



Colombia Unlocked: Coffee, Culture & the Caribbean

Ten days through Medellín, Antioquia, the coffee region and Cartagena — insider access, small-group culture, and a group that feels like yours from day one.

Medellín · Salento · Cartagena

Departures: 4–13 February 2027 · 13–22 March 2027

Colombia surprises everyone who visits, and it does it in stages. From Medellín's reinvention story and its genuinely strong LGBTQ+ community, out to the granite rock and painted streets of Guatapé, up into the Andes to the wax palms of Cocora Valley, and down to the Caribbean heat and colour of Cartagena's walled city. Four nights in Medellín, two in the coffee region, three on the coast — an evening hosted by someone from Medellín's LGBTQ+ community, a neighbourhood told through its own music, and a day on the water around the Rosario Islands to close it out.

Day by day

DAYS 1-4: MEDELLÍN & ANTIOQUIA

Day 1 Arrival, El Poblado check-in; orientation walk with the Lead Explorer; welcome dinner at a community-run kitchen.

Day 2 Comuna 13 with resident guides — the neighbourhood through Afro-Colombian music, rap and identity, with lunch cooked on the hill; free afternoon.

Day 3 Cupping session at a social-enterprise roastery buying from growers who replaced illicit crops with coffee; free afternoon; evening in the city's LGBTQ+ quarter with a local host.

Day 4 Full day to El Peñol & Guatapé — the granite monolith, the painted zócalos, time on the reservoir; free evening.

DAYS 5-6: SALENTO & THE COFFEE REGION

Day 5 Private road transfer south into the coffee region with a lunch stop on the way; arrive Salento; free evening.

Day 6 Cocora Valley by Willys jeep — guided walk among the tallest palms in the world; free afternoon and evening in town.

DAYS 7-10: CARTAGENA & EL CARIBE

Day 7 Flight north to the Caribbean; Getsemaní street art walk with a local muralist; rooftop with live champeta.

Day 8 Free morning; home-cooked coastal lunch with a local family in Getsemaní; free afternoon.

Day 9 Full day on the water to the Rosario Islands archipelago; farewell dinner in the walled city.

Day 10 Departure from Cartagena for onward international connections.





What's included

- ✓ Small Group Travel: never more than 15 people
- ✓ A Lead Explorer for the whole trip
- ✓ 9 Nights in upper-scale or boutique hotels, double room to share, breakfast included
- ✓ Welcome Dinner & Farewell Dinner
- ✓ Domestic & intercity transport: Medellín → Salento → Cartagena, incl. domestic flight to Cartagena
- ✓ Medellín: resident-led Comuna 13 experience with community lunch
- ✓ Medellín: coffee cupping session at a social-enterprise roastery
- ✓ Medellín: an evening hosted by someone from the local LGBTQ+ community
- ✓ Antioquia: full-day El Peñol & Guatapé excursion with lunch
- ✓ Salento: Cocora Valley jeep & guided wax-palm walk
- ✓ Cartagena: Getsemaní street art walk with a local muralist
- ✓ Cartagena: home-cooked coastal meal with a local family
- ✓ Cartagena: full-day Rosario Islands boat tour with lunch

What's not included

- ✗ International flights to Medellín and from Cartagena
- ✗ Transfer to/from the airport on the first and final day
- ✗ Meals not mentioned in "what's included"
- ✗ Travel insurance, which is a condition of joining
- ✗ Extra activities or optional add-ons suggested by Lead Explorer

Available add-ons

- + Evening dance session at a community school teaching young people salsa and Colombian rhythms (Medellín)
- + Community neighbourhood walk led by the women who turned a landfill into a garden district (Medellín)
- + Small-batch coffee farm afternoon — picking, processing and cupping what you picked (Salento)
- + Cocora Valley on horseback instead of on foot (Salento)
- + Salsa, bachata & champeta class, rooftop then out into the neighbourhood (Cartagena)
- + Extras on the water at Isla Grande — mangrove canoe and similar (Cartagena)
- + Private sunset catamaran around the Rosario Islands, in place of the standard boat (Cartagena)

Pricing

1 person in Double Room (sharing)	£1,705	(deposit £255)
1 person in Private Room	£2,130	(deposit £320)

Group size: 10–15 travellers. **Lead Explorer:** included on every departure.