

EXCURSION: CONDOR MOUNTAINS

OVERVIEW

THE ANDEAN REGION IN COLOMBIA IS CROSSED BY THREE NORTHERN BRANCHES OF THE ANDES: THE WESTERN, CENTRAL AND EASTERN CORDILLERA; THE LATTER IS THE WIDEST AND MOST EXTENSIVE OF THE THREE. THERE, IN THE MIDDLE OF THE MOUNTAINS, IS THE DEPARTMENT OF SANTANDER, CHARACTERIZED BY ITS FLUVIAL VALLEYS, RUGGED MOUNTAINS, AND BEAUTIFUL VILLAGES OF COLONIAL ARCHITECTURE AND COBBLED STREETS THAT TELL PART OF THE HISTORY OF FREEDOM IN COLOMBIA. CONDOR MOUNTAINS IS OUR EXCURSION THAT REFLECTS THE FREEDOM OF THE LARGEST FLYING BIRD ON THE PLANET AND ITS SYMBOL OF FREEDOM FOR COLOMBIA.

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

CITY TOUR AND ITS METROPOLITAN AREA: WE WILL VISIT THE MAIN PARKS AND CHURCHES OF BUCARAMANGA "THE BEAUTIFUL CITY" AND ITS METROPOLITAN AREA, WE WILL TASTE THE TYPICAL AND DELICIOUS FLORIDABLANCA WAFER, THEN WE WILL VISIT THE CERRO DEL SANTÍSIMO PARK AND ENJOY THE SCENERY BY CABLE CAR, WE WILL FINISH WITH A MUSICAL SHOW AND FOUNTAIN LIGHTS INSIDE THE PARK.

MEALS INCLUDED: BREAKFAST

DAY 4

TOUR SAN GIL, BARICHARA, CURITÍ: VISIT TO THE EL GALLINERAL NATURAL PARK DECLARED A NATIONAL MONUMENT, THEN WE WILL WALK THROUGH BARICHARA, KNOWN AS THE "PUEBLITO LINDO DE COLOMBIA", VISITING COLONIAL CHURCHES, STONE CARVING SHOPS, MAIN PARKS AND THE VIEWPOINT NATURAL ON THE SUÁREZ RIVER. WE WILL END UP VISITING CURITÍ, THE TOWN OF "LOS TEJEDORES", THERE WE WILL VISIT SHOPS OF TYPICAL CRAFTS IN FIQUE, THE PARK AND MAIN CHURCH.

MEALS INCLUDED: BREAKFAST

DAY 5

NATIONAL PARK CHICAMOCHA: A TOUR OF THE CULTURE, CUSTOMS AND HISTORY OF SANTANDER, VISIT THE CHICAMOCHA NATIONAL PARK, THE THEME PARK DEDICATED TO ECOTOURISM, AND THERE WE WILL TRANSFER BY CABLE CAR OVER THE CHICAMOCHA CANYON IN THE TABLE OF SAINTS WHERE WE VISIT THE FARMER'S MARKET AND THE RETURN TO THE PARK TO COMPLETE OUR TOUR.

MEALS INCLUDED: BREAKFAST AND LUNCH

DAY 6

ADVENTURE DAY IN SAN GIL: WE WILL START THE DAY DOING SPELUNKING IN THE "CAVERNA DEL INDIO" IN PÁRAMO OR "CAVERNA DE LA VACA" IN CURITÍ, THEN WE WILL DO RAFTING IN THE FONCE RIVER IN SAN GIL. AFTER AN INDUCTION TALK, WE WILL MAKE "ARENERAS", A 10-KILOMETER TOUR AND APPROXIMATE DURATION OF 90 MINUTES, WITH FAST GRADES 1, 2 AND 3.

OPTIONAL: YOU CAN CHANGE YOUR SPELUNKING ACTIVITY BY WALKING TO THE WATERFALLS IN JUANCURÍ OR BUNGEE.

MEALS INCLUDED: BREAKFAST AND LUNCH

DAY 7

AFTER BREAKFAST, TRANSFER TO THE AIRPORT TO TAKE YOUR INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT IN BUCARAMANGA OR BOGOTÁ

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. HELICOPTER OVERFLIGHT IN CHICAMOCHA CANYON
2. TAKE A FLIGHT IN TWO-SEATER PARAGLIDING, LAUNCH FROM A MOUNTAIN TO A CANYON OR OPEN SPACE WITH SPECIALIZED PERSONNEL

PRICES

TOTAL PRICE ACCORDING TO ACCOMMODATION (USD)		
SILVER	GOLD	PLATINUM