



MEJDI TOURS

Capturing Colombia: A Journey Through Culture and Nature

Dates: November 30 - December 11, 2025

Included: 11 nights' accommodation at the following hotels (double occupancy), or similar hotel as necessary:¹

- 2 Nights HAB Hotel, Bogota
- 1 Night La Palma y el Tucán, Zipacón
- 3 Nights La Cabaña Ecohotel, Salento
- 2 Nights Diez Hotel, Medellin
- 3 Nights Sanra Catalina Hotel, Cartagena

MEJDI-Trained local guides throughout the tour
Private transportation throughout, including private arrival and departure airport transfers
Domestic flights as mentioned in itinerary
A collaborative photo book will be created with the best photos of our adventures
A one-on-one photo review will be provided after the tour
Meals listed in the itinerary: 11 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 4 dinners
Entrances, sites, and honorariums for speakers²
Water on bus throughout tour
Dedicated pre-trip customer service and on-ground support

Not included: International airfare
Travel and Medical insurance-**HIGHLY RECOMMENDED**
Single Supplement - \$610
Meals not mentioned in the itinerary
Individual airport transfers outside of the group transfer
Customary tips for drivers, guides, and hotel staff
Anything not explicitly mentioned in the included section

Pricing: \$6,995 USD per person

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Itinerary:

Day 1: Sunday, November 30, 2025 – Arrival in Bogotá

- Arrive at El Dorado International Airport in Bogotá
- Meet and greet by a local representative for transfer to Hotel 84DC.
- **Welcome dinner** in Bogotá.

Overnight: HAB Hotel, Bogotá (Dinner included)

Day 2: Monday, December 1, 2025 – Exploring Bogotá

- Morning visit to **Paloquemao Market** for a unique **fruit tour**.
- Continue on a **city tour** including **Bolivar Square**, **Botero Museum**, **Gold Museum**, and **Monserate**.
- Tour **La Linterna Bogotá**, an iconic space filled with history, art, and bold graphic design
- Have a Cacao tasting at **Chuculatcol**
- Over dinner, at **Tejo La Embajada**, Experience the 500-year-old tradition of **Tejo**, Colombia's beloved "**sport of the people**." Think explosive bowling meets Colombian fiesta, with beers and traditional fare fueling the fun.

Overnight: HAB Hotel, Bogotá (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner included)

Day 3: Tuesday, December 2, 2025 – Coffee Farm Experience

- Transfer to **La Palma y el Tucán** for a **coffee farm experience**.

Overnight: La Palma y el Tucán, Zipacón (Breakfast, Lunch included)

Day 4: Wednesday, December 3, 2025 – Transfer to Salento

- Morning flight from Bogotá to **Salento**.
- **Cacao from bean to bar immersive tour (The Path of the Cacao)** - Visit a **family farm** to learn about **sustainable cacao farming**, the artisanal **chocolate-making process**, and the rich traditions of the region.
- Head to your hotel for check-in.
- **Afternoon time for photo-ops.**

Overnight: La Cabaña Ecohotel, Salento (Breakfast and Lunch included)

Day 5: Thursday, December 4, 2025 – Coffee Tour in Salento

- Visit to **Hacienda San Alberto** (one of Colombia's most awarded coffees) for a **coffee tour** located in the entry to **Valle del Cauca**.

- Take a walking tour through the plantations, learn about the experimental and traditional species, planting cycles and techniques. Enjoy a **coffee tasting** session and time for a **photo session**.

Overnight: La Cabaña Ecohotel, Salento (Breakfast included)

Day 6: Friday, December 5, 2025 – Cocora Valley Exploration

- Tour the **Cocora Valley**, perfect spots for **photo sessions** of the natural wonders of the Colombian Andes between the country's national tree - the Palm.
- Enjoy a traditional meal for lunch
- Continue to the picturesque town of **Salento** for a walking tour
- Have a special dinner at The *José Fernando* OR *Helena Adentro* Restaurant in Filandia

Overnight: La Cabaña Ecohotel, Salento (Breakfast and Lunch included)

Day 7: Saturday, December 6, 2025 – Transfer to Medellín

- Late morning flight from Salento to **Medellín**.
- Check in to your hotel and prepare for the afternoon activities.
- Late afternoon **Intuitive Cuisine experience** including a four-course tasting menu showcasing native ingredients.

