



Heritage and Amazon– Bogotá, Amacayacu National Park, Gorgona and Cartagena



Bogotá

Lie out on beaches on the Pacific and explore a humid, tropical rain forest full of wildlife, including the world’s largest lotus. Tour Bogotá and a well-preserved, archetypal Colombian city, named a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Just be sure to pack your camera; on this Colombia trip, you’ll have the chance to take in all that and more.

In the morning (after full-day Bogotá), you’ll head to Amacayacu National Park (located in Leticia), where you can bird watch; go fishing for piranha; visit local, indigenous communities; take in the (impressive) flora, case and point: the Victoria Regia (a huge, aquatic plant with large purple flowers framed by floating leaves); or just explore. With over 293.500 hectares to its name, Amacayacu National Park boasts humid tropical forest, woods, marshes and rivers (surrounded by trees—such as the white and red cedar, mahogany and the ceiba pentandra—up to 40- and 50-meters high). Turtles, caimans, river dolphins, various serpents and many bird species are easy to spot.

From there, you’ll head to Gorgona, where you can lie out on the beach or try out water sports.

Your tour will wrap up in Cartagena, a city filled with historic streets, alley ways and stories. Take in the old, walled city’s tiled roofs, balconies and courtyard gardens, and be sure to bring along your camera; words don’t seem to do Cartagena justice.

We offer a choice of 3-, 4-, 5-star and deluxe hotels. In Bogotá the deluxe option is the Sofitel Bogotá Victoria Regia, and in Cartagena the deluxe option is the Casa del Arzobispado or the Cuadrifolio Hotel. Accommodation in Amacayacu National Park is in Malokas (one-story rectangular huts with thatched roofs, balconies that look out on the Amazon River, private bathrooms with hot water, ceiling fans, mosquito nets and yanchama curtains, light wood fiber curtains).

This tour includes airfare allowance from London (UK), on non-holiday dates. You do not need to fly via London; Yampu will fly you the most direct way to your city of destination. Depending on your travel dates and proximity of travel, we will quote you the most economical surcharge from your city or country of origin.

Pricing

Occupancy Type	3-star	4-star	5-star	Deluxe
Double	£ 3464	£ 3734	£ 4122	£ 4341
Single	£ 4475	£ 5217	£ 5828	£ 6264

Prices shown above are per person, in Sterling (£).



Isla de Los Micos



Cartagena

Itinerary

Day 1

Bogotá

Upon arrival transfer to your hotel. Bogotá is a modern capital city with stand-out cultural, intellectual and social draws as well as rich colonial heritage.

Day 2

Bogotá City Tour

After breakfast start in on our private tour to the historic center known as La Candelaria. Old “casonas” (grand houses marked Spanish influence) with iron windows, thick wooden doors, balconies and internal patios and gardens line the ancient streets. La Candelaria unfolds around the Plaza Bolívar, named after Simón Bolívar, El Libertador. Originally called Plaza Mayor, it was used for civil and military events and as a marketplace, ring and execution platform.

The cathedral beside the square (on the land where Bogotá’s first church was built in 1539) holds weighty collection of liturgical, textile and ornamental objects collected over four centuries. Next to it is the Capilla del Sagrario, known for its superior architecture, and nearby is the Capitolio, built between 1847 and 1926. Influenced by Ionic, Neoclassical and Renaissance styles, it is made of white stone built by several generations of stonemasons. The central area is occupied by the Salón Elíptico, where the meetings of congress take place. The wings house the current Cámara de Representantes and Senate. Busts of former presidents as well as General Tomás Cipriano de Mosquera and Rafael Núñez (the composer of the national hymn) line the internal patio. The tour finishes up in the Palace of Justice.

From there, you'll go to the Museo Botero home to the artwork of Picasso, Renoir, Dalí, Matisse, Monet and Giacometti, to name a few (donated by the artist Fernando Botero and others). After that, you'll head to the Museo del Oro whose collection features nearly 34,000 gold objects and 20,000 in stone, ceramic, textiles and precious stones from the Quimbaya, Calima, Tayrona, Sinu, Muisca, Tolima, Tumaco and Magdalena cultures. The Museo de Oro's collection is considered one of the most meaningful and substantial collections of its kind—worldwide.

