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*"We regard each and every trip we organise as a trip of a lifetime."*

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## ABOUT OUR COMPANY

As the UK's leading, independent and family owned Latin America tour specialists our focus is on well thought through private and tailor made adventures. Our emphasis is very much on creating the right trip for you and we work closely with you in order to achieve this. We use our experience and knowledge to ensure your trip to Latin America is a trip of a lifetime!

## ALL TOURS ARE FINANCIALLY PROTECTED

We are members of ABTA (Y1699) and our tours are ATOL protected (license 10287) giving you full peace of mind when booking with us both for monies paid to us as well as the code of conduct and high standards that membership of these organisations require.



# BOGOTA • ARMENIA • MEDELLIN • CARTAGENA • TAYRONA NP



200 KM  
124 Miles



# PRIVATE TOUR : CLASSIC COLOMBIA

Dear Sir / Madam,

Please find full details of this itinerary in this dossier. If you have any questions at all please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best regards,

The Latin America Travel Company.

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## 13 NIGHTS / 14 DAYS PRIVATE TOUR VISITING :

### **BOGOTA**

The charming sprawling Colombian capital with all its colonial history.

### **ARMENIA**

The stunning landscapes of the Colombian coffee region.

### **MEDELLIN**

The “city of the eternal spring” famous for its mountains and quirky cable cars.

### **CARTAGENA**

Colombia's Caribbean coast Port city & cultural capital with its white beaches!

### **TAYRONA NATIONAL PARK**

The beach fringed national park that includes reefs, mangroves & ancient ruins.



Jan Patis & Friends

*“The Latin American Travel Company is amazing and I cannot praise it highly enough! Their customer service is second to none - any queries were dealt with immediately and efficiently by and we were each provided with a personalised guidebook to take with us.”*



## DAY

**1** • **BOGOTA** Arrival in Colombia's capital & transfer to your hotel with free time.

Hotel B3 Virrey ★★ ★ [Learn more...](#)

**2** • **BOGOTA** City Tour of Bogota.

Hotel B3 Virrey ★★ ★ [Learn more...](#)

**3** • **BOGOTA** Day tour to Zipaquirá and the Salt Cathedral.

Hotel B3 Virrey ★★ ★ [Learn more...](#)

**4** • **ARMENIA** Fly to the beautiful Colombian Coffee region and coffee plantation visit.

Sazagua Hotel Boutique ★★ ★ [Learn more...](#)

**5** • **ARMENIA** A day trip to Valle Del Cocora, Filandia and Salento.

Sazagua Hotel Boutique ★★ ★ [Learn more...](#)

**6** • **MEDELLIN** Fly to the cosmopolitan city of Medellin.

Hotel Poblado Alejandria ★★ ★ ★ [Learn more...](#)

**7** • **MEDELLIN** A full day trip to El Peñol and Guatapé.

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## DAY

- 8**    ● **CARTAGENA**                      Morning tour of Medellin followed by a flight to the historic coastal city of Cartagena.  
 Hotel Tres Banderas ★ ★ ★ [Learn more...](#)
- 9**    ● **CARTAGENA**                      A morning tour of Cartagena followed by an afternoon at leisure.  
 Hotel Tres Banderas ★ ★ ★ [Learn more...](#)
- 10**   ● **CARTAGENA**                      A full day free to explore Cartagena.  
 Hotel Tres Banderas ★ ★ ★ [Learn more...](#)
- 11**   ● **TAYRONA NP**                      Transfer to the tropical paradise of Tayrona National Park.  
 Cayena Beach Villa Hotel ★ ★ ★ ★ [Learn more...](#)
- 12**   ● **TAYRONA NP**                      A full day excursion into Tayrona National Park.  
 Cayena Beach Villa Hotel ★ ★ ★ ★ [Learn more...](#)
- 13**   ● **TAYRONA NP**                      A full day at leisure to enjoy the National Park or your resort.  
 Cayena Beach Villa Hotel ★ ★ ★ ★ [Learn more...](#)
- 14**   ● **END**                                      Transfer to Santa Marta airport for your onward travel arrangements.  
 N/A



# DETAILED ITINERARY

The following pages detail your itinerary day by day. All our trips are tried and tested and, between us, we have visited most destinations and accommodation. We like to offer our clients the greatest flexibility possible with their trip so if there is anything you would like to change please do not hesitate to contact us.



