

# Colombian Highlands Tours & Expeditions

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## TAILOR-MADE ITINERARY

**Name:** Mr. Franck XXXXXXXX  
**Number of people:** 2  
**Total Days:** 15 Days  
**Date :** August 1? - 2? Aprox. / 202?  
**Route:** Bogotá, Villa de Leyva, Barichara, Chicamocha, Caribbean Coast

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### Day 1: **BOGOTA**

Pick up at the airport with destination to lodging in La Candelaria, time depend of your arrival international flight.

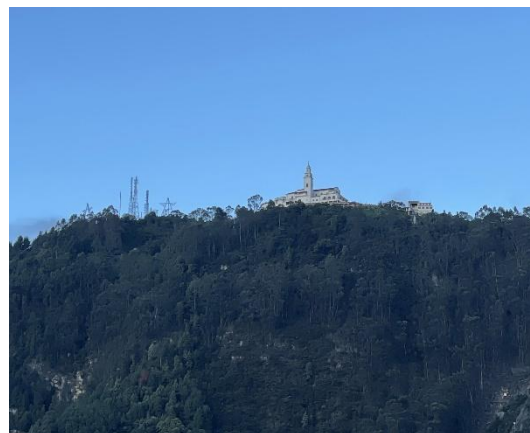
### Day 2: **TOUR BOGOTA**

**8:30AM.** Pick up at the hotel, to go visit the Monserrate Hill in the morning. Free time for Lunch after the tour in the morning.

**2:00PM.** We pick you up to visit the Gold Museum (Stunning collection of archaeological gold pieces from the pre-Hispanic era). Then a walk through some of the old streets of the La Candelaria suburb.

### Day 3: **TRANSFER TO VILLA DE LEYVA, STOPPING IN ZIPAQUIRA AND/OR GUATAVITA TOURS**

**8:00AM.** Departure from Bogotá to the Zipaquirá *Salt Cathedral* on a trip of approximately an hour and a half. The Salt Cathedral is a must-see site for its great spectacularity, having created an entire religious and tourist complex in the old salt mine of this historic town. 160 meters underground you will find galleries with heights of up to 40 meters where you will be surprised by the space created by the Cathedral, in addition to other attractions.



Guatavita Lagoon, (Legend of El Dorado) continuing a little further north we find the mythical Guatavita Lagoon, where the ancient Muisca inhabitants of the Altiplano performed ceremonies in honor of their gods to request different types of blessings, in addition to their legends created around their mythological importance you will be able to observe a typical flora of the Andean Subparamo of great beauty until you reach this Lagoon of glacial origin. Ecotourism walk along mountain trails.

It is possible to visit both sites if you leave early, but you can also choose one of the two according to your tastes.

After a full day tour and transfer we'll arrive in the late afternoon or evening to Villa de Leyva.

#### **Day 4: TOUR AROUND VILLA DE LEYVA**

**9:00AM.** Pick up at the hotel for a full day tour visiting the Archaeological Park of Monquirá (our Stonehenge) where you will see a dozen columns symbolizing fertility and at the same time used as a solar and moon calendar, then you will visit one of the most important findings in Colombian pantheology, a Kronosaurus Fossil, and a large collection of different fossilized animals from the region. We will also visit an ancient Monastery used for evangelization.

Returning to the historic center of Villa de Leyva, you will have time for lunch.

**2:30PM.** Our day will be finish with a walk of approximately 2 hours through the streets of the Village, telling its stories and personalities who have lived here.

We can suggest to you a different option of restaurants in town where you and your son can have a nice dinner. Villa de Leyva is a safe place and you can explore a little be more by yourself, until any time you like and return by yourself to the hotel.



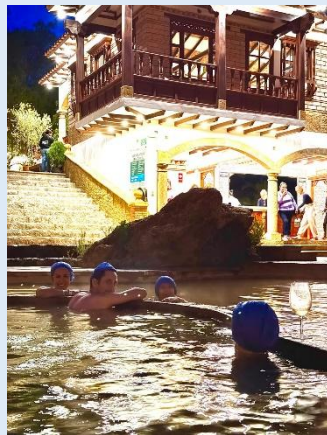
## **Day 5: VILLA DE LEVYA. HORSEBACK RIDING & HOT SPRING**

**9:00AM.** Ready for a horseback riding to the Casa de Barro and Pozos Azules and to see the country side of Villa de Leyva. Our first stop is an amazing clay art house design by Colombian Architect, then a short walk around of blue pools with a translucent water surrounding by areas with trees, Both options are good for stretching after riding.



