



Tailor-Made Itinerary – Florian





Introduction

Colombia is where the Andes, Amazon, and Caribbean converge—home to more bird species than anywhere else on Earth. For this two-week journey in January 2026, you'll travel as a couple, blending boutique hotels and eco-lodges, with the comfort of a private driver-guide. Your indicative budget is €2500 per person. This program is crafted for seamless discovery, comfort, and authentic experiences in Colombia's most captivating regions.



Why Colombia?

Colombia offers a vibrant mix of cities, lush coffee regions, wild Caribbean coasts, and authentic villages—ideal for couples seeking variety and inspiration. January is dry season in most regions, perfect for both highlands and tropics. The country's boutique hotel and eco-lodge scene is thriving, and a driver-guide ensures flexible, insightful, and stress-free travel across Colombia's diverse landscapes.



Custom Program



Day 1: Arrival in Bogotá

- **Morning:** Arrival at El Dorado International Airport. Private transfer

(~40 min) to your hotel in La Candelaria. Early check-in if available.

- **Afternoon:** Gentle stroll through cobbled streets; visit the Gold Museum or Botero Museum (both centrally located).
- **Evening:** Dinner at a contemporary Colombian restaurant in the old town.
- **Highlight:** First taste of Bogotá's vibrant café culture.
- **Hotel options:**
 - **Hotel de la Opera** (Boutique, La Candelaria): Elegant colonial style, spa, and rooftop views; from €180/night.
 - **Casa Legado** (Luxury boutique, Quinta Camacho): Chic, homey atmosphere in a leafy neighborhood; from €220/night.
 - **Hotel Casa Deco** (Boutique, La Candelaria): Art Deco charm, colorful rooms, warm service; from €120/night.

ALTITUDE: Bogotá sits at 2,600 m. Take it easy on arrival, stay hydrated, and avoid strenuous activity for the first 24 hours.

TIP: Try ajiaco, Bogotá's signature soup—perfect for acclimatization and comfort.

Day 2: Bogotá & Surroundings

- **Morning:** Ride the cable car up to Monserrate for panoramic city views (avoid rushing—altitude is 3,150 m).
- **Afternoon:** Private street art tour in La Candelaria *or* excursion to Zipaquirá Salt Cathedral (Private transfer: 1h15 each way).

- **Evening:** Explore Zona G for innovative gastronomy.
- **Highlight:** Immersive street art walk with a local artist guide (La Candelaria): Discover Bogotá's social history through murals and graffiti.
- **Hotel options:** Same hotel options as Day 1.

TIP: If sensitive to altitude, opt for the street art tour over Monserrate or Zipaquirá on your first full day.

Day 3: Bogotá to Coffee Region (Armenia or Pereira)

- **Morning:** Private transfer to airport (~40 min), domestic flight to Armenia or Pereira (~1h).
- **Afternoon:** Private transfer (~45 min) to a coffee finca eco-lodge. Welcome coffee tasting and orientation to the region.
- **Evening:** Relax in lush gardens, dinner at the lodge.
- **Highlight:** Immersive stay on a working coffee estate: Learn about bean-to-cup processes with local experts.
- **Hotel options:**
 - **Hacienda Bambusa** (Luxury eco-lodge, near Armenia): Serene setting, gourmet cuisine, pool; from €200/night.
 - **Hotel Boutique Sazagua** (Boutique, near Pereira): Lush gardens, spa, artful design; from €180/night.
 - **Finca El Ocaso** (Eco-lodge, near Salento): Authentic coffee farm experience, rustic-chic rooms; from €130/night.

TIP: Domestic flights have luggage limits (15–20 kg); use soft bags for ease.

Day 4: Coffee Region – Valle de Cocora & Salento

- **Morning:** 4×4 transfer (~1h) to Valle de Cocora; guided hike among the world's tallest wax palms (choose 2–4h route).
- **Afternoon:** Explore colorful Salento village, artisan shops, and coffee shops.
- **Evening:** Return to lodge, optional spa or pool time.
- **Highlight:** Cocora Valley hike: Walk beneath towering wax palms and spot hummingbirds in misty cloud forest.
- **Hotel options:** Same hotel options as Day 3.

TIP: Bring a light rain jacket and sturdy shoes—weather can change quickly in the valley.

Day 5: Coffee Region – Coffee & Culture

- **Morning:** Guided coffee process tour and tasting at the finca.
- **Afternoon:** Optional horseback ride through coffee fields *or* visit to Filandia, a less-touristy colonial town (Private transfer: 40 min).
- **Evening:** Dinner with local flavors at the lodge.
- **Highlight:** Coffee workshop: Pick, roast, and brew your own cup with local farmers.
- **Hotel options:** Same hotel options as Day 3.

TIP: Filandia's mirador offers panoramic views of the coffee landscape—don't miss sunset if you visit.

