

## Medellín to Bogota Adventure: Coffee & Salsa Sounds - SMMB

12 days: Medellín to Bogotá

### What's Included

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- Your G for Good Moment: Berracas de la 13 Visit with Lunch, Medellín
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**VALIDITY:** Valid for all trips departing March 1st, 2020 and onwards

### Itinerary

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**NOTE:** Accommodations vary per departure and are subject to change until tour start date; they are not final and should be used as examples only. Travellers may login to the G Adventures App to view accommodations specific to their departure.

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#### Day 1 Medellín

Arrive at any time. Tonight, head out to one of the many bars around Parque Lleras in the hopping neighbourhood of El Poblado to get to know your fellow travellers. Cheers to new friends and new adventures!

#### **Your First Night Out Moment: Connect With New Friends**

Connect with new friends on your first night out in a new destination. Only available on 18-to-Thirtysomethings tours.

#### **Your Welcome Moment: Welcome Moment - Meet Your CEO and Group**

Your opportunity to meet your CEO and fellow travellers, and learn more about your tour. Opt to join the group for a local meal afterwards. Don't forget to see the notice in the lobby (or ask reception) for the official time and place to meet up with the group.

#### Day 2 Medellín

Explore Medellín today and visit the Comuna 13 neighbourhood—a community transformed. Embark on a walking tour and enjoy a delicious lunch provided by the community organization Berracas de la 13, a G Adventures-supported project. After, tour a local park filled with statues from Colombia's favourite sculptor, Fernando Botero.

#### **Your G for Good Moment: Berracas de la 13 Visit with Lunch**

Explore dynamic communities and support women-owned social enterprises on a tour led by residents of the Comuna 13 of Medellín. A G Adventures-supported project, Berracas de la 13 is a nonprofit organization who have developed a new Comuna tour and meal service, benefitting women and youth from the community. Travellers have the opportunity to learn from local guides, visit small shops, try local food and purchase unique handicrafts.

### **Plaza Botero Visit**

Medellín

Named after Medellin's best loved sculptor Fernando Botero, this plaza features nearly two dozen of his iconic "chubby" statues. Take your time to tour the plaza and study these works, and immerse yourself in the charming city square culture of Medellin.

### **Optional Activities - Day 2**

#### **Medellín City Tour**

Medellín

35USD per person

Really get to know Colombia's second largest city with a neighbourhood tour. Medellín has been revitalized since the issues of the 80s and 90s and is now one of South America's most innovative and artistic cities. Explore the city's varied barrios filled with shops, green parks, museums, churches, markets, and delicious cuisine.

#### **Modern Art Museum**

Medellín

10000COP per person

Wander around the Museum of Modern Art and enjoy the work of Colombian artists in a variety of medias. Make sure to check out the Débra Arango permanent collection.

### **Meals included: Breakfast | Lunch**

#### **Day 3 Medellín**

Make the most of a free day in Medellin and start exploring. Opt to visit the nearby town of Guatapé, with its colourful houses and famous rock. Ride the metrocable—a cable car part of Medellín's public transportation—for sweeping views of the city and surrounding mountains.

#### **Free Time**

Medellín

Explore one of Colombia's most popular cities.

### **Optional Activities - Day 3**

#### **Paragliding**

Medellín

45USD per person

Get ready for a thrilling ride! Take off from one of the surrounding hills and enjoy spectacular views of this sprawling city and the picturesque green mountains that encircle it as you glide through the air.

#### **El Peñol Stone (La Piedra Del Peñol) Visit**

Medellín – Guatapé

Formed approximately 70 million years ago, El Peñón de Guatapé, also known as El Peñol, is a giant monolith rising 2,135m (7,005 ft) above sea level. Climb the 649 steps that have been built into one side of this famous rock and enjoy breathtaking views of the Guatapé Dam and surrounding area from the peak.

#### **Nutibara Hill (Cerro Nutibara) Visit**

Cerro Nutibara

For a breath of fresh air 80m (263 ft) above the city, visit Nutibara Hill. Ride a colourful bus, take a taxi, or climb winding paths through the greenery to get to the top of the hill and enjoy great views of the city. Pueblito Paisa waits at the summit: stroll through this replica of a traditional Antioquian town and enjoy the charm of whitewashed buildings, bright-coloured doors and tiled roofs. Try some local food here or shop for souvenirs.