**JUST ASK US IF YOU  
WOULD LIKE TO MAKE  
ANY CHANGES TO THIS  
ITINERARY**





# YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

## DAY 1

DATE TBC

### BOGOTA

#### FLIGHT TO THE COLOMBIAN CAPITAL OF BOGOTA

Today your driver will meet you at your hotel and drive you to the International airport for your flight to the Colombian capital of Bogota.

On arrival, a new driver will meet you on arrival and transfer you to your hotel where the remainder of the day is free to unpack, relax and enjoy the hotel or to start exploring independently. The hotel overlooks the popular El Virrey Park and is close to Zona T which is a very popular area for shopping, dining and nightlife. The hotel itself has a fantastic cocktail bar which is fantastic for a nightcap.

 **Meals Included:** None Today.



#### YOUR EXCLUSIVE TRIP GUIDEBOOK

Tap into our knowledge of Latin America with a copy of our exclusive guidebook personalised to your trip. These books are packed full of tips about the country, climate, what to take, currency, language guides and destination guides. The perfect way to prepare for and get the most out of your Latin America experience with us!

## OVERNIGHT

### HOTEL B3 VIRREY



Chic hotel with a facade of vines and flowers has a hip cafe/bar with a terrace, as well as a fitness room. Understated rooms come with free Wi-Fi.

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# YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

## DAY 2

DATE TBC

### BOGOTA

#### A MORNING PRIVATE TOUR EXPLORING THE HIGHLIGHTS OF BOGOTA.

This morning your guide will meet you at your hotel for a 5 hour private tour exploring the highlights of the city.

The journey begins in La Candelaria in the historic centre of Bogotá, followed by a visit to La Plaza de Bolívar, home of the Cathedral, the Capilla del Sagrario, Capitol and the Palacio de Justicia. You will also visit the Edificio Liévano, which is home to the Oldest school in Colombia called San Bartolomé and The Casa de los Comuneros. The tour finishes with the Botero Museum, the Gold Museum and to finish you can take the cable car or the funicular to Monserrate for fantastic views of the city.

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast.

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# YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

## DAY 3

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### BOGOTA

#### MORNING VISIT TO ZIPAQUIRÁ AND THE SALT CATHEDRAL

This morning your guide will meet you at your hotel and take you for an excursion outside of the city. The main highlight is the Salt Cathedral. Built within the tunnels of a salt mine 200 meters underground up in the mountains, the Salt Cathedral is known as the “first wonder of Colombia.” The dome of the Cathedral is incredibly dramatic and there are 3 naves that represent the birth, life and death of Christ.

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast.

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**DAY 4**

**DATE TBC**

## **ARMENIA**

### **FLIGHT TO THE COFFEE REGION AND COFFEE PLANTATION VISIT**

This morning, your driver will pick you up at your hotel and transfer you to the airport for your short flight to Armenia in the coffee region. On arrival, your driver will take you to your hotel before an afternoon visit to the San Alberto coffee plantation.

Located close to the town of Buenavista, the Hacienda San Alberto is one of the premier coffee plantations in the region. The visit begins with a demonstration about how the coffee is grown, prepared and toasted. You will get out onto the coffee fields to see the coffee pickers who will talk to you about the characteristics of Colombian coffee and the harvesting process. The visit ends with a coffee tasting session, led by a Master Taster from the Hacienda who will teach you about the different tastes and aromas and how to prepare the best coffee as well as giving you some recommendations.

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast.

**OVERNIGHT**

### **SAZAGUA HOTEL BOUTIQUE**



Set in tropical grounds, boutique hotel has an outdoor pool, open-air bar and refined regional restaurant, as well as a spa with sauna & hot tub.

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COFFEE !



COFFEE !!



MORE COFFEE !!!





# YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

**DAY 5**

**DATE TBC**

## **ARMENIA**

### **A FULL DAY VISIT TO VALLE DEL COCORA, FILANDIA & SALENTO**

This morning your guide will pick you up from your hotel and drive over to Valle de Cocora - part of the Parque Nacional de Los Nevados. This is the ideal place to see the Quindian wax palm and species of birds such as the hummingbird and the orejamarillo or the palm parrot.

