oro that has a permanent exhibition of some 32,000 pieces of gold, 20,000 stones, ceramics and textiles. The Museo del Oro is considered as one of the most important museums of its type internationally and it has been functioning since 1939. Free afternoon for individual activities (we recommend visiting the city's various museums).



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DAY 3: Private Transfer Bogota Airport - Hotel

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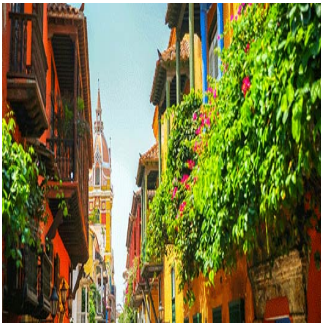
DAY 3: PVT Transfer Cartagena Airport - Hotel - with Guide

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DAY 3: Arrival in Cartagena


The beautiful city of Cartagena lies within massive fortifications on Colombia’s northern coast. The walled city and fortress were designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1984. The old town is a maze of cobbled streets, plazas, churches and bougainvillea-covered balconies. Its rich architecture includes Spanish colonial buildings, the Palace of the Inquisition, the Clock Tower and the Castle of San Felipe de Barajas.



DAY 4: Half Day Panoramic Tour Cartagena Private

Starting with a panoramic view of the city from the Monasterio and Iglesia de La Popa, you will continue to the San Felipe fortress, built on San Lázaro hill to defend the city from pirate attacks. Walk around the fortress and learn how the castle was constructed with its engineering feats, tunnels, underground galleries and passageways. Then go on to the Ciudad Vieja (Old City) to visit the Church of the San Pedro Claver compound that was built in the middle of the XVII century and owes its name to the “apóstol de los esclavos”. Lastly, visit the handicrafts zone of the Bovedas, a collection of archways built into the city wall of Cartagena that were used until the end of the 1700’s to house armaments and then later as a prison in the XIX century. Nowadays it’s an artisan centre for local handcrafts.

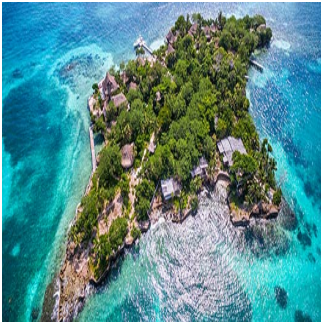


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DAY 5: Full Day Rosario Islands Tour

Cruise by boat to the Rosario Islands, located 45km southeast, approximately one hour from Cartagena bay. Leaving in the morning to allow a full day of dipping in the Caribbean Sea in the company of marine wildlife. The national park is surrounded by coral reefs and lapped by clear blue waters and is the natural habitat for a large variety of marine fauna. Three ecosystems thrive here: coastal lagoons, mangroves surrounding them and tropical forest. Once you arrive at “San Pedro de Majagua” island, you’ll have free time for snorkelling and relaxation. The only programmed activity is a delicious typical lunch prepared with local produce. The boat will leave back to Cartagena pier in the late afternoon, on arrival you will be returned to your hotel.



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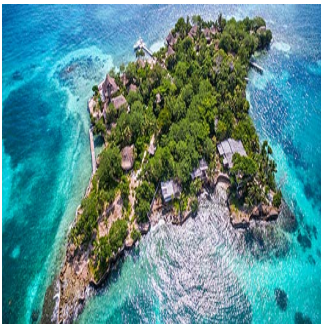
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DAY 6: Transfer Hotel / Airport in Cartagena

Departure from your hotel in Cartagena and transfer to the Airport. Please note, this service is by private vehicle and includes an English speaking guide.




INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation	Standard & Superior Hotels available
Inclusions	Private airport transfers Internal flights as indicated on itinerary Accommodation with breakfast daily Sightseeing with local English-speaking guide Other meals where stated Exclusions International flights Visa and reciprocity fees (if applicable) Travel insurance Beverages Personal expenses Gratuities for tour guides/drivers Any items not mentioned as included

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Difficulty Rating	1 (easy)
Single Surcharge	Available upon request, contact us for more details.
Notes	All entrance fees are subject to change without prior notice. This is a Tailor-Made itinerary which can be customised to create your own unique journey. Contact us to discuss your travel plans.
Price Dependent upon	Season and availability.

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SUSTAINABILITY

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Chimu is passionate and dedicated to sustainability measures and understands the crucial part sustainability plays within the tourism industry.

We use local guides and office staff to both maximise local employment opportunities and minimise carbon footprint. Local guides also ensure you benefit from the intimate knowledge, passion and culture of the country you’re visiting. Our guides are all highly qualified (most with university degrees) or equip with many years of experience and are paid above the standard wage. Whether it be our knowledgeable local guides, locally produced meals or the transport on tour, we do not use imported goods when local products are available. We aim to minimise our impact on the environment and give as much back as possible to the communities we work in.

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