#### **Modern Art Museum**

Medellín

10000COP per person

Wander around the Museum of Modern Art and enjoy the work of Colombian artists in a variety of medias. Make sure to check out the Débra Arango permanent collection.

#### **Explora Park**

Medellín

24500-37500COP per person

A symbol of transformation in the northern part of Medellín, the park is a large piece of modern architecture housing a variety of scientific exhibits. Learn about the flora, fauna, and astronomy of Colombia while exploring the vivarium specializing in the Amazon River, the planetarium, or one of the many interactive exhibits on display.

## **Day 4 Medellín/Manizales**

Say "Adios!" to Medellín and hop on a bus to Manizales. Known as "The City of Open Doors" for its welcoming residents, you will fall in love with this mountainside city. And if you're a coffee lover — you won't want to leave. Spend the day exploring and learning about coffee cultivation, or visit a nature reserve.

### **Local Bus**

Medellín – Manizales 6h

Climb aboard, grab a seat, and enjoy the ride.

### **Free Time**

Manizales

Spend free time learning about coffee cultivation in the area, visiting a nature reserve or, depending on the time of year, joining in the festivities of one of the city's many cultural events.

### **Meals included: Breakfast**

## **Day 5 Manizales/Salento**

Soak in the therapeutic waters of the Tierra Viva thermal baths for a relaxing start to your morning. Later, take the scenic route to Salento, admiring the beautiful landscapes along the way.

### **Tierra Viva Thermal Baths**

Manizales

Take a dip in the hot, therapeutic waters of the Tierra Viva thermal baths, a product of the activity at the source of the Nevado del Ruiz volcano. The mineral-rich water enjoy temperatures between 35-41°C, so sit back, relax and let the waters soothe aching muscles and rejuvenate you.

### **Local Bus**

Manizales – Salento 2h

Climb aboard, grab a seat, and enjoy the ride.

### **Meals included: Breakfast**

## **Day 6 Salento**

Venture out on a morning hike through the towering palms of the Cocora Valley. This afternoon, choose from a variety of optional activities in the coffee region of Quindío.

### **Cocora Valley Hike**

Valle del Cocora – Bogotá 2h-3h

Head into the Cocora Valley and take in magnificent views and the towering wax palms for which it is known. Get active with a hike through the area and learn more about this fertile region.

### **Meals included: Breakfast**

## **Day 7 Salento/Armenia**

Climb aboard a local bus to Armenia for a coffee farm tour. Learn about coffee production before enjoying lunch on the farm. Don't worry, there will be an opportunity to shop so you can bring one of Colombia's most important exports home with you. The perfect souvenir!

### **Local Bus**

Salento – Armenia 1h

Climb aboard, grab a seat, and enjoy the ride.

### **Meals included: Breakfast**

## **Day 8 Armenia/Cali**

Travel to the bustling city of Cali by bus. Admire the 26m high Cristo Rey monument on a guided tour. Later, learn (or attempt) to dance like a local with a salsa class.

### **Local Bus**

Armenia – Cali 3h

Climb aboard, grab a seat, and enjoy the ride.

### **Cristo Rey Visit**

Cali 3h

Take a tour of this iconic monument that commemorates the end of the War of a Thousand Days. Sitting atop the Cerro las Cristales (Hill of the Crystals), the ascent will pass art sculptured into the ravines. The vantage point from the top offers panoramic views of the city below.

### **Your Discover Moment: Salsa Class**

Salsa is not just a dance; it is an important part of social life in Latin America. Learn the basics of Colombian salsa—known as Cali style—led by a local instructor.

**Meals included: Breakfast**

**Day 9 Cali**

Choose your own Cali adventure today. For aerial views of the city, you can ride the MIO cable car, or get active and hike to Cerro de las tres Cruces. Or stroll along the Cali River and visit the wonderfully weird Cat Park along the banks. Meander through the colourful neighbourhood of San Antonio and sample some tasty local delicacies.

**Free Time**

Cali Full Day

Spend a free day exploring all that Cali has to offer.