Returning to the historic center of Villa de Leyva, you will have time for lunch, and to rest in your hotel.

**4:30PM.** Pick up at your hotel to go to a relaxing afternoon in a natural hot spring, for couple hours of relax. you can order cocktails, beer or at the end have dinner there. Return to the hotel around 8PM.



## **Day 6: TRANSFER TO BARICHARA, STOPING IN SAN GIL**

**9:00AM.** Pick up at your hotel to start travelling to Barichara, direct transfer takes around 4 hours, but it will be longer because we are going to stop for a coffee or use the bathroom and to visit also the Gallineral Park in San Gil that It's an hour before Barichara. The Park of Gallineral looks like a Botanical Garden with amazing big trees (Caracolis, Ceibas, and many different Bromeliads, and Heliconias). Between 3 or 4PM we arrive to Barichara.



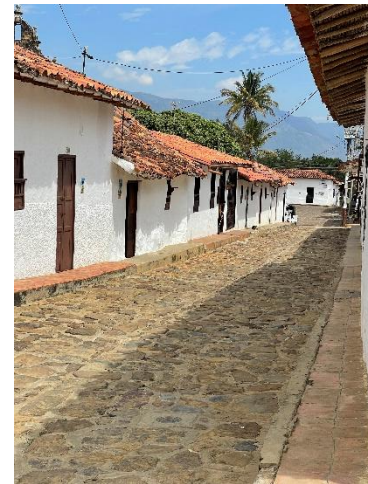
You will have the rest of the afternoon free to relax at the hotel. We will give you restaurant recommendations for your dinner.

**Day 7: TRAIL TO GUANE TOWN**

**8:00AM.** Guane is one of those small towns where time seems to stand still. Even the royal road which connects it to Barichara take us into the past. Upon arrival in Guane you will visit its beautiful chapel and small paleontology and archeology museum illustrating the territory once occupied by the indigenous. The walking tour lasts approximately 2 and a half hours and we will be in the town for approximately 1 hour. We will return to the town in a Tuk-tuk. Then time for a lunch in Barichara.

**2:30PM. Historical Center of Barichara**

Walking tour through the colonial and cobbled streets of Barichara. Visiting its most representative and historic churches and mansions, listening to stories and legends of its inhabitants that span more than two and a half centuries. Observation of the Suarez Canyon from different viewpoints in the upper part of the town, as well as the Parque de las Artes and a visit to the Paper Workshop.



## **Day 8: AROUND BARICHARA**

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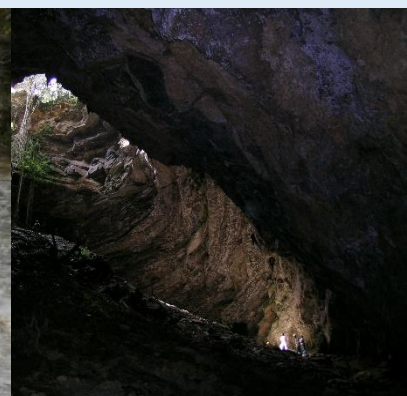
### **Option 1. TOUR TO THE HEART OF CHICAMOCHA CANYON**

Full day tour to enjoy diverse landscapes and see the peasant way of life with its diverse crops of tobacco, coffee, corn, etc. On the way we will take a short walk to the canyon viewpoint, with the option of swimming in a natural pool and seeing the imposing fall of the waterfall. Upon reaching the bottom of the canyon (425 m.a.s.l.) a natural pool of water and a delicious lunch await us. We will spend the afternoon in this amazing landscape and walk to the river to see "El Chiflon" an area where the river narrows and gains much more force. On the way back we will visit the Lengerke Bridge (built in 1860), the first suspension bridge in Colombia and finally we will see Jordan, the least populated town in the country with less than 60 inhabitants.



### **Option 2. TOUR TO SAN GIL. ADVENTURE SPORTS**

San Gil is known as the Colombian capital of adventure sports, with a wide variety of activities such as rafting, paragliding, bungee jumping, caving, among others. You can choose between these options or something more relaxing like option 1.



