

## CARTAGENA SUGGESTED TOURS

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### COLONIAL TOUR

Duration: 4 Hours

Included: Bilingual Guide – Museums entrance



Half day visit the city’s colonial district, starting in Parque Bolivar which is shaded by large trees, four fountains with a statue of the great Liberator in the centre. Around the square is the **Museo del Oro**, which exhibits its fine collection of archeological objects dating back to the pre-Hispanic period; and the **Palacio de la Inquisición**, recognizable for its large baroque door. The Inquisition held its meetings in the palace here and it was also the site of the prison and torture chambers for presumed heretics, opponents of the Catholic Church. Then visit the **Convent and Church of the San Pedro Claver** compound which was built in the middle of the XVII century and owes its name to the “apóstol de los esclavos”. Return to the hotel.

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### CARRIAGE TOUR

Duration: 1 Hour

Included: Private Carriage.



Take a magical tour of the walled city stepping back in time and enjoying the sights from an open horse drawn carriage.

The sound of the horse's hooves on the colonial streets, the refreshing breeze, the nighttime colors of Cartagena, the architecture and the generally beautiful and atmospheric scenery, make the visitor feel as if he or she is part of a film. Take in the different plazas; pass by the elegant colonial houses with their balconies filled with tumbling bougainvillea flowers. Return to the hotel.

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### PANORAMIC TOUR

Duration: 4 Hours

Included: Bilingual Guide – Museums entrance



Start with a panoramic view of the city from the **Monasterio and Iglesia de La Popa**. Formerly known as the “Popa del Galeon” and famous for resembling the stern of a galleon. Constructed in 1606 this church and monastery are located at a height of 140masl from where one can enjoy 360° views of the city and the sea as well as the port zone, one of the most important in the Caribbean. Continuing to the **San Felipe fortress**, erected in honor of the poet from Cartagena, Don Luis Carlos López, made famous for his sonnet “A mi ciudad nativa” It was built on San Lázaro hill to defend the city from pirate attacks. Walk around the fortress and know how the castle was constructed, the engineering feats, the tunnels, underground galleries and passageways. Lastly, follow to the handicrafts zone of the Bovedas, a collection of archways built into the city wall of Cartagena and that were used until the end of the 1700s to house armaments and then later as a prison in the XIX century. Nowadays it's an artisan center to appreciate local handcraft. Return to the hotel.

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## SHOPPING TOUR + EMERALD MUSEUM

Duration: 4 Hours

Included: Bilingual Guide



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## ROSARIO ISLANDS

Duration: 8 Hours

Included: Bilingual Guide – Transport



All day tour by boat to the Archipelago 'Islas del Rosario' located 45km southeast, approximately one hour from Cartagena bay. The national park is surrounded by coral reefs and lapped by clear blue waters and is the natural habitat for a large variety of marine fauna. Three ecosystems thrive here: coastal lagoons, mangroves surrounding them and tropical forest.

Free time for snorkeling and relaxation. Lunch during the excursion. Return to the hotel.

You can choose between 4 islands:

Isla del Sol  
San Pedro de Majagua  
Isla Encanto  
Baru – sport Baru

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## CARTAGENA EXPERIENCES

### CHIVA PARTY

Duration: 3 Hours

Included: Bilingual Guide – Transport

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All aboard for a night of partying, Colombian-style. A "chiva" is a large, colorful, open-air bus that features an open bar with a variety of national tropical drinks.

Travel along the coast and through the “movida” areas of the city to experience all the fun of a Cartagena night.

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## SAN BASILIO DE PALENQUE

Duration: 6 Hours

Included: Bilingual Guide – Transport



Departure from Cartagena to San Basilio de Palenque, a town located 60km at approximately one hour's drive along the "Vía de la Cordialidad" on the way to Barranquilla.

Recognized by UNESCO, the town's name comes from the Palenques, communities of fugitive and escaped slaves from the colonial period of the XVII century.

