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HIDDEN WONDERS OF COLOMBIA - A LUXURY SMALL GROUP JOURNEY (2025)

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Latin America, Colombia



10 days from AU\$15,285 pp



16 Guests

Journey Overview

Discover the natural wonders of Colombia, home to 10 percent of the entire planet’s biodiversity. Seek out exotic birds and animals, sample homegrown coffee and rum, and take in cultural and culinary marvels from Bogota to Cartagena, learning firsthand about Medellin’s inspiring journey to peace along the way.

Journey Highlights

- Explore Caño Cristales, dubbed “The River of Five Colours” owing to a natural phenomenon you witness while staying at a tropical forest eco-lodge
- Gaze upon an astonishing collection of 34,000 historic works of art at The Gold Museum in Colombia
- Partake in a stimulating culinary experience that features ancestrally inspired dishes with paired wines at El Cielo Restaurant in Medellin
- Gain insight into Medellin’s incredible journey to peace when you visit Comuna 13 and hear firsthand from locals who lived through troubled times on an A&K-exclusive experience
- Board a private vessel for an unforgettable sunset cruise of Cartagena’s scenic harbour
- Stay at a permaculture mountain lodge, gaining knowledge and insights into the biodiversity all around you



Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive Bogotá, Colombia

Arrive in Bogotá, the capital of Colombia — a modern metropolis set more than 2,590 metres above sea level that boasts a year-round spring-like climate — where you are met and privately transferred to your hotel.

Four Seasons Hotel Casa Medina Bogotá | Meals: D

Day 2: Bogotá | Paloquemao Market & the Gold Museum

Explore Bogotá, starting at Paloquemao Market. View its vast array of Colombian fruits and culinary ingredients, food stalls serving local delicacies and displays of native flowers. Journey to Monserrate, located in the hills to the east of the city. Ascend this 10,000-foot peak by funicular railway or cable car to absorb inspiring vistas of the whole of Bogotá. Return down the hill to visit La Candelaria, the oldest part of the city, distinguished by its many colonial-era buildings, which you view along with the graffiti art that adorns the city centre. Then, continue to the celebrated Gold Museum with over 34,000 dazzling pieces in its collection. It is the largest collection of pre-Hispanic gold artifacts. Enjoy lunch at a top restaurant serving a variety of Colombian dishes before finishing your sensory journey at San Alberto Coffee Temple, where you learn to appreciate and enjoy the unique attributes of specialty coffees.

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Day 3: Macarena | Gateway to Remote Natural Wonders

Fly to La Macarena, a small town in a region renowned for its stunning natural beauty. It is also the gateway to Caño Cristales, often referred to as “The River of Five Colours” or “The Liquid Rainbow,” due to its vibrant display of colours caused by unique aquatic plants. Explore Caño Cristales, embarking by wooden boat with a local expert guide, gliding along various sections of the river to witness its spectacular display of colours firsthand. Watch for the unique flora and fauna living here as well, which make it a paradise for nature lovers and photographers. Go ashore for a hike that begins at a farmhouse, ascending to reach the Mirador, an amazing lookout where your guide will explain the ecosystem and the social history of La Macarena. Break for lunch before continuing the hike to Caño Cristalitos to view the *Macarenia clavigera*, an aquatic plant that turns shades of pink under certain conditions, giving the river its incredible vibrant colour. Relax, perhaps taking the time to bathe in a small pool to cool down. Then, boat upstream to view native fauna including monkeys as well as cascading waterfalls. Finish your day at your lodge, where you enjoy dinner.

La Manigua Lodge | Meals: BLD

Day 4: Macarena | Into Caño Cristales

After a delicious breakfast at La Manigua Lodges, once again experience the stunning beauty of Caño Cristales. Boat down the scenic Guayabero River, go for a 4x4 ride through the National Park Sierra de La Macarena and embark on a 30-minute hike to reach the breathtaking Caño Cristales. Devote most of your day to exploring this natural wonder, whether hiking, enjoying a picnic lunch or capturing photos of the vibrant colours and cascading waterfalls. Later, return to the lodge for a cultural activity on the river, followed by dinner. Finish your day at your lodge, taking in a cultural activity followed by dinner.

La Manigua Lodge | Meals: BLD

Day 5: Macarena/Medellín | Rousing 4x4 Excursion

Today, head out by 4x4 to the National Park Sierra de La Macarena, where you hike to the lower basin of Caño Cristales and view the *Macarenia clavigera* shining in the shadows of the forest. Return to La Macarena, and then fly to Medellín, known as the city of eternal spring, and noted today as the home to award-winning gastronomy, artists and designers. Upon arrival, check in to your hotel. Tonight, gather for an amazing culinary experience at El Cielo Restaurant, sampling tasting menus inspired by ancestral Colombian and Latin American roots, and dining on 18 courses paired with local wines.

Elcielo Hotel | Meals: BD

Day 6: Medellín | A City's Renewal

Explore the city, starting with a visit to the Parque San Antonio to view sculptures by renowned local artist Fernando Botero. Continue to the Museum of Antioquia, which features art dating from pre-Columbian times. Move on to one of the oldest parts of the city and the Plazuela de San Ignacio to see the Baroque San Ignacio church. Stop by several beautiful public parks, including the modern Parque de las Luces. Hop a ride on the Metrocable gondola lift system that connects the city to the previously hard-to-access mountain district, taking in views of the neighbourhood of Santo Domingo Savio. Once one of the most unsafe suburbs of Medellín, it is today a shining example of social transformation and urban regeneration. Visit the neighbourhood of Comuna 13 to learn how it has improved the quality of life for inhabitants and visit public renovation projects, art murals and recreational spaces. Also stop at the business of a project participant to witness the positive impact it has had on their family's life. Board a tram and cable car, part of the infrastructure that has greatly improved the quality of life of the community. Then, sit down over coffee to hear from a local eyewitness to the times of infamous cartel lord Pablo Escobar, for an intimate perspective of the social and emotional impacts of that era. Then, transfer to your lodge in the Andes for check-in and dinner on site.

