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**Colombia - Andes, Tayrona and Cartagena Multisport Adventure Tour 2018**  
**Guided**  
**11 days/10 nights**



Colombia's strategic location just north of the Equator makes this a perfect place for year round adventure sports. There are no seasons in Colombia, but instead an ever changing weather that complements our adventurer spirit when riding top quality bikes through the Andes, walking over unique paths and rafting challenging rivers.

**Highlights:**

- Bike and explore Bogota and Villa de Leyva
- Hike at paramo in the Colombian Andean mountains
- Raft the Chicamocha river along the second biggest canyon of the world
- Ride top quality dual suspension bikes always out of the beaten path
- Hike the amazing Colombian jungle forest
- Visit an ancient 5th century lost city called "Pueblito Chairama"
- Learn about different indigenous cultures
- Experience the best local food
- Visit beautiful colonial villages
- Rest in comfortable hotels



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### Itinerary Day to Day

#### **Day 1: Reception in Bogota**

At your arrival to Bogota, we transfer you to your hotel for registration.



#### **Day 2: Bogota City Tour. Visit to the Nemocon Salt Mines and Continue To Villa De Leyva**

Start your day by strolling down “Carrera Septima”, getting to know more about Colombia and its recent history. We make a mandatory stop at the fabulous “Gold Museum”, housing 34,000 pieces of pre Colombian gold, where we’ll learn about the origins of the “El Dorado Legend”. We continue on our walk and witness the contrasting Graffiti Street Art of the city.

We leave Bogota and make our way to the salt mines of Nemocon, where we experience artisanal mining process. This is the same place where Antonio Banderas recently filmed part of the film “The 33”! We continue our way to the quaint, sleepy town of Villa de Leyva, our last destination for today.

#### **Day 3: Morning Hike to Iguaque National Park. Afternoon Bike Ride around Villa De Leyva**

In the morning we visit Iguaque National Park, a 6,750 hectare flora and fauna sanctuary. Iguaque is a sacred place to the Muisca indigenous people, and according to their legend, mankind originated in the Iguaque Lake. We find ourselves exploring a section of the cloud forest reserve and looking out for some of the hundreds of species of orchids, bromeliads, lichens and ferns, as well as tropical bird, inhabiting this ecosystem.

In the afternoon, we prepare our mountain bikes and explore the area around Villa de Leyva. We ride through the countryside on dirt trails and lazy paved roads. We reach the Paleontological Museum displaying the most important assortment of fossils in South America with the impressive ( and complete) Kronosaurus fossil known to date. Our ride ends at an iconic Dominican monastery, currently a historic building with a beautiful collection of religious and colonial art.



#### **Day 4: Transfer to Barichara. Visit to the Juan Curi Waterfall**

Barichara welcomes us in the early morning hours, but not before stopping at the town of Socorro, a well preserved colonial settlement, where we enjoy a typical breakfast of arepas from Santander.

We continue from Barichara to the beautiful waterfall of Juan Curi, where you can either walk around the area and enjoy nature, or add some adventure to your visit with a rappel down the rocky sides of the waterfall. After enjoying our afternoon, we head back to Barichara. We take an early evening stroll along the streets of this quiet colonial village.



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**Day 5: Five Thousand Feet Downhill Bike Ride. Rafting At the Chicamocha River**

This spectacular bike ride starts at 2,000 meters and dives down into the second largest canyon in the world, the Chicamocha Canyon. Biking past waterfalls, coffee and tobacco farms we ride to Jordan, a historic pueblo (town) 330 meters above sea level. This is one place most tourists don't have an opportunity to see. We cool off at a refreshing natural pool for a swim and enjoy a fantastic picnic lunch. Afterwards we experience one of the top activities in Santander... white water rafting! The Chicamocha River gives us thrilling rapids and huge waves, starting with some Class III's and increasing to Class IV towards the end. In the case of wipeouts (always fun!), the river has pools at the end of each rapid, making this a safe, commercial-grade run.

**Day 6: Hike to Guane on "Camino Real". Typical Colombian Coffee Tasting**

We spend our morning on a 2 ½ hour hike through some of the area's most incredible scenery in the region, exploring one of the best-kept historical and architectural gems: the Royal Road (or famously known as "Camino Real") from Barichara to Guane. Arriving in Guane is like stepping back in time, literally. Although the original inhabitants are nowhere to be found, the remains of their culture indicate a truly majestic past. Learn all you can at the anthropology museum and marvel at the evolution of the town from pre-Hispanic, to colonial, to modern times. Afterwards we make our way to "Hacienda el Roble", and learn how one of the best organics coffees of Colombia is produced, from seed to the ultimate cup of java.

**Day 7: Transfer to Santa Marta**

Leave this region and make your way to Santa Marta, on the Caribbean side of Colombia. Transfer to your hotel will take about an hour and a half, and it's located in the stunning Tayrona region. We spend our day leisurely relaxing at the beach





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### **Day 8: Hike to Pueblito in Tayrona National Park**

Tayrona National Park is an incredible place, a Caribbean jungle filled with surprises. We'll walk several steep, rough paths before arriving to the paradisiac beach area of Arrecifes. We continue our hike to the small town of Pueblito. Most of the old town is buried beneath the jungle, but enough remains that we can imagine how it bustled with activity over 500 years earlier. We enjoy a typical lunch of fresh, local seafood.



### **Day 9: Transfer to Cartagena. Lunch at Restaurant La Cueva in Barranquilla**

We head out from Tayrona National Park to Cartagena, stopping along the way at the legendary "La Cueva" restaurant, a famous place where Colombian Nobel Prize Winner Gabriel Garcia Marquez started his novel "One Hundred Years of Solitude".

Late afternoon we grab a city bike and ride the local side of Cartagena, visit the area of Getsemany and its narrow streets, and enjoy the friendliness of its people at the turn of every corner.

### **Day 10: Cartagena's Highlights and Street Food Tour**

Start your day with a visit to the fortress of San Felipe de Barajas, a masterpiece of Spanish architecture built to defend the city of pirate attacks. We carry on to "La Popa" Monastery, a church located in the highest place of the city where you take in the most breathtaking 360° view of the city. We make our way back to the walled city and search for the very best of its street food. We won't miss out on trying the famous "arepas", and the sweets of el "Portal de los Dulces" among many other specialties of the Caribbean region.

### **Day 11: Transfer out Colombia**

Your guide will take you to the airport and assist you with the boarding your international flight.







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**Price per Person:**

Double Occupancy	\$ 2985.00 USD
Single Supplement	\$929.00 USD

Group rates are available for this tour. Please ask us for details.

**Accommodation:**

Hacienda, Colonial and Beach Hotels.

**Included:**

- Accommodation in mentioned hotels as per program, subject to availability
- Local English speaking guide/trip leader
- Entrance fees
- 10 x breakfast, 9 x lunch and 9 x dinners
- Ground transportation in all destinations

**Not Included:**

- International flights
- Tips
- Non mentioned expenses
- Non mentioned meals

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