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Colombia - Bogota to Santander Biking Adventure Tour 2018
Guided
10 days/9 nights



This is the ultimate mountain biking tour exploring the eastern and central Andean ranges. As Colombia's top biking company we'll take you down exclusive routes away from tourists traps through the marvels of this stunning natural scenery. Our rides explore the deep canyons, back roads and patrimonial pueblos, as well as the thriving cultural cities of Bogota and Medellin. Led by a naturalist guide and experienced mountain biker, this tour combines the highlights of Colombian culture, food and iconic sites.

Highlights:

- Ride in the Chicamocha Canyon, known as the "Grand Canyon of South America".
- Bike through the markets and art quarters of Bogota.
- Explore the Fossil Valley and bike around the small town of Villa de Leyva.
- Ride along the Guatape Reservoir and reach the top of "El Peñol".
- Enjoy local gastronomy and meet local characters.
- Exclusive downhill rides in Santander and Medellin.
- Top quality dual suspension Kona and Trek bikes.
- Ride with experienced naturalist and bike loving guides.

Itinerary Day to Day

Day 1: Welcome to Bogota

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



Day 2: Bogota City Tour by Bike

Bike your way through this incredible city, starting with a 6 kilometer ride to the National University, stopping at "Che Guevara Square" and riding on to the food market of Paloquemao, where we stop for a taste of fresh fruits from different regions of Colombia. We continue riding to the Simon Bolivar Metropolitan Park, where we visit the art graffiti gallery located in La Macarena, where local artists introduce this referential art form to visitors.

Day 3: Transfer to Villa De Leyva and Bike at La Candelaria Fossil Valley

We leave Bogota for our next destination, the small colonial town of Villa de Leyva. During our 3 hour drive we stop for photo opportunities before arriving to the quaint village of Raquira. Here we take our bikes and ride along the La Candelaria desert that leads to Villa De Leyva.

Day 4: Transfer to Barichara. Visit Juan Curi Waterfall

Barichara awaits us in the early morning, but not before we stop at the town of Socorro, a well preserved colonial settlement, where we enjoy a typical breakfast of arepas Santandereanas.

We continue our journey to the waterfall of Juan Curí, where you can either walk around the area and enjoy the nature, or practice rappel down this waterfall. Afterwards we make our way to the colonial town of Barichara. Early in the evening we stretch our legs and take a stroll along the streets of this colonial village.





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Day 5: Bike the Suarez Canyon

We start the day at 2,000 meters above the colonial town of Barichara. We ride 25 km downhill to the base of the majestic Suarez Canyon, passing through gorgeous agricultural landscapes. We continue biking through the famous town of Barichara over hand carved stone streets. Visit cathedrals, spectacular viewpoints and colonial architecture that render Barichara 'The most beautiful pueblo in Colombia'.

Lunch is served at an incredible viewpoint in the Yariguies National Park, overlooking the canyon and the waterfalls that cascade its ridgelines. After lunch, we bike downhill before embarking on 25 km of rolling cross country riding through the spectacular Colombian countryside. We finish with a swim and a celebratory beer after a full day of adventure!



Day 6: Bike the Chicamocha Canyon to Jordan. Enjoy a True Coffee Experience

This spectacular ride starts at 2,000 meters and dives down into the second largest canyon in the world, the Chicamocha Canyon. Passing waterfalls, coffee and tobacco farms, we ride to Jordan, a historic pueblo (town) 1000 feet above sea level. This is one place most tourists don't have an opportunity to see. Here we stop at a refreshing natural pool to cool off, have a swim and enjoy a fantastic lunch!

Once we've had time to relax and soak in the sunshine, we hop on our 4x4 and climb out of this magnificent canyon for our final downhill destination. This is a fast and smooth sunset



descent to the gorgeous natural pools outside the town of Curiti. Afterwards, we make our way to "Hacienda el Roble" and learn how the one of the best organics coffees of Colombia is produced, from the seed to the perfect cup of java.

Day 7: Transfer To Medellin, City Tour

In 2012, Medellin was selected as the most innovative city of the world because of the way it integrated all the communities and districts through different means of transportation. We get to “Comuna 1” by cable car, and once in the area we walk around the neighborhood, and enjoy a cup of coffee with the locals. We later stop at Botero’s Square, and observe how art mingles with daily life.

Enjoy the very best of local gastronomy and make your way to Comuna 13, which was probably one of the most dangerous places to visit during Pablo Escobar’s time. Today its a different place, arriving there by escalators and a life full of art and music.



Day 8: Bike Tour of Santa Fe De Antioquia

We drive north from Medellin through a scenic region lined with green pastures and beautiful haciendas. We reach our starting point, a ridge at 2,700 meters where we personalize our bike’s dual suspension to fit your riding style and experience. We begin our descent along a highland paramo ecosystem with endemic flora and fauna, including bright purple flowers and unique birds. The narrow single lane road feels ethereal, twisting and turning without end. Peddle through lush cloud forest with open views to the Cauca River Valley, testing yourself during brief, exhilarating ascents. The Cauca is Colombia’s second most important river, flowing from the mountains to the Atlantic Ocean. The ecosystem becomes a tropical lowland at the end of the ride, full with bananas, mangos, coffee, cacao, and yucca plantations. Advanced riders can opt for alternative, more technical single trails, meeting up with the group at a crossroads. The ride ends in the small village of Cordova, afterwards visit the town of Santa Fe de Antioquia.





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Day 9: Guatape Cross-Country Bike Ride

One of our favorites cross country mountain bike tours explores the lush valleys, mountains and lake area west of Medellin. We cycle a scenic cloud forest and farmland route, visiting colonial Guatape, and climbing up Peñol Rock, over 200 meters high.

Around Guatape, we enjoy the super scenic reservoir with fiord-like inlets that create hundreds of recreational areas along its shores. This full day adventure offers varied riding terrain, historic colonial towns, great guides, good food, and top of the line Trek mountain bikes.



Day 10: Depart Medellin

Your guide will assist you with boarding your international flight.



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Route



Technical Characteristics:

Route Profile: Moderate. Activities include Mountain Biking, Walking, Sightseeing and Culture Exploration. 2600 m (Bogota) – 1500 m (Medellin) above sea level.

Travel Season: Daily arrival between January 2 and December 31, 2018



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Price per Person:

Double Occupancy	\$ 2745.00 USD
Single Supplement	\$610.00 USD

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

Accommodation:

Select Tourist Superior, Boutique and Colonial Hotels

Included:

- Accommodations in tourist superior hotels and haciendas and boutique hotels
- 9 x breakfast, 8 x lunch and 8 x dinners
- Local English speaking guide/trip leader
- Entrance fees
- Ground transportation in all destinations

Not Included:

- Internal Flights
- Tips

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