This community has survived in San Basilio with their practices, customs and traditions intact. They retain heavy African influences in their daily routines, as for example in their palenquera language which blends elements of Spanish with the Bantu dialects of Africa.

Upon arrival to Palenque meet a family who will teach about the local customs and way of life here. Palanquera women will teach you how to carry fruit in a head basket while walking. Also, take a walk around the community to listen to tales of religious beliefs and customs.

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## TOUR BOQUILLA – MANGROVE

Duration: 3 Hours

Included: Bilingual Guide



Arrive to the traditional fishing village of La Boquilla, to start a canoe ride for the mangrove; during the ride you will observe multiple birds, iguanas, and crabs. Return to the hotel.

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## COLOMBIA NATIONAL AVIARY



**Duration:** 4 hours

**Included:** private transfer Cartagena / National Aviary / Cartagena, bilingual guide, entrance fee, water, coffee

Located at just 1 hour by car from Cartagena, near the beautiful location of Barú, the Colombia National Aviary is the second biggest aviary in all Latin America, and number 6 in the world. This fascinating place, with its unique flora and fauna and the replication of three different ecosystems of the country, is a great testimony of Colombia's biodiversity.

Here you will have the chance to see an incredible amount of birds' species, some of them very rare; indeed, Colombia is the first country in the world in terms of birds' species diversity.

Take a guided walking tour through the ecological paths with different ecosystems (humid tropical jungle, desert, coast) that the aviary offers; discover and appreciate the typical birds of our beloved Colombia such as the Harpy Eagle, the Caribbean Toucan, the Pink Flamingo, parrots and many more; snap great pictures. You can choose among more than 138 species, 1800 specimens and 21 different exhibitions.

At the end of the tour, enjoy a typical Colombian coffee before heading back to Cartagena.

## ROSARIO & BARU ISLANDS 3 DAYS / 2 NIGHTS



The Rosario and San Bernardo Corals National Park is located in the Caribbean Sea, 45km southeast of Cartagena's bay at approximately one-hour away by boat. The average year-round temperature is 24.7°C. This is one of 46 national parks in Colombia and it was created to protect one of the most important coral reefs bordering the Colombian Caribbean coastline. The park comprises 120,000 hectares and extends from the underwater platform and coral reefs west of Barú Island, the Nuestra Señora del Rosario and San Bernardo archipelagos reefs and the underwater platform in-between them, to the Tesoro [Treasure], Rosario, Múcura and Maravilla Islands.

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Barú Island is next to the Rosario National Park at approximately 40 minutes from Cartagena's bay by boat or three-hour drive by land. Within its 7,000 hectares are the beautiful towns of Ararca, Santa Ana and white-sandy beaches such as Playa Blanca, Punto Iguana, Playita Cholón, and Playa del Encanto. All of these are blessed with clear turquoise waters and surrounded with multicolored mangroves and dreamlike landscapes where the locals serve up and offer you delicious platters of lobster and shellfish while welcoming you to their home.

The natives of this island are descendants of the Caribes tribe who were the first inhabitants of the Rosario and Barú islands during pre-Columbian times. Later, during the colonial period the islands were inhabited by slaves, brought from Africa, who dedicated their time to fishing and collecting mollusks. Today, the islands are a must-go destination for every visitor.

### PROPOSED HOTELS

- According to package type -

ISLANDS	SUPERIOR	STANDARD
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<b>ROSARIO &amp; BARU</b>	Hotel San Pedro de Majagua	Hotel Aura Baru
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### DAY TO DAY ITINEARY

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#### DAY 1 | (meal plan \_/\_/\_ ) Cartagena – Islas del Rosario or Barú

Transfer in a regular or private boat to the hotel of your choice on the Rosario or Barú Island. After roughly 1 hour boat trip, arrival and check-in. Overnight stay.