Cannua Lodge | Meals: BLD

Day 7: Marinilla | Design Your Day

This morning, enjoy your choice of one of these **Design Your Day** activities.

- **Admire Picturesque Guatapé and El Peñol**, two charming resort towns in the midst of breathtaking landscapes.
- **Hike a Pre-Hispanic Trail** through mountains and bridle paths, ending at El Peñol rock.
- **Experience the History of Medellín's "Feria de Flores,"** in the mountains of Antioquia.
- **Savour a Hands-On Cheese Experience**, learning how it's made at a local farm.

After your chosen activity, savour lunch at a local restaurant, followed by an afternoon at leisure. This evening, stroll the local gardens and enjoy a Chef's Table for dinner made with locally sourced ingredients.

Cannua Lodge | Meals: BLD

Day 8: Cartagena | Rum & Chocolate Tasting

Fly to Cartagena, a vibrant port city overlooking the Caribbean, notable for its fortress walls once used to protect its inhabitants from marauding pirates. Upon arrival, enjoy lunch at your hotel's restaurant. This afternoon, indulge in a private and intimate experience of two of Colombia's most appealing products, as you sample aged rums ranging from a few weeks to about 27 years, paired with Colombian chocolate, while your hosts tell tales of buccaneers. Enjoy the rest of your day at leisure, including dinner on your own.

Casa Pestagua | Meals: BL

Day 9: Cartagena | Amazing Architecture & a Sunset Cruise

Tour Cartagena, starting at La Popa hilltop to enjoy the panoramic views. Continue to San Felipe Castle, a masterpiece of Spanish colonial military engineering, built and reinforced during the 16th and 17th centuries to defend the city from pirate attacks. Learn about its construction and explore the underground galleries, tunnels and passageways. Proceed to Cartagena's colonial walled city for a walking tour of the picturesque streets and plazas. View the imposing church of San Pedro Claver with its fine collection of stained-glass windows. Visit Bolivar Park, featuring four fountains and a statue of revered liberator Simon Bolivar. Finish the morning in the lively Getsemani neighbourhood, noted for its vibrant street art and bustling atmosphere. Stroll its colourful streets, visit local markets, and indulge in traditional street food, experiencing firsthand the energy and character of this unique barrio. After time for lunch at leisure, board a private vessel for an unforgettable sunset sailing adventure, absorbing breathtaking harbour views and savouring a Scenic Sundowner. Later, back on shore at the Club de Pesca restaurant, a Cartagena landmark overlooking the marina, gather for a farewell dinner.

Casa Pestagua | Meals: BD

Day 10: Depart Cartagena

After breakfast, transfer to Rafael Nuñez International Airport for your departing flight.

Meals: B

Journey Details

Internal Air Included: Bogota/La Macarena/Medellin/Cartagena

This journey contains some active elements.

Minimum age is 10 years.

First group event: welcome dinner at 7:00 p.m. on Day 1.

Last group event: farewell dinner at 7:30 p.m. on Day 9.

Departures are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 2 guests.

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Map



Accommodation

Four Seasons Casa Medina, Bogota



Newly opened, the historic Four Seasons Casa Medina in Bogota has been declared a monument of cultural interest by the Colombian Ministry of Culture boasting impressive stone columns, a brick façade and colonial beamed ceilings. The hotel has 62 rooms and suites, each different yet with common amenities such as hand-carved dressers, leather armchairs, thermo-acoustic windows to keep the city noise of to a minimum and customisable beds. There is a choice of restaurants and tapas bars, a lush atrium courtyard and sidewalk terrace plus fitness centre and Spa with four treatment rooms.

El Cielo Hotel, Medellin



The five-star property features a choice of sleek rooms and luxury suites decorated with cool marble floors, wood veneer walls, Italian-style bathtubs and fine Egyptian cotton linen.

During your stay at this luxury hotel, you can relax on the rooftop terrace which has a sparkling pool and gym.

You can dine at the signature restaurant which creates dishes from local products – given a twist based on neuroscience. This creates a sensory experience that stimulates the senses and gives you a real taste of Colombia. For the ‘best Asian cuisine in the city’ enjoy dinner at Cuón.

The hotel is set on a residential street and is a short stroll from the craft stalls at El Poblado Park and only two kilometres from Medellín Modern Art Museum and Olaya Herrera Airport.

Other attractions nearby include Lokkus Contemporary Art, Santa Fe Zoological Park, and Juan Pablo II Airpark and events at Plaza de Toros La Macarena or Atanasio Giradot Stadium.

After a day exploring the city, you can relax with a massage from the hotel’s à la carte spa menu.

Why we like it

- Excellent location in the centre of Medellín – perfect for sightseeing and recreation
- A signature restaurant which will kick-start the senses
- Outdoor swimming pool on the rooftop terrace, fitness centre and spa
- Our top tip: take a short stroll from the hotel to browse the craft stalls at El Poblado Park or walk a little further to visit Medellín Modern Art Museum

Dates & Pricing

Prices are in AUD, per person, based on double occupancy

Jul 3, 2025 - Jul 12, 2025

Price	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
AU\$15,285 pp	AU\$5,350	Included	Call for Availability

Aug 14, 2025 - Aug 23, 2025

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