Head into the cloud forest to enjoy the biodiversity of flora and fauna. On the way back, cross the River Quindío while walking along an ecological pathway which takes you past the tallest wax palms in the world and learn the historical and cultural meaning of this tree.

Visit Salento to enjoy a city tour that visits the Plaza de Bolívar, the Calle Real, the handicrafts shops and the Cocora viewpoint. Afterwards, in Filandia take a city tour that includes the viewpoint, the colonial homes, the Plaza de Bolivar and the coffee shops. Here, you can try some of the delicious local spirits.

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast.

**OVERNIGHT**

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# YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

## DAY 6

DATE TBC

### MEDELLIN

#### FLIGHT TO MEDELLIN

This morning your driver will pick you up from your hotel and drive you to the airport for your flight to Medellin.

On arrival, your new driver will meet you and transfer you to your hotel where the rest of the day is free for you to enjoy the city. Your hotel is located in the El Poblado neighbourhood which is very peaceful and quiet but close to the commercial area where you will find a wide variety of shops and restaurants.

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast.

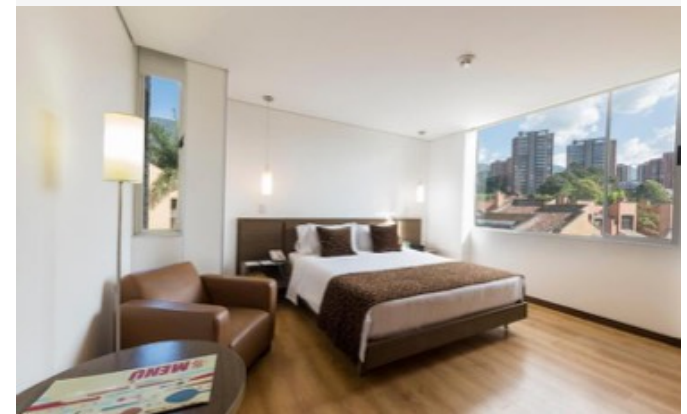
## OVERNIGHT

### HOTEL POBLADO ALEJANDRIA



Convenient location near the business area of Medellín and easy access to tourist areas as well as popular bars and restaurants.

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# MEDELLIN HIGHLIGHTS

## VIEWS



## ART



## CULTURE



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# YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

## DAY 7

DATE TBC

### MEDELLIN

#### A FULL DAY TRIP TO EL PEÑOL & GUATAPÉ

This morning you will embark on a full day excursion outside the city to the town Guatapé to visit the Peñol rock, If you are feeling energetic, you can attempt to climb the 654 steps to the top, where you will find incredible views over the Guatapé reservation.

After your visit you will continue to the picturesque village of Guatapé where all of the houses are painted in quint pastel colours.

After lunch, finish your tour by boarding your boat to tour the reservoir before heading back to the city.

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast & Lunch

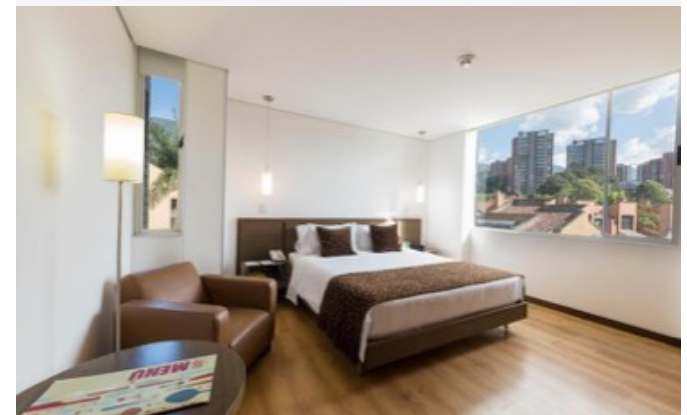
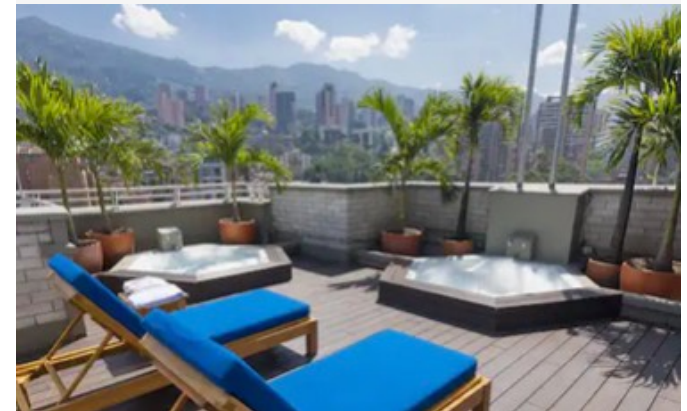
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**DAY 8**