#### DAY 2 | (meal plan B/\_/\_ ) Islas del Rosario or Barú

Free day to relax on the beach. If you are on Barú it is recommend the beaches of Playa Blanca, Playita de Cholón, Playa de los Muertos and Playa Bobo. On the Rosario islands, it is recommended to visit the reef of the archipelago of Nuestra Señora del Rosario as well as the islands of Tesoro, Múcura and Maravilla. Enjoy snorkeling and other water sports, observation of the local flora and fauna and scuba diving amongst others things. Overnight stay.

#### DAY 3 | (meal plan B/\_/\_ ) Islas del Rosario or Barú – Cartagena

In the afternoon, departure by boat to Cartagena. Upon arrival at Cartagena pier, transfer to the airport or to your hotel selected.

Note: In Barú Island Full Board option only.

## *Hotel San Pedro de Majagua*



### Level



### Address

Isla Grande, National Natural Park Of Corales Del Rosario y San Bernardo

### Location

Located on Isla Grande in the parque Nacional Natural Corales del Rosario y San Bernardo, 24 miles from Cartagena.

**Number of Rooms:** 17 rooms

### In Room Services

- Air Conditioning
- Safety deposit box
- Telephone
- TV cable
- Mini bar

### Hotel Services

- Spa
- Restaurant
- Swimming pool
- Meeting/Banquet Facilities
- Airport Shuttle, Business Center
- Laundry
- Breakfast in the Room
- Honeymoon Suite
- Currency Exchange
- Shoe Shine
- Car Rental
- Tour Desk
- Concierge Service
- Shuttle Service
- Special Diet Meals

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## ***Hotel Aura Baru***



### **Level**

N/A

### **Address**

Isla De Baru, Cartagena de Indias

### **Location**

The island can be reached from Cartagena which takes 45 minutes. The Rosario Islands are just 10 minutes away from Hotel Sport Barú.

**Number of Rooms:** 14 rooms

### **In Room Services**

- Air conditioning
- Safety box
- Mini bar



### **Hotel Services**

- Pets Allowed
- Bar
- Terrace
- Non-Smoking Rooms
- Rooms/Facilities for Disabled Guests
- Private Beach Area
- Restaurant (à la carte)
- Snack Bar
- Room service
- Massage



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## BOGOTÁ SUGGESTED TOURS

### *Architectural 4 Hours*



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Bogotá is a modern city with Colonial and Republican architecture preserved in excellent conditions.

Visit neighborhoods with houses considered national treasures built by European architects and engineers who arrived to Colombia early twentieth century. Admire representative architecture from prestigious Rogelio Salmona.

Visit traditional neighborhoods Quintal Camacho, El Nogal, La Merced, Teusaquillo and Chapinero with English-style houses.

Finally, immerse in La Candelaria, Bogotá's historical heart. Admire colonial houses and French renaissance buildings, neo-classical and neo-gothic structures. See the National Capitol, Prime Cathedral, Palace of Justice, City Hall (Lievano's Palace), and the 20th July House, where independence cry took place.

#### Visit to

- Architect Salmona works.
- Quinta Camacho, El Nogal, Teusaquillo, and Chapinero neighborhoods.
- "La Candelaria" District.





*Candelaria 4 Hours*



*Candelaria 4 Hours*

Tour begins at Bogotá's historical core, La Candelaria: Art groups and museums exhibit the most representative works of various artists.

La Candelaria's colonial architecture is perfectly preserved. Visit iconic places like the National Capitol, Prime Cathedral, Justice Palace, City Hall (Lievano Palace), and the House of 20th July where cry of independence took place.

Continue tour of your choice, visit worldwide-known Gold Museum, an extraordinary place to experience the goldsmith culture of our indigenous ancestors OR Botero Museum a must-visit place if you are delighted with artistic expressions as of Colombian 'Maestro' Botero.

Return to hotel.

Visit to

- "La Candelaria" district.
- Historic centre.
- The Gold Museum OR Botero Museum.