**Optional Activities - Day 9**

**MIO Cable Cali**

Cali

Take a ride on the MIO cable car to visit some of Cali's mountainous neighbourhoods and for a new perspective on the city from above.

**Cerro de las tres Cruces Hike**

Cali

Hike to Cerro de las tres Cruces, mingling with locals as you ascend. From the top, see the monument of Three Crosses, enjoy fresh juice from one of the vendors, and take in the impressive view of the city.

**Cat Park Visit**

Cali

Pay a visit to Cali's Parque El Gato De Tejada (Cat Park) to see a collection of cat sculptures, each painted by local artists. Local painter and sculptor, Hernando Tejada, created the original bronze cat sculpture in 1996 and the collection has grown throughout the park since.

**Meals included: Breakfast**

**Day 10 Cali/Bogotá**

Fly to Bogotá this morning. Take an orientation walk of the Candelaria neighbourhood led by your CEO, and visit the Gold Museum to admire thousands of gold artifacts. The afternoon is yours to wander through the streets of Candelaria at your own pace.

**Plane**

Cali – Bogotá1h

Look! Up in the sky! It's a bird! It's a plane! It's... yup, it is a plane, actually.

**La Candelaria Orientation Walk**

Bogotá

Take a CEO-led walk through the historic and cultural heart of the city. Admire the colonial architecture juxtaposed by vibrant graffiti murals as you pass museums and shops.

**Gold Museum Visit**

Bogotá2h

Explore this veritable treasure trove! Be amazed by the Bogotá Gold Museum's collection of over 30,000 gold pieces in addition to thousands of bone, stone, ceramic, and textile artifacts from 13 different pre-Hispanic societies.

**Free Time**

Bogotá

Soak up the history and culture of the Candelaria neighbourhood with free time.

**Meals included: Breakfast**

**Day 11 Bogotá**

Explore the capital of Colombia with a free day. You can ride the funicular up for stunning views of the city, check out the street art, or explore the underground tunnels and caves of Zipaquirá Salt Cathedral.

**Free Time**

Bogotá

With so much to see and do in Bogotá, today is free to explore as much of it as you can.

**Optional Activities - Day 11**

**Monserate Hill Cable Car**

Bogotá

20000COP per person  
Ride the cable car up the hill for spectacular views of the city.

### **National Museum of Colombia Visit**

Bogotá

3000COP per person

Visit the largest museum in the country and one of the oldest on the continent. Built in 1823 and originally used as a prison, the National Museum of Colombia houses a collection of over 20,000 pieces. Explore exhibits of archeological and ethnographic artifacts and admire works of art by masters including Andrés de Santa María and Fernando Botero.

### **Zipaquirá Salt Cathedral Visit**

Zipaquirá - Villa De Leyva

Marvel at this large church constructed over 60m (200 ft) underground in the tunnels and caves of an old salt mining operation. Explore the unique architecture, lighting, and features of this subterranean place of worship, including 14 small chapels representing the Stations of the Cross.

### **Bogotá Bike Rental**

Bogotá

Rent a bike from a local shop and head out to explore.

### **Meals included: Breakfast**

#### **Day 12 Bogotá**

Depart at any time.

### **Departure Day**

Not ready to leave? Your CEO can help with travel arrangements to extend your adventure.

### **Meals included: Breakfast**

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## **Highlights**

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Learn about Colombian coffee production in Manizales, Hike through the towering palms of the Cocora Valley, Enjoy free time to explore the city of Cali, Take a dip in the therapeutic waters of Tierra Viva

## **Dossier Disclaimer**

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## **Itinerary Disclaimer**

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While it is our intention to adhere to the route described below, there is a certain amount of flexibility built into the itinerary and on occasion it may be necessary, or desirable to make alterations. The itinerary is brief, as we never know exactly where our journey will take us. Due to our style of travel and the regions we visit, travel can be unpredictable. The Trip Details document is a general guide to the tour and region and any mention of specific destinations or wildlife is by no means a guarantee that they will be visited or encountered. Aboard expedition trips visits to research stations depend on final permission.

Additionally, any travel times listed are approximations only and subject to vary due to local circumstances.