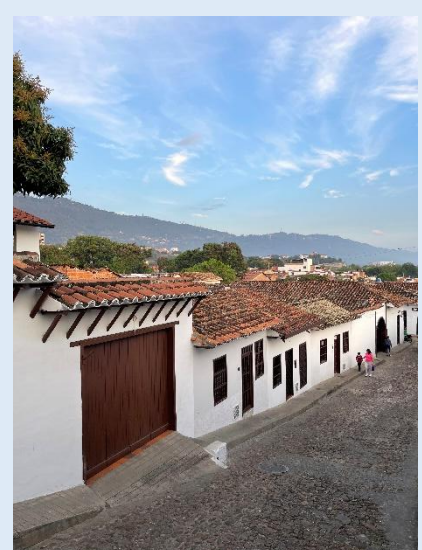
## **Day 9: TRANSFER TO GIRON. STOPPING IN THE CHICAMOCHA CANYON PARK**

**9:00AM.** Pick up from your hotel to go to Girón, directly without stops it takes about 3 hours, but we plan to stop at a viewpoint to have a coffee and then to the Chicamocha National Park, this place has incredible views of the different areas compared to Jordan, here the views and the ecosystem are more dramatic because here the whole area is dry. Also the park has an incredible cable car with 6.3 km that takes 30 minutes each way and goes down to 420 m.a.s.l. to cross the canyon and go up again to a place called Mesa de Los Santos (1,700 m.a.s.l.). It is a great opportunity to see from the air some of the houses, farms and the way of life of those who live there.



## **5:00PM. GIRON TOWN**

The tour continues with the arrival in the late afternoon to this warm town, a heritage site of Colombia. Also with cobblestone streets and colonial houses that characterize it, and where we will spend the night after a short tour and time for dinner.



## **Day 10: TRANSFER TO THE BUCARAMANGA AIRPORT**

The town of Girón is very close to the airport, which is why it is advisable to rest in this beautiful town. Only 20 minutes and about 12 km are the distances between these two places. According to your flight we can organize your transfer. We can suggest a half-day flight.

Your flight will be to the city of Santa Marta on the Caribbean Sea. The transfer at the airport will take you directly to the Hotel Cayena or the Hotel Costeño Beach, depending on your preference (It takes two and a half hours). Both are close to each other and are excellent places to practice surfing, rent surfboards or even take surf lessons. You will be able to stay here until the end of your lovely vacation.

**Day 14 or 15:** Depending on the day and time of your flight back to your country, we can arrange your domestic flight to Bogota, then we can see if you spend one night in Bogota or if you want to be at the airport hours before just to wait for your flight.

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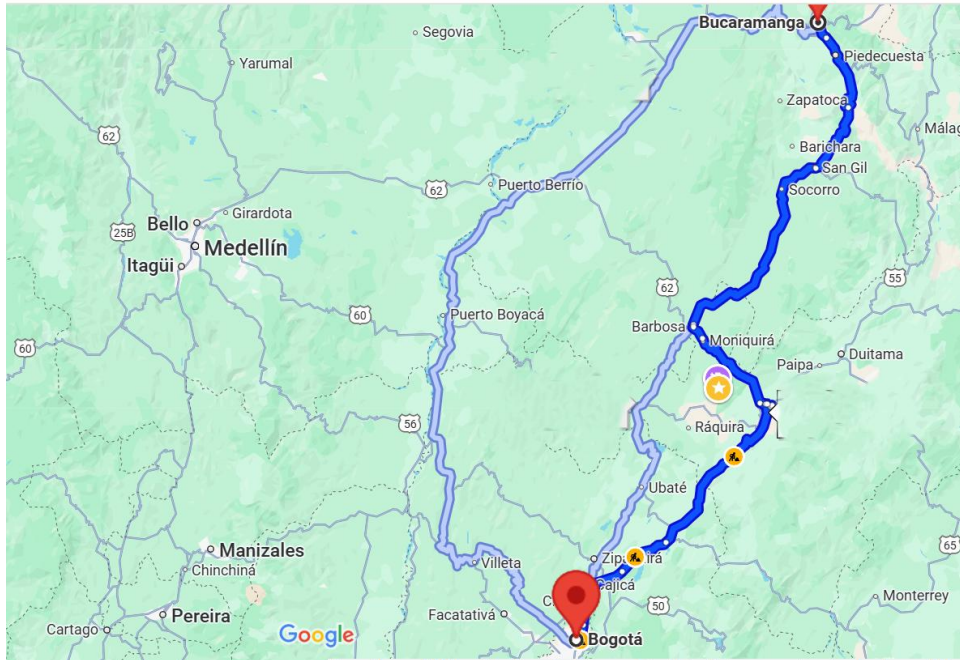
This is a suggestion for an itinerary prepared especially for you, we are ready to change it according to your tastes and preferences. For a final quote we need you to look at some of the hotel options we offer and select your favorite, as well as the different tour options.