*Historical 4 Hours*

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Bogotá is a city that after the Spanish conquest, many churches, squares and houses were built in colonial-architectural styles. This architecture has been preserved in a handful of zones.

"La Candelaria" is a historical place for visitors. The colonial architecture is preserved; visit places that reflect Republican style, like the National Capitol, Prime Cathedral, City Hall (Lievano Palace), and the House of 20th of July where cry of independence took place.



Visit Bolivar Villa: a sample piece of rural domestic architecture from the colonial period. Finally, visit the Nineteenth-Century Museum, appreciate furniture and clothing typical of that time, is a place back in time.

**Visit to**

- "La Candelaria" district.
- Bolivar Villa.
- Nineteenth-Century Museum.





## *Monserrate Sanctuary 6 Hours*



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Tour begins at Monserrate Hill Catholic sanctuary in Bogotá. Once on summit gaze at impressive view of the city. Nearby the sanctuary, shop for religious souvenirs.

To reach summit, take the funicular railway, cable car, or hike up to the top, and watch religious sculptures on the Way of the Cross along the way. The hike option is an experience worth the effort. From funicular or cable car, immerse in scenery of exotic flora combined with view of a massive metropolis.

Descend into historical and cultural "La Candelaria" visit sites that reflect republican and colonial styles.

End tour enjoying an exquisite typical lunch from diverse local gastronomy of our country.

#### *Visit to*

- Monserrate Sanctuary.
- "La Candelaria" district.
- Enjoy typical lunch.



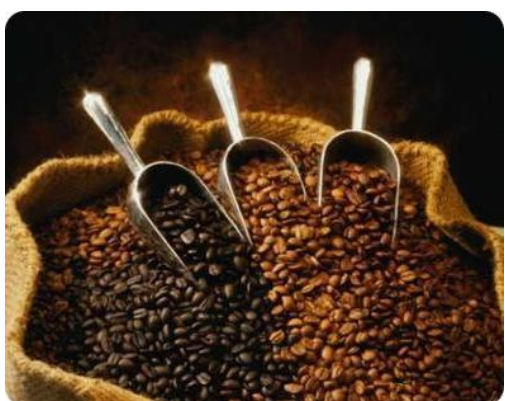


## *Coffee Plantation 8 Hours*



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Above many products such as flowers and emeralds, Colombia is internationally known for its delicious quality coffee, which is produced in several areas of the country. Discover the secrets of making the most exquisite coffee in the world. Only 2 hours from Bogotá, to the South, there are plantations of coffee beans that daily awake Colombians and foreigners with their invigorating aroma.



At "HACIENDA SANTA COLOMA" discover the coffee process, from its seeding, through its milling and packing.

Then, visit Doña Berta's orchid plantation, where you can admire the Colombian national flower.

Close this interesting tour with a delicious lunch in the cozy town of Chinauta.

#### **Visit to**

- "Hacienda Santa Coloma" – coffee plantation.
- Doña Berta orchid plantation.
- Enjoy lunch at Chinauta.







## *Zipaquira and Nemocon 8 Hours*



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Visit to beautiful towns of Zipaquira and Nemocon, where you can live a magical and unforgettable experience.

Traveling along beautiful landscapes of Bogotá Savannah, stop in Nemocon; there, visit the mine where the biggest white-crystal salt rock in history was found; full of charm and mysticism, surrounded by beautiful lit brine pools.



Then, enjoy a delicious typical lunch of our exquisite native cuisine.

Finally, visit amazing Salt Cathedral in Zipaquira to live a fantastic, unforgettable adventure. Visit historic-architectural and religious marvel 180mts underground-breathtaking Salt Cathedral carved in a salt mine. Enjoy attractions like Convention Center and Coffee bar, where you can enjoy a delicious Colombian-coffee.

#### Visit to



Savannah of Bogotá.

Nemocon.

Enjoy typical lunch at countryside restaurant.

Zipaquira: The Salt Cathedral.