## Important Notes

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Please note that this tour combines with other G Adventures tours. Some staff and travel companions may be continuing together on another G Adventures tour after your trip concludes.

## Group Leader Description

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All G Adventures group trips are accompanied by one of our Chief Experience Officers (CEOs), a G Adventures representative, or an expedition team. The aim of the group leader is to take the hassle out of your travels and to help you have the best trip possible. They will provide information on the places you are travelling through, offer suggestions for things to do and see, recommend great local eating venues and introduce you to our local friends. While not being guides in the traditional sense you can expect them to have a broad general knowledge of the countries visited on the trip, including historical, cultural, religious and social aspects. We also use local guides where we think more specific knowledge will add to the enjoyment of the places we are visiting- we think it's the best of both worlds.

## Group Size Notes

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Max 16, avg 12

## Meals Included

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10 breakfasts, 1 lunch

## Meals

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Eating is a big part of traveling. Travelling with G Adventures you experience the vast array of wonderful food that is available out in the world. Generally meals are not included in the trip price when there is a choice of eating options, to give you the maximum flexibility in deciding where, what and with whom to eat. It also gives you more budgeting flexibility, though generally food is cheap. Our groups tend to eat together to enable you to taste a larger variety of dishes and enjoy each other's company. There is no obligation to do this though. Your CEO will be able to suggest favourite restaurants during your trip. For all trips please refer to the meals included and budget information for included meals and meal budgets.

## Transport

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Local bus, walking.

## About our Transportation

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This trip combines a variety of transportation types. At G Adventures, we believe that getting there is half the fun. When it comes to getting around, public transport is often the best and most colourful way to go. You'll be using a combination of public buses, private vans, ferries, boats and taxis to get from here to there.

## Local Flights

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All local flights are included in the cost of your tour unless otherwise noted. It is important that we have your passport information at the time of booking in order to process these tickets. Internal flight tickets are issued locally and will be given to you prior to the flight departure.

## Solo Travellers

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We believe solo travellers should not have to pay more to travel so our group trips are designed for shared accommodation and do not involve a single supplement. Single travellers joining group trips are paired in twin or multi-share accommodation with someone of the same sex for the duration of the trip. Some of our Independent trips are designed differently and solo travellers on these itineraries must pay the single trip price.

## Accommodation

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Hotels (11 nts)

## Rooming and "My Own Room" Exceptions

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Please note that if you have booked the "My Own Room" option for this tour, you will receive your own single accommodation for all night stops, with the following exceptions: Nights 1-3: Medellín.

## About Accommodation

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Please note that hot water shortages and power outages can be fairly common in Latin America (even in upgraded hotels and private homes). We appreciate your patience and understanding that these occurrences are outside of our control.

Please note if you are a single traveller, you can expect to share accommodation with one or two other travelers of the same sex for the duration of your trip. Using multi-share accommodation when available helps us to keep our operating cost down, and these savings are passed onto you. If you are traveling with a friend or companion, we will attempt to keep your accommodation on a twin or double basis, however, ask you to be open to the idea of occasional multi-share rooms.

## **Joining Hotel**

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For details of your joining hotel please refer to your tour voucher, G Account, the G Adventures App or contact your travel agent.

## **Joining Instructions**

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Please note that Day 1 is an arrival day and no activities have been planned for that day other than your welcome meeting in the evening, so you can arrive at any time. Similarly the last day is a departure day during which no activities have been planned.

A G Adventures Representative will organize a short meeting soon after arrival, during which you will meet other tour participants and receive information about general and specific aspects of the trip. A welcome note will be left for you in the hotel so you have all the necessary information regarding the meeting time. If you arrive late, s/he will leave you a message detailing what time and where you should meet the next morning.

## **Arrival Complications**

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We don't expect any problems, and nor should you, but if for any reason you are unable to commence your trip as scheduled, please refer to the emergency contact details provided in this dossier and contact us as soon as possible. If you have a pre-booked transfer, and you have not made contact with our representative within 30 minutes of clearing customs and immigration, we recommend that you make your own way to the Starting Point hotel, following the Joining Instructions. Please apply to your travel agent on your return for a refund of the transfer cost if this occurs.