**INCLUDES:**

*Transportation for scheduled tours*  
*Transfers between airports and hotels*  
*Transfers between cities*  
*Guide for specific activities and tours*  
*Accident insurance per day*  
*Specifications in the daily description*  
*Tickets to tourist sites*  
*Accommodation and Breakfast*

**NOT INCLUDED:**

*International insurance*  
*Expenses not specified in the program*  
*National or international flights*  
*Guide during transfers, (specify if required)*  
*Lunches, dinners, drinks*



The route that would be taken by car from Bogotá, visiting Zipaquirá, Villa de Leyva, San Gil, Barichara, and Girón, is highlighted in dark blue. From Bucaramanga Airport, fly to Santa Marta.

<b>ACCOMMODATION</b>			
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Villa de Leyva	Hotel La Corada Hotel Casa Terra Hostal Renacer	3 Noches	<a href="https://www.lacorada.com/">https://www.lacorada.com/</a> <a href="https://www.hotelcasaterra.com/">https://www.hotelcasaterra.com/</a> <a href="https://renacerhostel.com/">https://renacerhostel.com/</a>
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**Price of this Itinerary: XXXUSD per person**

**It is mandatory to have international travel insurance, purchased in your own country**

Before hiring a travel agency or tour operator, check that it has the National Tourism Registry (RNT), which is the guarantee of legality and reliability.

If you make a positive decision with us, we appreciate that you confirm with us in advance, to guarantee the respective hotel reservations.

## Colombian Highlands Tours Terms and Conditions

- ✓ We will provide a local Guide, Eco-instructor, Biologist, Interpreter or Driver (depending on the recreational activity), who will accompany the tour participants at all times during the recreational activities, transfers and expeditions.
- ✓ The cost for each tour is per person and includes all the specified items in the agreed upon itinerary by the participants and the Colombian Highlands tour operator.
- ✓ Our staff will always carry with them the following items: cell phone, basic first aid kit, and two-way radios.
- ✓ The price of the Colombian Highlands tours and other services are subject to change without prior notice. Please contact us beforehand in order to receive due information about price updates. In order to guarantee the original price, we recommend an advance payment of 70% of the entire cost of the tours and trips at the time of reservation.
- ✓ All of our tours and activities require prior reservation. Descriptions of all activities will be provided while booking the event.
- ✓ **In daily tours, should the customer decide to cancel the reservation after booking a tour or an activity, he or she will be entitled to a refund of 50% of the payment. There will be no refund for partial cancellations on packaged or joined tours and activities.**
- ✓ **If the customer is unable to participate of a tour during the morning, the customer must inform us of it before 5 PM on the day previous to the tour. When cancelling a reservation for roundtrip tours or packaged activities there will be no refund.**
- ✓ **WHEN CANCELLING A MULTI-DAY TOUR TRIP RESERVATION, THE CUSTOMER MUST REQUEST IT EITHER BY A WRITTEN NOTICE OR BY PHONE AT LEAST 30 DAYS PRIOR TO THE TOUR. ANY CANCELLATIONS MADE AFTER THE AFOREMENTIONED TIMEFRAME WILL ONLY ENTITLE THE CUSTOMER TO A REFUND OF 30% OF THE ENTIRE COST OF THE TOUR TRIP.**
- ✓ We recommend arriving at least 15 minutes early to the tour's departure time. Should a customer not arrive in time, the group will leave without those that haven't shown up. **There is no refund for not showing up on time.**
- ✓ **If a customer must cancel a tour due to rain or bad weather, there will be no refund.** Please bear in mind that it's very difficult to predict the meteorological conditions in our area. The weather may vary in local or regional areas, as well as only being a temporary change. It's not uncommon to have bad weather in Bogotá and clear skies in Santa Marta. It may be raining in Villa de Leyva, but not in the tour's path, and vice versa. Due to this condition, the customer must be prepared for sudden and/or drastic meteorological changes. (Please refer to the recommended items to bring with you.)
- ✓ All activities performed by Colombian Highlands Tours have insurance coverage by **Insurance Colasistencia S.A.**
- ✓ Horseback rides for children under 10 years old must be consulted with and approved by the guide. All risks associated with horseback riding for children are the sole responsibility of their parents.
- ✓ **Additional costs for bilingual guides or interpreters:** 1-4 hours: \$85.000, 4-8 hours: \$160.000, local Colombian currency. **The current language options are English, French and German.** In order to ensure their availability, the customer must request a bilingual guide or interpreter at least 5 days prior to the scheduled tour or activity.