## *Guatavita 4 Hours*



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Begin tour from Bogotá, heading north travel through beautiful landscapes of Bogotá Savannah. Make stops to appreciate views of the region. "La Calera" is a favorite place to have panoramic view of the city.

Afterwards, arrive at New Guatavita, a town with unique architecture, nearby Tomine's reservoir. Visit mystical Guatavita Lagoon to relive El Dorado's legend, hear stories about the gold fever and appreciate emblematic ceremonies and offerings by Muisca people to their gods in this magical place.

Hike through path surrounding the lagoon, stop at viewpoints to admire all beauty and magnificence of this mysterious place. It is said that a lost city hides underneath its waters.

#### **Visit to**

- Bogotá Savannah.
- "La Calera" viewpoint.
- New Guatavita town.
- Guatavita Lagoon: "El Dorado" legend.



*Nemocon 4 Hours*

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Nemocon, 50kmts from Bogotá, lays an unforgettable underground spectacle. The mine is a 60mts adventure with fascinating routes. Begin tour heading north through beautiful Savannah landscapes. In Nemocon, drive through main park and see its colonial architecture, San Francisco church and Town Hall.



Nemocon’s mine is a monumental place: A 30mts high-roof at 60mts underground. Then, get 3mts deeper to see beautiful water-mirrors, with magnifying effects. See historical sculpture known as Nemocon’s heart, a huge white-crystal salt-rock constantly lit by soft red lights that make it look spectacular.

**Visit to**

- Bogotá Savannah
- Nemocon’s colonial architecture
- Nemocon salt mine







## *Zipaquira 4 Hours*



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Begin tour North of Bogotá, drive through "La Caro", Bogotá's entrance gate.

Zipaquira is a well-known town and famous worldwide for hosting one of Colombia's Marvels. There, lies a majestic salt-mine Cathedral buried 180mts underground.

This amazing place is famous for its religious, cultural and architectural value. The mine's interior is decorated with lights in the tunnels lighting up the fourteen stages of the Way of the Cross. Enjoy attractions like the Miner's route, Water Mirror, Convention Center and the Coffee bar, to have a delicious Colombian coffee 180mts underground.

Afterwards, see "San Antonio" Cathedral, and a panoramic view of colonial architecture in Zipaquira's heart.

#### Visit to

- "La Caro" entrance to Bogotá
- Zipaquira's underground salt-mine and Cathedral
- Panoramic view of colonial Zipaquira







## *Chicaque Park 8 Hours*



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Chicaque Park is located 50 minutes from Bogotá. It's a perfect forest for nature and hiking lovers. Be amazed with impressive waterfalls, forests, tiny animals like squirrels and sloths, and perfect viewpoints to gaze at the natural beauty of one of Colombia's most impressive parks.

At Chicaque you find seven types of forests inhabited by thousands of plant species, more than 200 species of birds, around 20 species of mammals and over 18km of beautiful paths to hike. If you prefer, travel around on horseback.

Enjoy a typical lunch of Creole cuisine in a beautiful restaurant in the middle of the park.

#### *Visit to*

- Chicaque National Park.



## *Zipaquira and Guatavita 8 Hours*



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Travel through beautiful landscapes of Bogotá Savannah. Visit mystical Guatavita lagoon to relive El Dorado's legend, hear stories about gold fever, and appreciate emblematic offerings that Muisca people gave their gods in this magical place. Hike through path surrounding the lagoon.

Visit Sopo, a perfect place for dessert lovers. Visit to Alpina, Colombia's biggest dairy factory. In Alpina's store enjoy cheeses, desserts, and delicious drinks; then enjoy a delicious typical lunch from our cuisine.

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#### *Visit to*

- Savannah of Bogotá.
- Guatavita Lagoon: "El Dorado" legend.
- Sopo: Alpina's dairy factory.
- Enjoy typical lunch at countryside restaurant.
- Zipaquira: The Salt Cathedral.



