



Sample Itinerary: Trailblazer 1

We made sure to include everything from incredible explorations in compelling cities to deep journeys into reclaimed territories for this *Trailblazer* itinerary. Meet the young artist collective transforming their neighborhoods after decades of strife and then go deep on sustainability at one of the country's most exciting new hotels. You'll go in search of wild hippos, horseback ride through the jungle, and relax on pristine white-sand beaches.

Day 1: Medellín

Welcome to the beautiful Andes mountains of Colombia! Start your trip on the western side of country in the “City of Eternal Spring.” A sprawling metropolis with a tormented and fascinating history, Medellín is a modern mega-city including distinct neighborhoods that comprise one of the (now) safest, richest, and most exciting cities in South America. We greet you at the airport and take you over to Cannúa, Colombia's very first sustainable boutique luxury ecolodge.

Day 2: 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 3: Estación Corcorna

Throughout the '80s and '90s this area experienced some of the worst violence in the country, but as Colombia has changed, doors have opened to areas that were previously off-limits. You'll be among the first to experience its hidden treasures as you explore the village of Estación Corcorna, where wonderful people live a life that feels worlds away from the big cities.

Day 4: True Wilderness

Wake up early to witness the gorgeous Colombian sunrise from the Corcorna Sur river. Years ago, the drug kingpin Pablo Escobar built himself a private zoo here and after his death, his hippos were left to wander the property and have since escaped and multiplied. We'll head down river in search of the hippos and take in the diverse wildlife of monkeys and exotic birds before visiting a local woman who has started an endangered turtle conservation foundation. Hear her story before releasing a turtle of your own into the wild. Later that afternoon, float on an inner tube back down stream before sipping wine and relaxing as the sun goes down before heading back to Cannúa.

Day 5: True Graffiti





True Graffiti takes you through the rarely visited and extraordinary Comuna 1 in northeast Medellín. The exclusive experience is designed by a youth collective of artists who are from these very neighborhoods, as they take you on a tour of local street art, lead a stenciling lesson, and put on a private break-dancing and hip-hop show.

Day 6: The Beaches of Tayrona

It's time to kick back and relax on the white-sand beaches of Santa Marta. A short flight to the Caribbean town is followed by a beach day at one of the region's most pristine beaches in Tayrona Park. Feel free to grab masks and fins to snorkel in the turquoise water. In the afternoon, we'll head back to Santa Marta to relax for the evening.

Day 7: Santa Marta

Prepare to discover a world beneath the waves. You'll be fitted for scuba gear and receive a briefing on basic diving and safety regulations at a local dive shop. If you're certified, you'll also learn a little about the dive sites. Then, head out on a speed-boat for two dives. In the afternoon, explore the historic center of Santa Marta and enjoy a late lunch.

Day 8: Parque Tayrona

The massive Parque Tayrona includes white sandy beaches in its bays, rainforest, and snowcapped peaks just 40 kilometers inland. This land is sacred to the four principal Indigenous tribes that live in the park. Hike or horseback ride through the forest before continuing to "La Piscina" beach.

Day 9: Departure

On your final day, wake up early to enjoy your last morning in Colombia. Walk around the neighborhood, explore the coffee shops and streets of Santa Marta, and enjoy some final bites of local cuisine. Explore the city's shops as we explain some of the traditional Colombian goods such as the "mochila" bags, a product hand-stitched by the Indigenous peoples of the coast before you take you to the airport.