### Rules, Recommendations and Suggestions:

- ✓ **It is mandatory to let us know beforehand of any existing health issues, physical limitations, phobias or allergies to food and environment.**
- ✓ **The consumption of alcoholic beverages and/or illicit drugs is absolutely forbidden right before the start or during the activities offered by Colombian Highlands Tours.** These activities include, but are not limited to, horseback riding, hiking on forests and mountains, rappelling, rock and tree climbing, and cave exploration.
- ✓ **In case of health issues, hangovers or doubts in regards to a customer's physical condition** that may impair its participation in the tour activities in the safest and securest manner possible, **please advise Colombian Highlands Tours as soon as possible** in order to cancel the tour reservation.
- ✓ If during a tour a customer, for example, gets altitude sickness while ascending a mountain, or any other unforeseen anomaly presents itself, please give word to the tour guide immediately in order to take preventive measures.
- ✓ We always discourage customers to travel with valuable items or large sums of money. It is safest to bring only what will be used.
- ✓ Frequently check the straps on bags and backpacks, shoelaces, and other belongings, such as purses, wallets, cameras, mobile telephones, sunglasses and more, in order to ensure that they don't pose a danger to you or your companions during the tour.
- ✓ We encourage a sense of respect and admiration for nature and the surrounding areas during field trips. Should the customer encounter any surprises during the trip, we ask to please stay calm and do not overreact in a way that could disturb the natural area or others. Please remember to use sun block even on cloudy weather. Strong winds may also cause skin burn. Do not forget to bring a jacket and water to be hydrated. Most tour trips are in cold climates, where temperatures fluctuate quite rapidly, especially at night and while climbing mountains.
- ✓ Should the customer get bitten by a dog, write down the description of the animal. If its owner is present, do get his or her information as well. Go immediately to the nearest medical center and request the medical caretaker to apply proper medicine and vaccinations. **Do not ignore this warning.** Always seek a doctor's advice.
- ✓ Never abandon the marked paths. You could get lost. Your footprints may also cause erosion and disturb unique flora and fauna.
- ✓ Never bring back with you plants or animals as souvenirs from a walk. It is prohibited and may cause an imbalance on a fragile ecosystem.
- ✓ Remember that your guide is most experienced and has more knowledge of the route. Please follow the guide's instructions and recommendations at all times, even more when crossing streams, going down steep hills, or hiking on unsafe conditions and circumstances.

### Always be prepared with:

- ✓ Sun block and a proper hat.
- ✓ Insect repellent.
- ✓ Sunglasses, especially if your eyes are sensitive to the sunlight.
- ✓ Comfortable clothes for walking all day.
- ✓ Warm clothes for night walks and horseback riding.
- ✓ A rain jacket.
- ✓ Another set of clothes to wear while performing activities like caving and waterfalls, or in the event of heavy rain. Also bathing suits for swimming activities.
- ✓ Proper shoes or boots for wet and slippery paths.
- ✓ A backpack to carry your personal items (both your hands should be free).
- ✓ A flashlight is indispensable for nighttime activities and visits to caves (we also recommended to take with you couple of spare batteries).
- ✓ Cameras, mobile telephones, *ipods*, and other accessories should be stored in their proper cases. Water resistant bags should be available in case of heavy rain.
- ✓ Take only what is recommended and necessary. It will help you avoid excessive weight.
- ✓ All trash and garbage that you may have with you must be kept until reaching a proper location for its disposal.
- ✓ **In the event of suffering from diabetes, cardiac arrest, asthma, allergies or more, please be prepared with appropriate medicines and a first aid kit.**
- ✓ It is required to get International Insurance. It may be purchased in your home country.
- ✓ Always have the following forms of identification on you: International Health Insurance, student ID, and Passport. It is mandatory to take these documents with you on every tour.
- ✓ It is the customer's responsibility to inquire from their insurance company as to the type of agreements they may have with local healthcare providers, such as doctors and hospitals, before departing their home country.

### Always be prepared for the following during walking activities:

- ✓ Climate conditions that may change at any given time and without previous notice.
- ✓ Getting wet when crossing creeks and rivers or walking on hills, paths and canyons.
- ✓ The chance to admire, respect and contemplate the natural landscape.
- ✓ The chance to get to know the lifestyle of local farmers in Colombia's countryside.
- ✓ The chance to marvel in wonder at the culture, history, nature, architecture, archeology and paleontology in this very particular region of the world!