## **Emergency Contact**

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Should you need to contact us during a situation of dire need, it is best to first call either the G Adventures Representative (if one is listed below) or our G Adventures Local Office. If for any reason you do not receive an immediate answer, please leave a detailed message and contact information, so they may return your call and assist you as soon as possible.

### **AIRPORT TRANSFER**

If you have purchased an arrival through G Adventures or if an arrival transfer is included in the cost of your tour, please note that:

Your arrival transfer has been arranged based on flight information provided to us. If you are advised of a flight schedule change within 48 hours of your scheduled arrival time, we will do our best to rearrange your arrival transfer however we cannot guarantee this. If your arrival transfer does not arrive within 30 minutes after you have exited the arrivals area please take a taxi to your start point hotel.

### **EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS**

G Adventures Office Quito, Ecuador  
During office hours (Weekdays 9am-6pm Local Time)  
From outside Ecuador: +593 2250 6610  
From within Ecuador: 022 506 610

After hours Emergency number  
From outside Ecuador: +51 997 582 712 (whatsapp available)  
From within Ecuador: +51 997 582 712 (whatsapp available)

If you are unable for any reason to contact our local office, please call the numbers listed below which will connect you directly with our Sales team who will happily assist you. Hours of operation by region can be found [here](#).

Toll-free, North America only: 1 888 800 4100  
Calls from UK: 0344 272 0000  
Calls from Germany: 0800 365 1000  
Calls from Australia: 1 300 796 618  
Calls from New Zealand: 0800 333 307  
Outside North America, Australia, New Zealand, Germany and the UK: +1 416 260 0999

## What to Take

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Most people automatically assume that the weather is hot in South America, but because of the higher altitude in the Andes, the temperature can feel quite cold, especially at night. It's best to layer clothes rather than bring a heavy parka so that you can take layers off.

We recommend using a backpack for your convenience, or a medium-sized suitcase if you prefer. A daypack is also essential for carrying everyday items and for the Lost City Trek. Space is limited on transportation, so there is a limit of one main piece of luggage per person. You will be responsible for carrying your own luggage.

## Packing List

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Health & Safety:

- Hand sanitizer (required)
- Face masks (Clients will be only be required to wear a face mask where it is mandated by local regulations.)
- Pen (Please bring your own pen for filling out documents.)
- Quick Covid Test/Antigen Test

## Laundry

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Laundry availability is dependent on the location you're in or the amount of time spent in that location.

We suggest packing enough clothing in case laundry is not available and/or packing laundry soap so you can wash things if needed.

## Visas and Entry Requirements

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All countries require a valid passport (with a minimum 6 months validity). Contact your local embassy or consulate for the most up-to-date visa requirements, or see your travel agent. It is your own responsibility to have the correct travel documentation. Visa requirements for your trip will vary depending on where you are from and where you are going. We keep the following information up to date as far as possible, but rules do change and sometimes without warning. While we provide the following information in good faith, it is vital that you check the information yourself and understand that you are fully responsible for your own visa requirements.

Visa information specific to your destination and nationality can be found in our Important Pre-Departure Information page [here](#)

## Spending Money

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Every traveller is different and therefore spending money requirements will vary. Some travellers may drink more than others while other travellers like to purchase more souvenirs than most. Please consider your own spending habits when it comes to allowing for drinks, shopping and tipping. Please also remember the following specific recommendations when planning your trip.

## Money Exchange

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Credit cards and debit cards are very useful for cash advances. Visa cards are the most widely accepted cards. While ATMs are widely available, there are no guarantees that your credit or debit cards will actually work in Latin America. Check with your bank.

You should be aware that to purchase products or services on a credit card a fee of 5%-10% usually applies.

Do not rely on credit or debit cards as your only source of money, a combination of US dollar cash and cards is best. Please bear in mind that cost of living in the southern cone countries (Argentina, Brazil, Chile) is much higher than the rest of South America, and in the case of Argentina, more comparable with Europe. Always take more rather than less, as you don't want to spoil the trip by constantly feeling short of funds.

We do not recommend bringing travellers cheques as they are very difficult to change in country.

