

EXCURSION: COFFEE CULTURE

OVERVIEW

AROUND THE COFFEE PLANTATION A SERIES OF FIRM BELIEFS AND VALUES HAVE BEEN FORGED THAT HAVE A GREAT IMPACT ON THE FINAL QUALITY OF THE 100% COLOMBIAN COFFEE, IMPACT FORMED FROM THE PASSION, DEDICATION AND PRIDE ASSOCIATED WITH ITS CULTIVATION. OUR EXCURSION OFFERS YOU A FIRST-RATE EXPERIENCE TO LEARN ABOUT THE WHOLE PROCESS, FROM THE CULTURAL LANDSCAPE OF COFFEE, DECLARED A WORLD HERITAGE SITE BY UNESCO, WHICH INSPIRES COLOMBIAN FARMERS, THE PROCESS OF CULTIVATION FROM PLANTING TO HARVEST, THE STAGES OF DRYING AND PREPARATION UNTIL THE PACKING FOR EXPORT. WE CAN GUARANTEE THAT YOU WILL HAVE THE BEST CUP OF COFFEE IN THE WORLD IN FRONT OF SUCH A DIVERSE AND NATURAL LANDSCAPE THAT MAKES ITS DESCRIPTION DIFFICULT.

ITINERARY

ALL OUR JOURNEYS DEPART ON THE DATES THAT WORK FOR YOU AND FEATURE EXPERT AND CERTIFIED LOCAL GUIDES THROUGHOUT YOUR JOURNEY. THE ITINERARY BELOW CAN BE CUSTOMIZED TO YOUR INTERESTS, ADDING OR REMOVING DAYS.

DAY 1

ARRIVE IN BOGOTÁ AND TRANSFER TO THE HOTEL OF YOUR PREFERENCE.

MEALS INCLUDED: WELCOME DINNER AT A RECOGNIZED AND MODERN RESTAURANT. (ANDRES DC OR SIMILAR)

DAY 2

CLIMB UP THE MONSERRATE MOUNTAIN: WITH AN ALTITUDE OF 3,152 METERS, THE CERRO DE MONSERRATE OFFERS AN INCREDIBLE VIEW OF THE CAPITAL. AT ITS TOP IS THE SANCTUARY OF MONSERRATE, A CHURCH WITH A FIGURE OF CHRIST OF THE SEVENTEENTH CENTURY THAT ATTRACTS PILGRIMS AND TOURISTS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. THERE YOU WILL ALSO FIND SEVERAL SOUVENIR SHOPS AND REFRESHMENTS. TO ASCEND YOU CAN TAKE THE FUNICULAR OR THE CABLE CAR.

STROLL BY THE ARCHITECTURE OF LA CANDELARIA AND THE BOLIVAR'S PLAZA: HISTORY AND ART IN ONE OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL AREAS OF THE COLOMBIAN CAPITAL. LEARN ABOUT THE PAST OF BOGOTÁ'S MOST HISTORIC NEIGHBORHOOD WITH THIS WALKING TOUR THROUGH ITS COLONIAL STREETS. THEN YOU CAN TAKE A WALK THROUGH THE PLAZA DE BOLÍVAR, IN THE HEART OF THE CITY. FILLED WITH PIGEONS, IT IS THE PERFECT PLACE TO OBSERVE PEOPLE. AROUND IT ARE THE BUILDINGS OF THE NATIONAL CAPITOL, THE PALACE OF JUSTICE, THE PRIMATE CATHEDRAL OF BOGOTÁ AND THE MAYOR'S OFFICE.

VISIT THE EXTRAORDINARY GOLD MUSEUM: IT IS HOME TO ONE OF THE LARGEST PRE-HISPANIC GOLD COLLECTIONS IN THE WORLD. AFTER A DECADE OF RENOVATIONS, THE MUSEUM REOPENED IN 2008. OVER 55,000 PIECES OF GOLD AND OTHER MATERIALS FROM ALL PRE-HISPANIC CULTURES IN COLOMBIA ARE EXHIBITED THERE.

