

INDEPENDENT TRIPS

Colombian Caribbean Highlights 14D/13N

Cultural

14 Days / 1 Country

Colombia

Departure city: **Cartagena, Colombia**

End city: **Santa Marta, Colombia**



HIGHLIGHTS

- Discover Cartagena and Santa Marta, Colombia's largest Caribbean cities
- Trek deep into the jungle to the famous Lost City
- Visit Punta Gallinas and Cabo de La Vela

Discover the Caribbean and its surroundings on this amazing 14-day package filled with adventure. Explore Cartagena, the 'Pearl of the Caribbean', and then travel to Santa Marta to trek the famous Lost City, and finally discover La Guajira desert.,

MAP



What is included



Independent Trips

Include all of your accommodation, transport and experiences on a pre-set trip that you can customize to perfectly suit your travel needs.



Accommodation: 13

- 1 Riohacha Junior suite
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- 1 Santa Marta Junior suite
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Included in Punta Gallina Experience 3D/2N

- 2 Nights accommodation in Hammock in Cabo de la Vela and Punta Gallina

Included in Lost City Trek 5D/4N

- 4 Nights in hammocks with mosquito net and blanket



Transport: 5

- Riohacha to Santa Marta
- Santa Marta Airport Transfer
- Santa Marta to Riohacha
- Cartagena to Santa Marta
- Cartagena Airport Transfer



Meals: 25

- 10 Breakfast(s), 9 Lunch(es), 6 Dinner(s),



Experiences: 4

- Punta Gallina Experience 3D/2N
- Lost City Trek 5D/4N
- Totumo Volcano Tour
- Cartagena City Experience

What is not included

- Guide throughout the trip
- Meals not mentioned in the itinerary
- Travel Insurance
- Tips
- Personal Expenses
- Accommodation pick-up drop-off from Bus Stations

*Prices for optional activities are subject to change at any time without prior notice. Please confirm these prices before departing on your trip.

Experiences Included

Cartagena City Experience



See the main attractions in Cartagena, a city full of history, colonial buildings and cobblestone streets.

INCLUDED

- Accommodation pick-up
- English-speaking guide
- Entrance fees to San Felipe Fortress and La Popa Hill (if not available, you will visit San Pedro Claver Cathedral)

NOT INCLUDED

- Meals/drinks
- Tips
- Personal expenses

Totumo Volcano Tour



Cleanse your skin and pores by taking a soothing mud bath at the Totumo Volcano and then enjoy a typical Colombian meal at a stunning Caribbean beach. Splash in the sea, soak up the tropical sun or recharge your batteries at this beautiful beach.,

INCLUDED

- Transportation
- Bilingual guide
- Mud bath
- Typical lunch

NOT INCLUDED

- Meals & drinks not stated above
- Personal expenses
- Travel insurance
- Tips

Lost City Trek 5D/4N



Venture deep into the jungle in search of the Lost City on an intrepid trek where you will hike through indigenous villages, forge the Buritaca river, sleep in hammocks and climb 1,200 mossy steps to reach one of the largest Tayrona cities in Latin America.

INCLUDED

- 4 Nights in hammocks with mosquito net and blanket
- Transfers to/from Santa Marta
- Round trip 4WD transportation Santa Marta - starting point of trek (El Mamey) - Santa Marta
- 4B / 5L / 4D
- Active adventure
- Walk through the indigenous Kogi village
- Cross the river Buritaca several times refreshing yourself in the cool waters
- Trek to the mysterious site of Ciudad Perdida
- Local guide (non-English guide service) and translator included for groups of 6 or more
- Snacks, hammocks, permits
- Fruits and snacks during walks
- Porters to carry hammocks and food on Lost City trek
- Required permits for trek and entrance fees to Lost City
- Medical assistance card (assist card)

NOT INCLUDED

- Accommodation in

Punta Gallina Experience 3D/2N



Explore the rugged Punta Gallina, home to desert landscapes, windswept bays, and empty beaches on this stunning adventure from Riohacha!