CURRENCY EXCHANGE TIP: Please be advised that slightly torn notes, notes that have been heavily marked or are faded may be difficult to exchange. It is best to bring notes in fairly good condition, in denominations lower than 100USD (or equivalent).

As currency exchange rates can fluctuate often we ask that you refer to the following website for daily exchange rates: [www.xe.com](http://www.xe.com)



## Emergency Fund

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Please also make sure you have access to at least an additional USD \$200 (or equivalent) as an 'emergency' fund, to be used when circumstances outside our control (ex. a natural disaster) require a change to our planned route. This is a rare occurrence!

## Tipping

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It is customary in Latin America to tip service providers such as waiters, at approximately 10%, depending on the service. Tipping is an expected - though not compulsory - component of your tour program and an expression of satisfaction with the persons who have assisted you on your tour. Although it may not be customary to you, it is of considerable significance to the people who will take care of you during your travels. There are several times during the trip where there is opportunity to tip the local guides or drivers we use. Recommendations for tipping drivers and local guides would range from \$5-10 USD per day depending on the quality and length of the service; ask your CEO for specific recommendations based on the circumstances and culture.

Also at the end of each trip if you felt your G Adventures CEO did an outstanding job, tipping is appreciated. The amount is entirely a personal preference, however as a guideline \$20-25 USD per person, per week can be used.

## Optional Activities

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### Medellín

- Medellín City Tour (35USD per person)
- Modern Art Museum (10000COP per person)
- Paragliding (45USD per person)
- El Peñol Stone (La Piedra Del Peñol) Visit
- Explora Park (24500-37500COP per person)

### Cerro Nutibara

- Nutibara Hill (Cerro Nutibara) Visit

### Cali

- MIO Cable Cali
- Cerro de las tres Cruces Hike
- Cat Park Visit

### Bogotá

- Monserrate Hill Cable Car (20000COP per person)
- National Museum of Colombia Visit (3000COP per person)
- Bogotá Bike Rental

### Zipaquirá

- Zipaquirá Salt Cathedral Visit

## Health

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Please note inoculations may be required for the country visited. It is your responsibility to consult with your travel doctor for up to date medical travel information well before departure.

You should consult your doctor for up-to-date medical travel information well before departure. We recommend that you carry a First Aid kit and hand sanitizers / antibacterial wipes as well as any personal medical requirements. Please be aware that quite often we are in remote areas and away from medical facilities, and for legal reasons our leaders are prohibited from administering any type of drug including headache tablets, antibiotics, etc. When selecting your trip please carefully read the brochure and itinerary and assess your ability to cope with our style of travel. Please refer to the Physical and Culture Shock ratings for trip specific information. G Adventures reserves the right to exclude any traveller from all or part of a trip without refund if in the reasonable opinion of our CEO they are unable to complete the itinerary without undue risk to themselves and/or the rest of the group.

Please note your trip travels to high altitude. This is medically defined as anything over 8,000 feet (2,440 meters). Most people can travel to 8,000 feet with minimal effects. However, everyone reacts to altitude differently and altitude sickness can onset with some people irrespective of fitness and age. For details on how to best prepare and what to do in the unlikely event you are effected on your Adventure, please consult your physician.

## Safety and Security

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Many national governments provide a regularly updated advice service on safety issues involved with international travel. We recommend that you check your government's advice for their latest travel information before departure. We strongly recommend the use of a neck wallet or money belt while

travelling, for the safe keeping of your passport, air tickets, travellers' cheques, cash and other valuable items. Leave your valuable jewellery at home - you won't need it while travelling. Many of the hotels we use have safety deposit boxes, which is the most secure way of storing your valuables. A lock is recommended for securing your luggage. When travelling on a group trip, please note that your group leader has the authority to amend or cancel any part of the trip itinerary if it deemed necessary, due to safety concerns. Your Chief Experience Officer (CEO) will accompany you on all included activities. During your trip you will have some free time to pursue your own interests, relax and take it easy and explore at your leisure. While your CEO will assist you with options available in a given location, please note that any optional activities you undertake are not part of your itinerary, and we offer no representations about the safety of the activity or the standard of the operators running them. Please use your own good judgement when selecting an activity in your free time. Although the cities visited on tour are generally safe during the day, there can be risks to wandering throughout any major city at night. It is our recommendation to stay in small groups and to take taxis to and from restaurants, or during night time excursions.

