



## Colombia's Caribbean Coast & Lost City

Colombia has a certain kind of magic that you won't find anywhere else in the Caribbean. On this trip, you'll experience it first-hand via visits to rural villages, treks through Tayrona National Park's picturesque trails and (of course), downtime on the beach. Later, head to deep into the jungle to Teyuna - the fabled Ciudad Perdida (Lost City) older than Machu Picchu - a place crowded with history and free of crowds. Colombia is mysterious. Come figure out the riddle.



14 days/13 nights

### ITINERARY

#### Day 1: Cartagena

Arrive at any time! Explore the city on your own before joining the group. Make sure you're back in time for the welcome meeting!

#### Day 2: Cartagena

Today you will be enjoying a guided city tour to learn more about the history of this lively city. Visit the clock tower, Plaza Bolivar, and the Castillo de San Felipe de Barajas. Take in the views of the city from the hilltop Convento De La Popa and enjoy a walking tour from San Pedro Claver Church to Santo Domingo Church.

Enjoy some free time in the afternoon to take in the Caribbean vibe of the city and beach. Your guide will have plenty of suggestions for you if you are looking for activities to partake in.

\*please note that hot water is uncommon in the Colombia. Showers are likely to only have cold water while visiting this area.\*

#### Day 3: Minca

This morning you will be transferred to the small town of Minca. As you arrive, take a deep breath of the fresh mountain air and enjoy some free time to explore this beautiful area.

#### Day 4: Taganga

Today you will explore the hills surrounding Minca and hike to a beautiful waterfall and Pozo Azul. Take a tour of a coffee farm, learn about chocolate preparation, and taste authentic Colombian food at lunch.

After lunch you will continue on to Taganga, a perfect base for exploring nearby Tayrona National Park, in a 4x4 on a jungle road. Hold on tight, it can be a bumpy ride.

#### Day 5: Taganga

Spend today exploring Taganga. Opt for more active activities such as snorkelling or hiking. Hit up one of the beaches and just relax in a hammock.

#### Day 6: Parque Nacional Tayrona

Today you will be heading into Tayrona National Park for a moderate hike with a local guide. This is a perfect opportunity to experience nature and learn a little more about the rich, natural diversity of northern Colombia. You will be staying in a lodge close to the park.

\*Please note that Tayrona National Park is usually closed during the month of February due to the belief that nature



needs a month of rest. Maintenance to the park is done during this time. If you decide to do this adventure in February, you will visit Taironaka Park and learn more about the local Kogi people and their cultural practices.\*

**Day 7: Santa Marta**

Today you will return to Santa Marta for an optional evening out on the town.

**Day 8: Santa Marta**

Relax on the beautiful Caribbean coast in Santa Marta or go further to explore. Use the day to soak up some sun or make any last minute purchases before starting the next big leg of your adventure.

If you are looking for suggestions on activities to do today, ask your guide. They will have a plethora of ideas for you.

**Day 9: Wiwa Camp**

Today you will be transferred to Machete Pelao, the beginning of your trek to the Lost City of Teyuna. You will trek through farmland, steamy jungle, rural Kogi communities and get a glimpse of the local way of life in the remote river valleys of the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

As you leave Machete Pelao, you will start trekking through the jungle along the Buritaca River. You will pass through farmland and small communities en route to the lunch stop. After lunch, continuing on beside the river and through the farmlands of coffee or cattle. You'll be climbing uphill from the riverbed and through humid jungle. As you pass through some of the Kogi villages, take a look at the unique, circular huts they live in.

Awaiting you at the end of the first trekking day, is a swim in the cool river, a hammock nap and dinner.

**Day 10: Teyuna Paraiso Camp**

Continuing your trek along the route to Ciudad Perdida, you will be faced with many steep inclines so make sure you rest and take in the beautiful views. You will arrive at camp in the afternoon with enough time to relax by the river and cool off with a swim.

**Day 11: Wiwa Camp**

Wake up early to start climbing the 1,200 steps up to the Lost City. The view of the surrounding Sierra Nevada Mountains makes it well worth the hike. Explore the Lost City and learn what is known of its origins from the guide, before making the descent back to Wiwa Camp for the night.

**Day 12: Ricardito Camp**

Today you will follow the path through the deep jungle, winding through banana trees, cacao plants and small Kogi communities on the way to Ricardito Camp. The nickname for this camp is vista hermosa or beautiful views so sit back and soak it all in.

Along the way, you will stop at Adán Camp for a dip in the cool river or a fresh fruit juice.

**Day 13: Gotsezhi Village / Santa Marta**

Today you will head across grassy hills and gentle streams to reach the Gotsezhi Wiwa indigenous community where you will enjoy a community lunch prepared by women from the community. Learn about Wiwa customs on a village visit then lounge in a hammock by the river or opt to explore nearby waterfalls. In the afternoon, you will return to Santa Marta for a well deserved night in a hotel.

**Day 14: Depart**

Today you can depart at any time. If you have some time left before your flight home, feel free to take in the free Gold Museum Santa Marta where you can explore the colonial mansion that houses indigenous artifacts from the Tayrona area.

You can also opt to visit Simon Bolivar's final resting place, la Quinta San Pedro Alejandrino. This is the estate where the famous libertador spent his final days. The former rum plantation now includes a restored house, museum, library, and extensive gardens perfect for exploring.

## Details

**Group Size:** max. 16

**2020 Departures:**

Most Sundays, year round

**2020 Pricing:**

From CA\$2,559 – twin

CA\$3,308 – single



Prices are “starting from” rates, shown in CA\$, per person based on two people sharing a twin room or one person in a single room.

**Trip Code:**

002506 - R17

**INCLUDED**

- Accommodation for 13 nights (9 in hotel, 4 in hammocks or rustic bunks)
- All transport between destinations and to/from included activities
- 13 breakfasts, 7 lunches and 5 dinners
- Guided city tours

**NOT INCLUDED**

- Flights to/from Cartagena
- Optional activities not included in itinerary
- Meals not included in itinerary
- Travel Insurance
- Passport and visa fees, vaccinations as required
- Items of a personal nature

**TOUR NOTES**

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