INCLUDED

- 2 Nights accommodation in Hammock in Cabo de la Vela and Punta Gallina
- Accommodation Transfers, Boat & Van
- Riohacha accommodation pick-up & drop-off
- Land transfers in 4x4 Jeep
- Return boat transfer
- 2B / 3L / 2D
- Active Adventure
- A desert beach adventure
- Visits to Indigenous villages & markets
- Manaure Salt Mines
- Taroa Beach Dunes & Punta Gallina Lighthouse
- Indigenous non-English speaking guide

NOT INCLUDED

- Other meals/drinks
- Optional activities
- Travel insurance
- Tips for guides
- Personal expenses

Itinerary

Day 1: Cartagena, Colombia



Cartagena Airport Transfer

Type: **Transfer**

DepartureTimes: **Time at your request**

Duration: **0.30- 1 hrs.**



Check-In Selina Hostel Cartagena

Day 2: Cartagena, Colombia



Cartagena City Experience

DepartureTimes: **13:20 to 14:00**

Duration: **4 hrs.**

During your shared city tour you will enjoy the main tourist attractions in Cartagena which is also known as the "Pearl of the Caribbean". It is the main destination for culture and history. In 1984 Cartagena was declared as a World Culture Heritage by UNESCO. The city combines an impressive, modern and colonial architecture created by the Spanish. It preserves the past and the memories of the struggles of that time. You will visit two monuments which are of great historical value outside the old city; San Felipe de Barajas, a fortress, and the church of San Pedro Claver.



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Day 3: Cartagena, Colombia



Totumo Volcano Tour

DepartureTimes: **Everyday 08:15 - 08:30**

Duration: **7 hrs.**

At around 8:30am you will be picked-up from your accommodation and transferred to the famous Totumo Volcano. The minerals in the mud are said to have therapeutic qualities - whether the Volcano will actually cure your ailments is unclear, but it definitely makes your skin feel great.

Climb up and inside this small volcano and jump into the natural mud that lies within to enjoy a relaxing and hilarious experience swimming with your tour mates. After the mud bath, travel to Manzanillo del Mar for a dip in the beautiful Caribbean Sea before enjoying a delicious lunch on the beach.

After having some time to relax and digest, you will be transferred back to your accommodation in Cartagena.



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Day 4: Cartagena - Santa Marta, Colombia



Cartagena to Santa Marta

Type: **Transfer**

DepartureTimes: **Every half hour from 8:00am to 10:45pm**

Duration: **5 hrs.**



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Day 5: Adan's Camp, Colombia



Lost City Trek 5D/4N

DepartureTimes: 09:30

Santa Marta - El Mamey - Adan's Camp (L/D)

Trek to Adan Camp

Depart between 9:00 and 10:00 am from the door of your accommodation by 4x4 vehicle for a 3-hour trip to reach El Mamey. Here we will have a light lunch before beginning your exciting trek into one of the largest pre-Columbian towns in Latin America, once inhabited by the Tayrona civilization around the 11th to 14th century. Get ready for a 7-kilometer trek through the jungle passing by several natural pools where you can take a refreshing swim before reaching the first camp where you will set up your hammocks for the night, have dinner and get a good night's sleep.

(7-kilometer trek; 4 hours approx)

Transfers: Please note that transfers from Cartagena to Santa Marta can be organized at an extra cost, please contact us for more information.

Day 6: El Paraiso Camp, Colombia



Lost City Trek 5D/4N

DepartureTimes: 09:30

Adan's Camp - El Paraiso Camp (B/L/D)

Trek to El Paraiso Camp

Wake up for an early breakfast before departing on your 15-kilometer trek at 8:00 am. Walk through the indigenous Kogi village of Mutanshi to learn about local life in the jungle and the native inhabitants who live here. During the day you will meet indigenous families in their native lands and cross the river Buritaca several times refreshing yourself in the cool waters. During rainy season water levels can reach up to 1 meter deep. So today, please plan to wear water shoes or hiking sandals with good straps and be prepared to get wet. Snack on fresh fruits during the trek before reaching the third camp. Get settled in, have dinner and sleep here overnight in your hammocks.

(14.7-kilometer trek; 7 hours approx.)