Overnight: Diez Hotel Medellín, Medellín (Breakfast and Dinner included)

Day 8: Sunday, December 7, 2025 – Comuna 13 Exploration

- Morning **Afro tour** in **Comuna 13** focusing on Medellín's cultural and social transformation
- End the day at a **local brewery** in Comuna 13 for views of the city and a vibrant end to the day.

Overnight: Diez Hotel Medellín, Medellín (Breakfast and Lunch included)

Day 9: Monday, December 8, 2025 – Transfer to Cartagena

- Morning flight from Medellín to **Cartagena**.
- Afternoon **tour of the city** and photography session including sites like **La Torre del Reloj**, **Iglesia San Pedro**, **Castillo San Felipe** and the **fortress wall**.
- Evening local **Rum and Chocolate tasting** experience in **Getsemaní**.

Overnight: Hotel Santa Catalina, Cartagena (Breakfast included)

Day 10: Tuesday, December 9, 2025 – San Basilio de Palenque - The corner of Africa in Colombia

- Full day visit to **San Basilio de Palenque**, the first settlement of the world founded by emancipated slaves (negros cimarrones) from the Spanish and Portuguese colonial rule.
- Enjoy the local food and music while meeting the locals.
- Dinner at **Mar y Zielo Restaurant**, a true Cartagena culinary experience

Overnight: Hotel Santa Catalina, Cartagena (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner included)

Day 11: Wednesday, December 10, 2025 – Canoe Trip and Drums at the Beach

- Explore the swamplands and rich biodiversity of the **mangroves** outside Cartagena on a guided canoe trip through the **Cienaga de la Virgen**.
- In **La Boquilla**, a vibrant **Afro-Colombian fishing village**, explore its rich musical heritage, learn **traditional drumming**, join a **live jam session**, and support local music education—leaving with a deep connection to its rhythms and culture.

Overnight: Hotel Santa Catalina, Cartagena (Breakfast and Lunch included)

Day 12: Thursday, December 11, 2025 – Departure

- Check out and depart for the airport for your flight home.

(Breakfast included)

Optional Tayrona Extension Tour:

Dates: December 11-14, 2025

Included: 3 nights' accommodation at the following hotel (double occupancy), or similar³ - Senda Koguiwa Hotel, Santa Marta
MEJDI-Trained local guide throughout the tour
Private transportation throughout, including group arrival and departure airport transfers
Meals listed in the itinerary: 3 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 1 dinner
Entrances, sites, and honorariums for speakers⁴
Custom tour webpage with online registration, payment, processing
Dedicated pre-trip customer service and on-ground support

Not included: International airfare
Travel and Medical insurance-**HIGHLY RECOMMENDED**
Single Supplement rates
Meals not mentioned in the itinerary
Individual airport transfers outside of the group transfer
Customary tips for drivers, guides, and hotel staff
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Pricing: \$1,500 USD per person

Day 1: Thursday, December 11, 2025 Ciénaga Grande and Nueva Venecia - Pueblos Palafitos

- Discover the hidden paradise of **Ciénaga Grande Fauna and Flora Sanctuary**, Colombia's largest lagoon and swamp complex.

Overnight: Senda Koguiwa Hotel, Santa Marta (Breakfast and Lunch included)

Day 2: Friday, December 12, 2025 Tayrona park, Trek to Cabo San Juan

- Embark on a one-day trek at the **Tayrona National Park**, a true gem among Colombia's natural wonders.

Overnight: Senda Koguiwa Hotel, Santa Marta (Breakfast and Lunch included)

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Day 3: Saturday, December 13, 2025 Night Safari and fishing experience

- Enjoy a leisurely morning, exploring local culture at your own pace.
- This afternoon, embark on a night safari drifting down the **Don Diego River**; Experience nature, learn **traditional fishing** from local experts, and hear community tales around the bon-fire.

Overnight: Senda Koguiwa Hotel, Santa Marta (Breakfast and Dinner included)

Day 4: Sunday, December 14, 2025 Departure

- Check out and depart for the airport for your flight home.

(Breakfast included)