**DATE TBC**

## **MEDELLIN & CARTAGENA**

### **A MORNING TOUR OF MEDELLIN**

This morning you will have a very special tour of the city of Medellin. In the past, Medellin was one of the most dangerous cities in South America but has undergone a radical transformation to become a city of peace and social change. Your guide will take you to the Santo San Javier barrio, which used to be one of the most unsafe neighbourhoods of the city. However, after the death of Pablo Escobar, the barrio has completely changed and is now a very pleasant place to visit. The metro cable car is a great way to see incredible views over the city.

Your tour will also visit Comuna 13 where you can see some incredible graffiti which makes the neighbourhood famous and symbolises the expression of the community.

The trip finishes in the district of La Plazoleta that houses 23 sculptures of Fernando Botero. After your tour, your guide will drop you off for your flight to Cartagena.

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast.

**OVERNIGHT**

### **HOTEL TRES BANDERAS**



Laid-back hotel has a rooftop terrace features a pool and sun-loungers. There are 2 furnished courtyards.

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# YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

**DAY 9**

**DATE TBC**

## **CARTAGENA**

### **A MORNING TOUR OF CARTAGENA**

This morning you will embark on a morning tour of Cartagena. Cartagena is known as being the prettiest city in Colombia as well as being the cultural hub.

The tour begins with a visit to the Monasterio and Iglesia de La Popa. Continue on to the fortress of San Felipe de Barajas, built on the hill of San Lázaro to defend the city from pirate attacks. During the tour, your guide will point out all the architectural details of the city's construction. Later, visit the Old City, where you can find the convent and the church of San Pedro Claver. Finally, visit the artisan center in Las Bóvedas before being dropped off at your hotel where you can continue to explore the city or relax and enjoy the facilities of the hotel..

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast.

**OVERNIGHT**

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# YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

**DAY 10**

**DATE TBC**

## **CARTAGENA**

### A DAY AT LEISURE IN CARTAGENA

Today is a full day at leisure for you to continue exploring the city at your own pace. Cartagena has a wealth of sights to visit independently and is a very walkable city.

Alternatively, you may choose to sample the many cafes, bars and restaurants that the city has to offer.

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast.

**OVERNIGHT**

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# YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

**DAY 11**

**DATE TBC**

## TAYRONA NP

### TRANSFER TO TAYRONA NATIONAL PARK

This morning after breakfast, your driver will be waiting to transfer you to the coastal National Park area of Tayrona. The transfer takes around 5 hours depending on traffic.

Situated around 5km from the National park and 10km from the Minca mountains, this is a fantastic place to experience the pristine tropical beaches or to venture out into the national park.

On arrival, the rest of the day is yours to enjoy the surroundings. Your hotel has a fantastic swimming pool, hammocks and is right on the golden sandy beach.

The hotel is located roughly an hour from the bustling market town of Santa Marta which makes it very conveniently located for an afternoon excursion.

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast.

**OVERNIGHT**

## CAYENA BEACH VILLA HOTEL



Close to Tayrona National Park this characterful beach hotel has a good pool with bar and restaurant and hammocks on the beach.

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**DAY 12**

**DATE TBC**

## TAYRONA NP

### A FULL DAY EXCURSION INTO TAYRONA NATIONAL PARK

Today is an early start to beat the entrance queues and you will enjoy a fantastic full day excursion into the stunning Tayrona National Park. The park is located inside the Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta and is known for its golden beaches, turquoise blue waters, coral reefs and mangroves.

Your guide will take you on a short hike of around 1 hour to an area called Arrecifes which is one of the parks most beautiful and photogenic areas where you enjoy lunch and continue your walk along the coast to La Piscina where you have some time to relax and enjoy the surroundings.