Afternoon at leisure. (We recommend checking out another city museum if you're up to it.)

Day 3

Bogotá – Leticia – Amacayacu National Park

Transfer to the airport to take your flight to Leticia. Arrival and transfer to the port, where you'll take a fast boat to Amacayacu National Park. Upon arrival transfer to Malokas and check-in. Afternoon at leisure for walks around the hotel area. Amacayacu National Park is over 293,500 hectares and boasts humid tropical forest, woods, marshes and rivers (surrounded by trees—such as the white and red cedar, mahogany and the ceiba pentandra—up to 40- and 50-meters high). Turtles, caimans, river dolphins, various serpents and many bird species are easy to spot.

Day 4

Amacayacu National Park

After breakfast you'll depart in a fast boat and head up the Amazon River to a private tour to Isla de Los Micos (Monkey Island). On your way, you'll pass the Indian communities of Vergel, La Macedonia and Santa Sofía.

20 minute walk on the island, where you can observe monkeys (of the Frayle species) and explore the Yagua community. After you visit the Santa Sofía community, you'll return to the lodge.

Day 5

Amacayacu National Park – Leticia – Bogotá – Cali

After breakfast you'll return to Leticia on a fast boat. Upon arrival transfer to the airport to catch the flight to Cali via Bogotá. Upon arrival transfer to your hotel.

Day 6

Cali – Guapí – Gorgona

After breakfast transfer to the airport, and take your flight to Guapí. Upon arrival reception and transfer to the dock to take a fast boat to Gorgona Island. Upon arrival check-in at the lodge. Afternoon at leisure.

Day 7

Gorgona National Park

Day at leisure. Lie out on the beach, take optional excursions in the area or just kick back.

Day 8

Gorgona National Park

Day at leisure.

Day 9

Gorgona National Park – Guapí – Cali

Morning departure to Guapí by boat. Transfer to the airport to take your flight to Cali. Upon arrival transfer to your hotel.

Day 10

Cali – Cartagena

After breakfast at the hotel transfer to the airport and take your flight to Cartagena. Arrival, transfer and hotel check-in. Overnight stay.

Day 11

Cartagena City Tour

After breakfast you'll take a private tour of the city's colonial district. You'll start off in Parque Bolívar, a central part of the district, surrounded by large trees and four fountains with a statue of El Libertador at their center. Around the square you'll see the Museo del Oro and the Palace of the Inquisition distinguished by its baroque entrance door. The meetings of the tribunal took place in the palace, and the palace also housed the prison and torture chambers for the alleged opponents of the Catholic church. Your tour continues to the Santo Domingo church and the cathedral and ends in the Ramparts and the Museo de Las Fortificaciones. Afternoon at leisure.

Day 12

Cartagena

Day at leisure. An excursion to the Rosario Archipelago is recommended.

Day 13

Cartagena – Bogotá

After breakfast transfer to the airport to take flight to Bogotá. Upon arrival, take international flight back home or overlap with an add-on of your choice.

Price includes:

Prices include: international air transportation from Miami to Bogotá round trip, domestic air transportation from Bogotá to Leticia, from Leticia to Cali, from Cali to Guapí round, from Cali to Cartagena and from Cartagena to Bogotá, private airport transfers including one piece of luggage, boat transfer from Leticia to Amacayacu and from Guapí to Gorgona Island, hotel accommodation including breakfast, meals where specified, guided tours with bilingual guide and entrance fees. Local airport taxes that are payable in the country of destination are not included. You may have to pay a surcharge if you book a trip during late December, early January or Easter.

For those traveling to the Amacayacu National Park (and those continuing on to Brazil), a vaccination for yellow fever is compulsory.

High season in Gorgona National Park:

04.03.09 – 04.12.09 / 06.14.09 – 08.31.09 / 12.16.09 – 01.31.10 and national holiday.