

Sample Itinerary: Comfort 1

Our *Comfort* itineraries are all about creating your ideal balance of relaxation while satisfying your curiosity for Colombia's incredible culture, food, and experiences. This itinerary gives you plenty of time to wander the streets of Bogotá, Medellín, and Cartagena while discovering some of our country's most magical places at your own pace. Sit and enjoy gourmet Colombian coffee, dine with leading art dealers to talk about the country's compelling art history, and go behind the scenes to get the full story at rural coffee and flower farms.

Day 1: Bogotá

Welcome to the beautiful Andes mountains of Colombia! Start your trip in the east of the country and the highest major city in the country. A sprawling metropolis with a long and fascinating history, Bogotá is a modern mega-city including various distinct neighborhoods that comprise the political and gastronomical capital of Colombia.

Day 2: Exploring the capital

Head to the Candelaria neighborhood to learn about Bogotá's street art and, after lunch, transport back in time as you enter the famous Gold Museum (Museo de Oro) before finishing your day with a cable car ride up to the famous viewpoint of Monserrate.

Day 3: The Salt Cathedral

In the morning, take your time enjoying a cup of high-quality gourmet Colombian coffee before heading north out of Bogotá and get a sense of the city's art and underground architecture. Then it's back to Bogotá to have lunch with one of the city's most accomplished art dealers to view a host of private galleries, ending up at the Fernando Botero Museum.

Day 4: True Bloom

After a fresh breakfast, head to the airport for a quick flight to Medellín. Just outside Medellín, in the peaceful town of Santa Elena, visit an enormous flower farm in the area where most flowers purchased in the United States for Valentine's Day are grown and learn about flower cultivation. Afterwards, head for a special treat at the house of award-winning silleteros, the stars of Medellín's world-famous flower festival.

Day 5: The City of Eternal Spring

We pick you up from your hotel and head over to the government center for an historical exploration from the industrial revolution up through to the dark days of the '80s and '90s. The afternoon brings an exclusive visit to one of the sites of the city's music schools. The network of music schools was created in the '90s to teach classical music to children in the most dangerous parts of the city. Afterwards, return to your hotel to rest before the evening's special event: a private concert and conversation with the visionary founder of the music school network.

Day 6: True Aroma

Today we head to the historic town of Ciudad Bolívar. Just a short drive from the town center lies the incredible farm Santa Elena, where Café Roldan is produced. Roldan is the winner of Yara’s gold cup for the best coffee in Colombia. Here you have exclusive access to see how the farm is running experiments on environmentally friendly farming practices and planting methods that yield higher coffee crops of better quality and scents rarely found in coffee.

Day 7: True Occidente

After breakfast, head the beautifully preserved Santa Fe de Antioquia. This popular weekend vacation spot for Colombians is also full of a rich, 500 year-old history. Have a private gold-working workshop, hear stories about the creation of the town’s many parks and wander the streets, have a private lunch menu-tasting of Chocoano food, and roam in and out of well-preserved homes rarely seen by the public. Finally, head to South America’s very first suspension bridge, “El Puente del Occidente,” designed by a Colombian architect who worked on the construction of the Brooklyn Bridge.

Day 8: Cartagena

After breakfast, we have a short flight to Cartagena to stay in the heart of the old walled city. Spend the day wandering among the gorgeous bright yellow and blue walls and plazas that define the 500-year-old colonial architecture, and toast to your Colombian adventure with a sundowner overlooking the Caribbean sea.

Day 9: Palenque

Spend the day exploring the small village of Palenque, which was founded by escaped slaves in the 17th century. Declared a UNESCO world heritage site in 2005, Palenque is today seen as a trove of African linguistic, musical, and cultural traditions.

Day 10: Departure

Enjoy your last morning in Colombia walking around Cartagena and delighting in some final bites of local cuisine. Check out the artisanal shops and learn about traditional goods such as the “mochila” bags, a product hand-stitched by the Indigenous peoples of the coast, and grab any last souvenirs before we head to the airport for your flight home.