After your tour, head back to your hotel where the rest of the day is free to enjoy the hotel's facilities.

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast.

**OVERNIGHT**

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## DAY 13

DATE TBC

### TAYRONA NP

#### A FULL DAY AT LEISURE

Today is a full day at leisure. Choose to relax and unwind in the comfort of your hotel or maybe do one of the coastal walks. Alternatively, you can take a local taxi into Santa Marta to explore and get your last few souvenirs.

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast.

## OVERNIGHT

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**DAY 14**

**DATE TBC**

## END OF TRIP

### PRIVATE TRANSFER TO THE AIRPORT

Check-out and private transfer from your hotel to Santa Marta airport for your return international flight.

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 **Meals Included:** Breakfast.



**Blanchard Family**

"Once the Tour Itinerary was fixed and paid, LATC stayed on top of any potential issues or problems within the countries/regions. One required a modest change in the plan which was handled very effectively with no impact on our experience or cost to us."

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- **Guide price\* per person based on 2 people travelling: UK £ 3,080 / US\$ 4,160**

*\* Prices vary by date, availability, exchange rates and the number of people in your party. Please contact us for a firm quote.*

A full list of what is included in this price can be seen on the following pages.

- **Booking and payment terms:**

Once we receive completed booking forms we will book and confirm services for you and send an invoice for the deposit payment of 20% per person (plus any international flights we are booking) with full payment due 60 days before departure. All payments to us are protected under our ATOL or ABTA licenses and we accept payment by Credit Card, Debit Card (no fee) or bank transfer. [Click here to read our Booking Terms & Conditions.](#)

- **Our pricing policy:**

We believe that the the pricing for this tour offers excellent value for the services and standards we operate and we frequently check our pricing against that of other operators. If you feel you have a similar quote that is of a lower price we are happy to reconsider our pricing for you if you can forward the other quote so we can fairly compare. We would add that in our experience we usually find some differences that, although they may appear subtle, make both a significant difference to the price and, more importantly, the quality of the trip experience.



## INCLUSIONS & EXCLUSIONS FOR THIS ITINERARY

Here you will find the inclusions and exclusions for this itinerary. We guarantee you will receive the services below although on very rare occasions one service may need to be replaced with another similar one as there are a lot of complex logistical elements to a trip like this.

### ■ INTERNATIONAL PLANE TICKETS: International Flight Luggage Policy - Please see your ticket for details

✈ International flight tickets are NOT included in this itinerary. We CAN arrange these for you.

### ■ DOMESTIC PLANE TICKETS:

- ✈ Bogota to Armenia (Coffee Region) economy class
- ✈ Armenia to Medellin economy class
- ✈ Medellin to Cartagena economy class

#### Domestic Luggage Policy:

- **Some flights do not allow baggage to be included in the cost of the ticket and must be paid for locally.**

- Passengers are permitted one check-in hold piece with maximum weight of 50 lb / 23 kg and up to 158 linear inches / 400 cm (linear = total of the length + height + width).

- Passengers are permitted one carry-on piece with a maximum weight of 22 lb / 10 Kg with a size up to 45 cm x 35 cm x 20 cm (height x length x width).

### ■ ACCOMMODATION: Tried and tested by us or our local representatives

- ✓ 3 nights Bogota - Hotel B3 Virrey 3\* (Bureau room with breakfast)
- ✓ 2 nights Armenia - Sazagua Hotel Boutique 3\* (Standard room with breakfast)
- ✓ 2 nights Medellin - Hotel Poblado Alejandria 4\* (Standard room with breakfast)
- ✓ 3 nights Cartagena - Hotel Tres Banderas 3\* (Superior room with breakfast)
- ✓ 3 nights Tayrona NP - Cayena Beach Villa Hotel 4\* (Junior room with breakfast)





## INCLUSIONS & EXCLUSIONS FOR THIS ITINERARY

### ■ TRANSFERS: By car or minibus except where stated

- ✓ Private transfer Bogota Airport to Hotel
- ✓ Private transfer Hotel to Bogota Airport
- ✓ Private transfer Armenia Airport to Hotel
- ✓ Private transfer Hotel to Armenia Airport
- ✓ Private transfer Medellin Airport to Hotel
- ✓ Private transfer Hotel to Medellin Airport
- ✓ Private transfer Cartagena Airport to Hotel
- ✓ Private transfer Hotel to Tayrona NP Hotel
- ✓ Private transfer Hotel to Santa Marta Airport

