



LUXURY TAILOR MADE TRAVEL

Tailor Made Colombia: Bogotá to Cartagena

9 days from \$4,495

Private Journey

Travel with your private party on this Luxury Tailor Made Journey, departing when you choose and with expert local guides leading the way; you can even customize the itinerary to your interests.

Explore the ethnic diversity and varied geography that shapes Colombia's strong regional identity, while traversing an exotic market in Bogotá; navigating salt mine tunnels, where a singular underground cathedral resides; and reflecting on the history of Cartagena, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

A&K Advantages

Discover diverse, dynamic Colombia, one of South America's fastest-emerging travel destinations, on a fascinating private journey that ranges from cosmopolitan Bogotá to colonial Cartagena

Explore Bogotá's Paloquemao Market, sampling its bounty; and view the city's impressive monuments and museums

Visit the famed Salt Cathedral in Zipaquirá, learning how it was hewn from solid halite

Learn about Colombia's national tree, the wax palm, on a visit to misty Cocora National Park

Enjoy three nights in the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Cartagena, where you tour the city's monuments and indulge in a culinary walk inside its 500-year-old walled city

Itinerary

Luxury Tailor Made Journeys depart on the dates that work for you and feature expert local guides throughout your journey. The itinerary below can be customized to your interests.

DAY 1 ARRIVE BOGOTÁ, COLOMBIA

Arrive in Bogotá, capital of Colombia, where you are met and transferred to your hotel. In this city of contrasts, skyscrapers stand side by side with old, single-story houses.

Sofitel Bogotá Victoria Regia

DAY 2 BOGOTÁ | MARKET & MUSEUM VISITS

Accompanied by your private guide, wander through the Paloquemao Market, which brims with flowers, exotic fruits, vegetables, meat, seafood, cheese and medicinal herbs. Bask in this authentic cultural experience, sampling exotic fruits and enjoying a small snack during your visit. Continue to the well-preserved colonial quarter of La Candelaria. Pause at Plaza de Bolívar, named for Simón Bolívar, who was instrumental in winning Colombia's independence from Spain. View the Congress Palace, the Cardinal's Palace, and the colonial churches of El Sagrario and San Agustín, all located in this impressive square. Ascend Cerro de Montserrat for spectacular vistas and explore possibly the world's greatest collection of pre-Hispanic Indian gold crafts at the Museo del Oro. Finish your day at the Museo de Botero, where Colombian artist Fernando Botero displays his private art collection, including works from Picasso, Renoir, Dalí, Degas, Chagall, Matisse, Monet and Giacometti.

Sofitel Bogotá Victoria Regia | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 3 BOGOTÁ | SALT CATHEDRAL

Drive to the small colonial town of Zipaquirá and step inside the Salt Cathedral, where religious sculptures and cavernous pools are hewn from tunnels of a former salt mine, and learn about the extraordinary engineering that made it possible. Tour the town's historic main plaza, seeing whitewashed houses decorated with the olive-green trim typical of local custom. Enjoy a traditional lunch and panoramic views, then return to Bogotá, stopping to visit the town of Usaquén. Walk its narrow, cobbled streets, observing the Spanish-colonial architecture of its houses and soaking in the Bohemian atmosphere. You may also have the opportunity to visit a local flea market or encounter local storytellers, artists and street musicians.

Sofitel Bogotá Victoria Regia | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 4 ARMENIA | TASTINGS IN THE COFFEE TRIANGLE

Fly to Colombia's best-known coffee production region, recently named a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Join your guide for a tour of the renowned coffee plantation of Hacienda San Alberto to learn about the coffee production process from start to finish. Then, enjoy a tasting of locally grown coffees curated by experts. Also partake in a tasting of several of Colombia's exotic fruits, savoring them both raw and as ingredients in cooked sweets and artisanal ice cream. Later, continue to Pereira and check in to your hotel.

Casa San Carlos Lodge | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 5 COCORA VALLEY | HOME OF THE WAX PALM

Journey to the verdant Cocora Valley, home to the wax palm, Colombia's protected national tree. Enjoy a canelazo cocktail and traditional smoked trout lunch. In Cocora National Park, visit the misty forest that serves as home to the tall, slender palm species, and learn about efforts to protect and conserve this ecosystem. Then, participate in the Ritual de la Palma, planting wax palms. Proceed to the town of Salento by Jeep, stopping for a caffè-latte demonstration at Café Jesús Martín. Tour the city, seeing its memorable buildings as well as the Calle Real, a main street lined with restaurants, bars and handicrafts shops.

Casa San Carlos Lodge | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 6 CARTAGENA | VIBRANT COLONIAL JEWEL

Board a morning flight to Cartagena, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, where you are met upon arrival and transferred to your hotel. The remainder of your day is at leisure.

Sofitel Legend Santa Clara Cartagena | Meals: Breakfast

DAY 7 CARTAGENA | IMPOSING FORTRESS

Today, head to the 17th-century Convento de La Popa, built on the city's highest point, to enjoy views of the city and the bay. Continue to Castillo de San Felipe de Barajas, the strongest fortress ever constructed in a Spanish colony, and stop at Las Bóvedas; once a dungeon, it is now home to galleries and boutiques. Then, visit the Iglesia y Convento San Pedro de Claver, a convent founded in the early 17th century by San Ignacio de Loyola, and named for the canonized priest and human-rights champion, Peter Claver, considered the patron saint of slaves. Visit its Baroque church to view the fine stained-glass windows and high altar made of Italian marble.

Sofitel Legend Santa Clara Cartagena | Meals: Breakfast

DAY 8 CARTAGENA | CULINARY WALK IN THE WALLED CITY

Set out on a culinary walking tour of Cartagena's 500-year-old walled city, pausing to taste authentic local foods. As you stroll with your private guide, gain insight into the city's history and culture, observing life as the locals live it. This evening, embark on a private boat ride around the bay of Cartagena, sipping a cocktail and watching the sunset.

Sofitel Legend Santa Clara Cartagena | Meals: Breakfast



DAY 9 DEPART CARTAGENA

Transfer to the airport and board your homebound flight.

Enhance Your Journey

Elevate your experience with a host of options available for an additional cost.

ENJOY A RUM AND CHOCOLATE TASTING

Sample some of Colombia's finest rum and chocolate at a tasting experience led by an international sommelier — one that includes one of the greatest combinations of all time, rum and chocolate.

PARTAKE IN A HOME-HOSTED DINNER

On a private visit with a local family in their own home, enjoy an authentic home-cooked meal in a relaxed and comfortable environment, enhanced by fascinating conversation with your hosts about daily life in Cartagena.

SAMPLE BOGOTÁ'S CULINARY WONDERS

Explore the culinary marvels of modern Bogotá, enjoying a four-course menu while touring four different restaurants, each one with a notable history. Meet and interact with some of the chefs and restaurant managers to learn about what inspired them.

DISCOVER SAN ALEJO'S FLEA MARKET

Wander through San Alejo's flea market, a popular Sunday excursion in the heart of downtown. After walking the market, partake in a Bogotá classic — onces santafereñas, the equivalent of British afternoon tea.

Dates & Prices

Jan–Dec; Priced from \$4,495

Internal Air from \$565

Bogotá /Pereira/Bogotá/Cartagena

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