MEALS INCLUDED: BREAKFAST

DAY 3

AIR TRANSFER TO ARMENIA AND TRANSFER TO THE HOTEL OF YOUR PREFERENCE

CITY TOUR: ARMENIA IS KNOWN AS "THE MIRACLE CITY" BECAUSE OF ITS GREAT URBAN GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE SHORT TIME. CAPITAL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF QUINDÍO, IT IS CHARACTERIZED FOR BEING A FAMILIAR CITY SURROUNDED BY BEAUTIFUL LANDSCAPES. WE WILL VISIT THE QUIMBAYA GOLD MUSEUM (CLOSED EVERY MONDAY OR TUESDAY, IF MONDAY IS A HOLIDAY IN COLOMBIA), WE WILL GO DOWN BOLIVAR AVENUE TO THE HISTORIC CENTER OF THE CITY, WHERE WE WILL WALK DOWN THE STREET 14, VISITING THE CRAFT WORKSHOPS AND THE BOLIVAR PLAZA. THEN WE WILL GO TO THE MECATO STORE WHERE WE WILL KNOW THE FACTORY PRODUCING COFFEE SWEETS AND ITS MANUFACTURING PROCESS, LATER, WE WILL HAVE COFFEE TASTING OR BARISTA PRESENTATION AND TO FINISH, TASTING THE MOST TYPICAL SWEETS OF THE REGION.

MEALS INCLUDED: BREAKFAST

DAY 4

VISIT CAFÉ MORELIA'S FARM: TOUR WITH SPECIALIZED GUIDE THROUGH THE FIELDS OF THE FINCA LA MORELIA TO KNOW THE DETAILS THAT REVEAL THE EXCELLENT FLAVOR AND AROMA OF LA MORELIA COFFEE. COMFORTABLE WALK THROUGH THE CULTIVATION OF COFFEE, THROUGH THE PROCESSES OF PULPING, DRYING, THRESHING, DESPASILLADO OR CLASSIFICATION, ROASTING, GRINDING AND PACKAGING OF COFFEE FOR FINAL DISTRIBUTION TO CUSTOMERS. A PROFESSIONAL BARISTA INVITES YOU TO SEE HOW A GOOD ESPRESSO AND OTHER COFFEE-BASED DRINKS ARE PREPARED. YOU CAN ENJOY THE VARIOUS TRADITIONAL AND NON-TRADITIONAL WAYS OF OBTAINING THE FLAVOR THAT MAKES COFFEE ONE OF THE FAVORITE DRINKS IN THE WORLD. THE ROUTE IS COMPLEMENTED BY THE ACCOMPANIMENT OF A TASTER WHO EXPLAINS THE ATTRIBUTES OF OUR COFFEE WITH PRACTICAL AND SENSORY EXAMPLES. THE SENSE OF SMELL IS PUT TO THE TEST AND THE POSSIBILITY OF CONSUMING A PRODUCT OF EXCELLENT QUALITY STARTS WHEN OUR ABILITY TO PERCEIVE AROMAS IS STIMULATED.

OPTIONAL: VISIT AT THE INTERACTIVE COFFEE MUSEUM

MEALS INCLUDED: BREAKFAST AND LUNCH

DAY 5

VISIT THE NATIONAL COFFEE PARK: THE NATIONAL COFFEE PARK WAS FOUNDED BY THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF COFFEE GROWERS OF COLOMBIA WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF PRESERVING THE CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL HERITAGE OF COLOMBIAN COFFEE AND THE PROMOTION OF CULTURAL, RECREATIONAL AND ECOLOGICAL ACTIVITIES IN THE COFFEE REGION. AS A THEME AND AMUSEMENT

PARK, IT IS FULL OF THE SPLENDOR OF ITS LANDSCAPE WHERE WE WILL FIND THE MAGIC AND HISTORY OF THE COFFEE CULTURE.