### ■ TOURS: All our tours include entrance fees and use professional guides

- ✓ Bogota - City tour of Bogota (Half day private tour)
- ✓ Bogota - A half day private tour to Zipaquirá (Half day private tour)
- ✓ Armenia - Coffee plantation visit (Full day private tour)
- ✓ Armenia - Tour to Valle del Cocora, Filandia and Salento (Full day private tour)
- ✓ Medellin - Tour to El Penol and Guatapé (Full day private tour)
- ✓ Cartagena - Tour of Cartagena (Half day private tour)
- ✓ Tayrona NP - Tour of Tayrona National Park (Full day private tour)

### ■ OTHER INCLUSIONS: Also included in this trip

- ✓ Meals - As indicated in the itinerary.
- ✓ All national park entrance fees where a tour in that is included.
- ✓ All other entrance fees for attractions visited in the itinerary.
- ✓ Support - Emergency numbers and contacts for each destination.
- ✓ Guidebook - Our exclusive Trip Guidebook.



## INCLUSIONS & EXCLUSIONS FOR THIS ITINERARY

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- ✓ Financial Peace of Mind - All monies paid to us are legally protected under UK law.
- ✓ Support from your dedicated Latin America specialist.

### ■ NOT INCLUDED IN THIS TOUR

- ✗ International Airfare to / from the start / finish of your trip - we can book these flights on request.
- ✗ Travel insurance to cover any medical treatment.
- ✗ Discretionary gratuities to drivers and guides.

### ■ END

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## WHAT OUR CLIENTS SAY - SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE



"I would like to say a big thanks to the team for making this trip such a pleasurable one for me and recommend without hesitation any friends, family or colleagues to use this company."

**John Vlacos**



"I would highly recommend using this company. We had a fabulous trip to Costa Rica. Extremely well organised and with just the right amount of advice and suggestions. Can't wait to plan our next trip with them."

**S. Trisk & Family**



"Great Value, Efficient, and Effective. The Latin America Travel Company worked with me to plan precisely the experience I wanted, at the time I wanted, and at a very competitive price."

**David Blanchard & Family**



"This trip outstripped my expectations by a long way. Costa Rica was such an amazing place with so much to do. The hotel choice was amazing and we felt so well looked after from start to finish."

**Mrs Harrison**



"Our trip was made so easy by your fantastic and professional organisation. The flight connections were flawless and all the guides and drivers friendly, helpful and informative. We thought your guidebook was a great bonus."

**Mr & Mrs Owen**



"LATC organized a wonderful trip for us. We wanted a nature tour with walking and wildlife and were rewarded in spades. The satisfaction of finding smaller creatures and the sheer variety was fantastic."

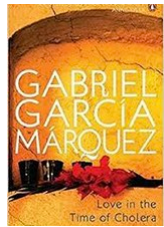
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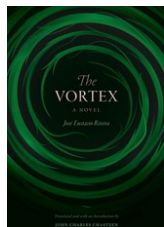
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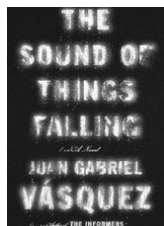
**LOVE IN THE TIME OF CHOLERA**  
GABRIEL GARCÍA MÁRQUEZ

While this is probably Garcia Marquez's second best-known novel and not his most popular one, it is worth sinking your teeth into it as a way to immerse yourself in Gabo's world, which is ultimately a mirror of Colombian society.



**THE VORTEX**  
JOSÉ EUSTACIO RIVERA

This 1924 novel will take you through some of the roughest natural environments of Colombia: the rainforest and the grass plains. It takes place during the country's rubber boom and is a violent tale about forced labor and racism.



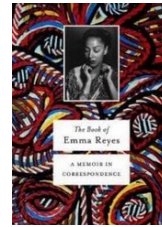
**THE SOUND OF THINGS FALLING**  
JUAN GABRIEL VÁSQUEZ

This is his third novel and it tells the story of a crumbling Bogotá in the 1990s. The city suffered the consequences of the drug wars, which touched everyone's lives, even if they were not personally involved with the drug trade.