Day 7: Second Overnight Camp, Colombia



Lost City Trek 5D/4N

DepartureTimes: 09:30

El Paraiso Camp - Lost City - Second Overnight Camp (B/L/D)

Visit the Lost City

Enjoy breakfast listening to the sounds of the jungle come awake and be ready to depart for a 6-kilometer trek en route to the mysterious site of Ciudad Perdida with its 1,200 steep and mossy steps, that take you uphill to reach this ancient site. Nestled on the slopes of the Rio Buritaca river valley, the site overlooks the region from 1,300 meters above sea level. Here you will have magnificent views overlooking the dense jungle and rugged terrain. Walk among the 170 stone terraces and endless staircases that cover the approximately 2 square kilometres that was once the largest Tayrona city

and major economic and political centre. This will give you a better understanding on how large and spectacular this site really is. After the site visit we will return to the third camp for lunch. Then go back to the camp 2 and have dinner as you reminisce on the magical experience of discovering the Lost City in the jungle.

(6-kilometer trek; 7 hours approx.)

Day 8: Adan's Camp, Colombia



Lost City Trek 5D/4N

DepartureTimes: **09:30**

Second Overnight Camp - Adan's Camp (B/L/D)

Trek back to Adan's Camp

Have an early breakfast today and hit the trail for a 10-kilometer return trek to camp 1 crossing back over the Buritaca River and passing through the indigenous community of Mutanshi along the way. Enjoy the fresh jungle air and spectacular scenery as you make your way to the camp 1 where you will get settled in, have dinner and get a good night's rest.

(10-kilometer trek; 4 hours approx.)

Day 9: Santa Marta, Colombia



Lost City Trek 5D/4N

DepartureTimes: **09:30**

Adan's Camp - El Mamey - Santa Marta (B/L)

Trek and return to Santa Marta

Trek back another 7 kilometres today as you make your way back to the starting point of your trek in El Mamey where you will have lunch. Then take a van back to the coastal town of Santa Marta arriving around 5:00pm to rest up from your challenging trek and enjoy the amenities of civilization. Reminisce about your trek with friends and compare photos. Don't forget to head over to the beach for a refreshing swim.

(7-kilometer trek; 4 hours approx.)



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Day 10: Santa Marta - Riohacha, Colombia



Santa Marta to Riohacha

Type: **Transfer**

DepartureTimes: **11:30, 12:45**

Duration: **3 hrs.**



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Day 11: Cabo de la Vela, Colombia



Punta Gallina Experience 3D/2N

DepartureTimes: **8:00**

Visits to Indigenous Villages and Salt Mine (L/D)

At around 8:00am, you will be picked-up from your accommodation in Riohacha to begin your trip towards Cabo de la Vela. Along the way, visit Uribia, also known as the indigenous capital of La Guajira, famous for the indigenous market of Wayuu handicrafts and clothing, and Manaure salt mines, famous for the huge flocks of flamingoes present during the rainy season. Upon arrival to Cabo de la Vela, enjoy a delicious typical lunch before continuing your visit to Pilon de Azucar beach and onto the lighthouse for a fantastic sunset. Dinner and overnight in Cabo de la Vela on traditional Hammocks.

Day 12: Punta Gallina, Colombia



Punta Gallina Experience 3D/2N

DepartureTimes: **8:00**

Discover Windswept Beaches & Rugged Coastlines (B/L/D)

After a delicious breakfast, it is time to continue your trip towards Punta Gallinas, a desert landscape of huge bays and empty beaches. Along the way, visit Parque Eólico "Jepirachi" (Wind Park) to take some pictures, and then keep going through the deserted way through Puerto Bolivar and Portete Bay, before reaching Pusheo for some delicious lunch. Continue your trip to the Dunes, Taroa beach and the lighthouse of Punta Gallinas. Dinner and overnight in Punta Gallinas on traditional Hammocks.

Day 13: Riohacha, Colombia



Punta Gallina Experience 3D/2N

DepartureTimes: **8:00**

Return Boat Transfer to Uribia (B/L)

After breakfast, travel back to Uribia by boat and visit the beaches of Playa Hondita and Playa Honda. After enjoying lunch in Uribia, get on board of the van to return to Riohacha, where you will spend the night.



Check-In Happiness Hostel

Day 14: Santa Marta, Colombia



Santa Marta Airport Transfer

Type: **Transfer**

DepartureTimes: **Time at your request**

Duration: **0:30- 1 hrs.**



Riohacha to Santa Marta

Type: **Transfer**

DepartureTimes: **06:15 - 19:30 Every hour**

Duration: **3 hrs.**