Water based activities have an element of danger and excitement built into them. We recommend only participating in water based activities when accompanied by a guide(s). We make every reasonable effort to ensure the fun and adventurous element of any water based activities (in countries with varying degrees of operating standards), have a balanced approach to safety. It is our policy not to allow our CEOs to make arrangements on your behalf for water based activities that are not accompanied by guide(s).

Swimming, including snorkeling, is always at your own risk. [Read more about travel safety](#) for ways to further enhance your personal safety while traveling.

## **A Couple of Rules**

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Illegal drugs will not be tolerated on any trips. Possessing or using drugs not only contravenes the laws of the land but also puts the rest of the group at risk. Smoking marijuana and opium is a part of local culture in some parts of the world but is not acceptable for our travellers. Our philosophy of travel is one of respect towards everyone we encounter and in particular the local people who make the world the special place it is. The exploitation of people in the sex trade is completely contrary to this philosophy. Our CEOs have the right to expel any member of the group if drugs are found in their possession or if they utilize the services of paid sex workers, in any capacity.

## **Travel Insurance**

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Travel insurance is compulsory in order to participate on any of our trips. When travelling on a group trip, you will not be permitted to join the group until evidence of travel insurance has been sighted by your leader, who will take note of your insurance details. When selecting a travel insurance policy we require that at a minimum you are covered for medical expenses including emergency evacuation and repatriation. A minimum coverage of USD200,000 is required. G Adventures can provide you with the appropriate coverage. We strongly recommend that the policy also covers personal liability, cancellation, curtailment and loss of luggage and personal effects. Some tours include adventure activities that require extra coverage (e.g. crampon use); please review your itinerary and make sure that you are covered for all included activities. If you have credit card insurance we require proof of purchase of the trip (a receipt of credit card statement) with a credit card in your name. Contact your bank for details of their participating insurer, the level of coverage and emergency contact telephone number.

## **Planeterra Foundation - the non-profit partner of G Adventures**

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Planeterra International Foundation is a non-profit organization committed to turning travel into impact by helping local communities earn an income from tourism. Planeterra connects underserved local communities to the benefits of tourism by developing and supporting small community-owned businesses. These businesses support Indigenous people, empower women, grant youth access to employment opportunities, and protect the environment. Planeterra also works to ensure these businesses have a thriving customer base by integrating their projects into G Adventures' itineraries globally.

G Adventures is Planeterra's largest corporate donor, covering all operating costs, so 100% of your donation will bring opportunity to people in need.

G Adventures Dollar-a-day Program - Make Every Day Count - Turn your travel into impact with [Planeterra Foundation](#).

Did you know? Most communities around the world do not benefit from tourism. Give back to the places you visit on your travels by creating opportunities for local people to earn an income, and protect the environment.

Make every day count by donating \$1/day for the length of your trip, and join us in empowering the communities you will visit when you travel. 100% of your donation goes directly to Planeterra projects.

## Feedback

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After your travels, we want to hear from you! Your feedback information is so important to us that we'll give you 5% off the price of your next G Adventures trip if your feedback is completed on-line within 30 days of finishing your trip. Your tour evaluation will be e-mailed to you 24 hours after the conclusion of your trip. If you do not receive the tour evaluation link in the days after your tour has finished, please drop us a line at [customersolutions@gadventures.com](mailto:customersolutions@gadventures.com) and we will send it on to you.

## Newsletter

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Our adventure travel e-newsletter is full of travel news, trip information, interesting stories and contests. To avoid missing out on special offers and updates from G Adventures, subscribe at [www.gadventures.com/newsletters/](http://www.gadventures.com/newsletters/)

Stay current on how our company invests in our global community through our foundation – Planeterra. Sign up for [Planeterra's monthly news](#) to learn more about how to give back and support the people and places we love to visit.

## Minimum Age

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Minimum age of 18 years for this trip.

## International Flights

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Check-in times and baggage allowances/restrictions vary by airline and can change at any time. For the most up-to-date information for your flight, please contact your airline. We recommend checking in online in advance to avoid potential delays at the airport.