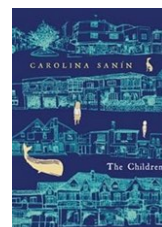
**MOTHER TONGUE: A BOGOTAN STORY**  
JUAN FERNANDO HINCAPIÉ

This is a funny novel about returning to the home country after living abroad: Enrique is a young Colombian man who returns to Bogotá after living and studying in the US: It is a play on language, on the prejudices Colombians face when living abroad, and an inquiry about identity.



**THE BOOK OF EMMA REYES: A MEMOIR**  
EMMA REYES

This is a nonfiction book! It is a collection of letters that artist Emma Reyes wrote to her friend the historian Germán Arciniegas. The prose are innocent and beautiful, and provides a profound insight into what it is like to grow up as an orphan in rural Colombia.



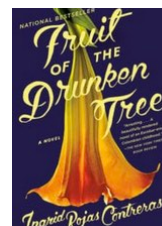
**THE CHILDREN**  
CAROLINA SANÍN

This novel is set in modern-day Bogotá and follows a middle-aged woman named Laura, who has decided not to have children. One day, she finds a six-year-old boy on the steps of her apartment building but seems to have nowhere to go.



**VOICES OF BOGOTÁ: STORY COLLECTION**  
VARIOUS AUTHORS

Bogotá is a loud, chaotic, lively metropolis that has attracted immigrants from all over Colombia and the world. This short story collection gathers the stories from the creative writing in English collective, Bogotá Writers.



**FRUIT OF THE DRUNKEN TREE**  
INGRID ROJAS-CONTRERAS

Like The Sound of Things Falling, this novel deals with the consequences of the 90's drug wars in the lives of regular people, but from a different perspective. Skip "Loving Pablo, Hating Escobar" and read this one instead.





# ESSENTIAL INFORMATION, TIPS & FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## HOW FAR IN ADVANCE DO I NEED TO BOOK?

A trip to Latin America can be quite a complex one with definite peak seasons when tickets and good hotel rooms can become scarce so we recommend booking as far in advance as possible with bookings a year in advance common.

## CAN YOU OBTAIN VISAS FOR US?

Most countries do not need a visa for our clients but if you do we can advise and recommend a visa agent.

## IS IT SAFE TO BOOK WITH YOU?

In a word, Yes! We members of ABTA and ATOL Bonded so any payments made to us are fully protected in the unlikely event of our financial failure. Our ABTA membership number is [Y1699](#) and our ATOL license number is [10287](#).

## IS COLOMBIA TRAVEL SAFE?

Yes!! In recent years we hear of very few problems and there is no reason why you should not feel as safe travelling in all the areas we operate tours. This applies to men or women traveling alone and exercising reasonable common sense.

## WHAT HAPPENS ONCE WE MAKE A BOOKING?

On taking a booking we will confirm as many of the services as can be at that point and then ask you for a non-refundable deposit of 20% per person plus any international flights we are booking with the final balance payment due 60 days before your trip start date with us. 1 month before your trip with us starts we will send you our exclusive Trip Guidebook tailored to your specific trip with us.

## CAN YOU BOOK INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS ?

Yes, as we hold an ATOL license (number 10287) we are permitted by the Civil Aviation Authority in the UK to book flights on behalf of our clients. We are a British Airways preferred operator but also book with other airlines to get the best deals and routes for our clients.

## WHY SHOULD WE BOOK A TRIP WITH YOU

We took our first Latin America trip in the 1990s and between us have taken many trips since. We have been to all destinations we offer, often many times, and are passionate about sharing our knowledge and providing you with the best possible travel experience of these destinations which we love to visit ourselves. Add to this the back up we offer from financial protection of your payments to us to the 24 hour emergency numbers we give you before your trip and we think we are the full package for quality, service and reliability.

## DO YOU CATER FOR ALL DIETS?

As long as we are informed at the time of making your booking we can cater for almost all dietary requirements.

## CAN YOU TAILOR THIS ITINERARY?

Yes! Just let your travel consultant know what changes you would like and we will revise the itinerary for you.

## IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE I SHOULD BE ASKING?

Almost certainly! We fully expect you will have many more questions and we are here to answer them so please do not hesitate to [contact us](#) - that is what we are here for!