## *Villa De Leyva 12 Hours*



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Villa de Leyva is an important historical village of Colombia, located 40km west from Tunja.

Iconic and preserved colonial architecture of Villa de Leyva are: the Cathedral, Antonio Nariño museum, San Francisco convent, the Cloister of San Agustín. The archeological Museum exhibits a kronosaurus found in 1977.

Option 1: Travel through Ubaté, Fuquene lagoon, Chiquinquirá, Ráquira, Tinjacá, and Villa de Leyva; at the end of tour, get back to Bogotá via Tunja.

Option 2: Driving Northbound, visit El Sisga's reservoir, Tunja, Ráquira, and Villa de Leyva. Visit Main Square, Fossil museum and Ain Karim vineyard. Then, back to Bogotá on the North highway.

#### Visit to

- Historical village Villa de Leyva.
- Archeological museum.
- Boyaca's capital city Tunja and surrounding small towns and villages.







*Bike Tour*

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Discover Colombia's capital city on a bike tour. Bogotá has over 300km of bicycle-riding routes spread throughout the city in all directions. It is a good way to discover authentic typical sightseeing places. Our tour will take us through the most representative sites at "La Candelaria" district historic centre, where we can appreciate the Colonial and Republican architectural features, as well as unveiling the stories hidden behind their walls.



Visit to

- › Cycling routes
- › La Candelaria' district







*Bar Hopping 6 Hours*



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Visit some of the most prestigious and exclusive nightlife zones: 93rd Street Park, Pink Zone, Usaquen and “T” Zone. There, we will visit several bars where you can enjoy all types of music and rhythms that rock Bogotá until dawn. Some of the bars to visit are: Pravda in the “T” Zone, Marmara, El Sitio on 93rd Street Park, Bogotá Beer Company, famous vallenato singer Carlos Vives’ Gaira restaurant or ‘La Tienda del Café’ in Usaquen.



To close tour, visit two of the most happening nightclubs in the city: Andres DC, Salto del Ángel, or if you prefer something typical with live tropical music, end up in "Café y Libro".

Visit to

- 93rd Street Zone
- Pink Zone
- "T" Zone
- Usaquen





### *Coffee Tasting 5 Hours*



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In this gourmet tour, you will have the chance to get in-depth into the magical world of the best soft coffee in the world: Colombian coffee. The tasting tour consists of a lecture about the coffee culture, followed by a visit to the grinding and roasting. After getting to know the coffee process, you will taste diverse varieties of national coffee flavors. To close this spectacular tour, we'll take you to a Latte Art show.

### *Colombian Emeralds 4 Hours*



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Green is a color that identifies Colombia. We see it in large farmlands, mountains and natural reservations; in the Amazon rainforest, and vegetation around both Pacific and Atlantic Oceans.

Colombia is also identified with a glossy-green unseen at first sight. In the Oriental range of the Andes specifically in Boyaca and Cundinamarca regions.

Colombian emeralds are the world's finest. Meet expert Mauricio Martinez, who shows how to value emeralds and recognize their quality. Have a unique opportunity to witness the process from collecting the gem in the mine to sculpting it into a jewel.

He will also assist you in buying a unique, genuine and certified Colombian emerald.



## *Farmers Market and Handicrafts 6 Hours*



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Colombia stands out worldwide for its huge variety and high quality handicrafts. It is also known for its great variety of delicious and exotic fruits and vegetables. In Bogotá, have an exceptional tour starting at the traditional Paloquemao Farmers' Market. There, you will be amazed at the diversity and low prices of a huge variety of fruits and vegetables. Also, be surprised with all kinds of stunning flowers cultivated in the Savannah of Bogotá and exported to the world.

After tasting delicious fruit appetizers, have lunch with an irresistible typical dish from the distinctive gastronomy of Bogotá.

End tour visiting the best shops with handicrafts from Colombia.

### *Visit to*

Paloquemao Farmers' Market.  
Handicrafts shops.