MEALS INCLUDED: BREAKFAST

DAY 6

TRANSFER TO PEREIRA AT THE HOTEL OF YOUR PREFERENCE

CITY TOUR: TOUR OF THE CAPITAL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF RISARALDA, KNOWN AS "LA PERLA DEL OTÚN". WE WILL APPRECIATE THE HISTORIC CENTER OF THE CITY, WE WILL MAKE A TOUR OF THE PLAZA DE BOLÍVAR, THE CATHEDRAL, EL LAGO PARK AND SHOPPING STREETS WHERE WE CAN SEE THE TRADE POPULAR IN THE REGION. TRANSFER TO VISIT THE MOST REPRESENTATIVE BRIDGES OF THE CITY SUCH AS THE VIADUCT AND THE HELICOIDAL BRIDGE. PHOTO STOP IN THE ALTO DE BOQUERÓN AND TASTING OF SPECIAL COLOMBIAN COFFEE. TOUR OF THE SECTOR OF ALAMOS AND CIRCUNVALAR AVENUE. VISIT TO THE SHOPPING CENTER AND FREE SHOPPING TIME. TRANSFER TO YOUR HOTEL AT THE AGREED TIME.

VISIT THE SANTA ROSA HOT SPRING: ENJOY WATERFALLS OF THERMAL AND COLD WATER, THE HOT SPRINGS OF SANTA ROSA SPROUT FROM THE EARTH AT A TEMPERATURE OF 70° CELSIUS AND DESCEND THROUGH A BEAUTIFUL FALL OF 80 METERS TO REACH THE POOLS AT A TEMPERATURE OF 40° DEGREES.

MEALS INCLUDED: BREAKFAST

DAY 7

VISIT COCORA'S VALLEY AND SALENTO: TRANSFER TO THE COCORA VALLEY APPRECIATING THE BEAUTIFUL LANDSCAPE OF THE PLACE, ONCE YOU ARRIVE AT THE VALLEY, WE WILL HAVE A WELCOME COCKTAIL (CANELAZO) AND ASSISTANCE BY A SPECIALIZED ECO-GUIDE FROM COCORA WHO INTRODUCES THE COCORA NATURAL RESERVE. WALKING, TRANSFER TO THE PALM FOREST WHERE WE CAN APPRECIATE THE BIODIVERSITY OF FAUNA AND FLORA OF THE PLACE AND WE WILL TAKE THE ECOLOGICAL TRAIL OF THE HIGHEST WAX PALM IN THE WORLD AND NATIONAL FLAGSHIP TREE, WE WILL DO THE RITUAL OF THE QUINDÍO WAX PALM, WHICH IT CONSISTS OF KNOWING THE HISTORY OF HOW THE ABORIGINES WORSHIPED THIS PALM. THEN WE CONTINUE WITH THE PLANTING OF PALM SEEDLINGS. TRANSFER TO THE TYPICAL TOWN OF SALENTO WHERE WE WILL HAVE A WALKING TOUR VISITING ITS COLONIAL STREETS, CRAFT WORKSHOPS AND THE VIEWPOINT OF COCORA.

OPTIONAL: HORSEBACK RIDE, TREKKING IN ACAIME NATURE RESERVE, BIKE TOUR IN COCORA'S VALLEY AND SALENTO

MEALS INCLUDED: BREAKFAST

DAY 8

AFTER BREAKFAST, TRANSFER TO THE AIRPORT TO CATCH YOUR INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

ALL TRANSFERS WITHIN COLOMBIA

ACCOMMODATION IN THE SELECTED CATEGORY HOTEL

MEALS INDICATED

DAILY ACTIVITIES AND EXCURSIONS INDICATED

BILINGUAL GUIDE DURING ALL EXCURSIONS AND DAILY ACTIVITIES

MEDICAL ASSIST CARD

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

VISAS

INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

GRATUITIES

EXPENSES NOT STIPULATED IN THE ITINERARY

ENHANCE YOUR JOURNEY

ELEVATE YOUR EXPERIENCE WITH A HOST OF OPTIONS AVAILABLE FOR AN ADDITIONAL COST.

1. TAKE A HOT AIR BALLOON FLIGHT FOR THREE HOURS OVER THE COFFEE REGION
2. ADD ONE DAY TO YOUR ITINERARY AND KNOW THE FLORA AND FAUNA SANCTUARY OF RISARALDA