Day 6: Coffee Region to Medellín

- **Morning:** Private transfer to airport (~45 min), flight to Medellín (~1h).
- **Afternoon:** Private transfer (~1h) to boutique hotel in El Poblado or Laureles.
- **Evening:** Explore Medellín's culinary scene—try fusion cuisine or rooftop cocktails.
- **Highlight:** Medellín's "City of Eternal Spring" vibe: Lush greenery, mild climate, and creative energy.
- **Hotel options:**
 - **Patio del Mundo** (Boutique, El Poblado): French-Colombian charm, lush gardens; from €180/night.
 - **Click Clack Hotel Medellín** (Design boutique, El Poblado): Trendy, urban, rooftop pool; from €150/night.
 - **EcoHub Hotel** (Eco-lodge, Laureles): Sustainable design, relaxed vibe; from €120/night.

TIP: El Poblado is lively and central; Laureles is quieter and more local—choose based on your preferred atmosphere.

Day 7: Medellín – Urban Transformation

- **Morning:** Guided tour of Comuna 13, including street art and cable

car ride for city panoramas.

- **Afternoon:** Visit Plaza Botero and Museum of Antioquia.
- **Evening:** Tapas and live music in Laureles.
- **Highlight:** Comuna 13 transformation tour: Learn how art and innovation have reshaped the city's most famous neighborhood.
- **Hotel options:** Same hotel options as Day 6.

TIP: Book a local guide for Comuna 13 to gain deeper insight and support the community.

Day 8: Day Trip to Guatapé

- **Morning:** Private transfer to Guatapé (~2h), climb El Peñol rock (740 steps) for spectacular views.
- **Afternoon:** Explore Guatapé's vibrant streets, lakeside lunch, optional boat ride on the reservoir.
- **Evening:** Return to Medellín (~2h).
- **Highlight:** El Peñol climb: 360° vistas over turquoise lakes and islets.
- **Hotel options:** Same hotel options as Day 6.

TIP: Bring sun protection and water for the climb; Guatapé's colorful zócalos make for great photos.

Day 9: Medellín to Santa Marta (Caribbean Coast)

- **Morning:** Private transfer to airport (~1h), flight to Santa Marta (~1h).
- **Afternoon:** Private transfer (~1h) to eco-lodge near Tayrona National

Park.

- **Evening:** Dinner with Caribbean flavors, relax by the pool or beach.
- **Highlight:** Arrival at the lush Caribbean coast: Swaying palms, warm breezes, and the sound of the sea.
- **Hotel options:**
 - **Cayena Beach Villa** (Boutique, near Tayrona): Intimate, beachfront, personalized service; from €220/night.
 - **Ecohabs Tayrona** (Eco-lodge, Tayrona Park): Thatched cabins, sea views, direct park access; from €180/night.
 - **Villa Playa Los Naranjos** (Boutique, near river mouth): Tranquil, riverside, lush gardens; from €150/night.

TIP: Tayrona Park lodges fill up quickly in January—book early for best options.

Day 10: Tayrona National Park

- **Morning:** Guided hike in Tayrona Park (choose easy or moderate trail, 2–5h; wildlife and sea views).
- **Afternoon:** Swim and relax at palm-fringed beaches (Cabo San Juan or La Piscina).
- **Evening:** Sunset drinks at the lodge.
- **Highlight:** Tayrona jungle-to-sea hike: Spot monkeys, toucans, and iguanas en route to pristine beaches.
- **Hotel options:** Same hotel options as Day 9.

TIP: Park entry requires advance booking in high season; bring passport and cash for entry fees.

Day 11: Free Day – Caribbean Leisure

- **Morning:** Optional yoga, birdwatching, or spa treatments at the lodge.
- **Afternoon:** Visit a local fishing village (e.g., Taganga) or enjoy the beach.
- **Evening:** Seafood dinner under the stars.
- **Highlight:** Unwinding in a tropical paradise: Hammocks, fresh fruit, and the sound of waves.
- **Hotel options:** Same hotel options as Day 9.

TIP: Add a private boat trip to hidden beaches or a guided birdwatching walk for a unique touch.

Day 12: Santa Marta to Cartagena

- **Morning:** Private transfer to Cartagena (~4–5h along the scenic Caribbean coast; stops at viewpoints or Palenque possible).
- **Afternoon:** Arrive and check in to boutique hotel in Cartagena's historic center.
- **Evening:** Evening walk along the city walls, dinner in a colonial courtyard.
- **Highlight:** First glimpse of Cartagena's magical old town: Balconies,

bougainvillea, and horse-drawn carriages.

- **Hotel options:**

- **Casa San Agustín** (Luxury boutique, Old Town): Restored colonial mansion, pool, refined service; from €300/night.
- **Anandá Hotel Boutique** (Boutique, Old Town): Rooftop pool, romantic ambiance; from €220/night.
- **Casa Lola** (Boutique, Getsemaní): Eclectic design, rooftop terrace, lively neighborhood; from €180/night.

TIP: For a faster transfer, a short domestic flight is possible (Santa Marta–Cartagena), but the road offers scenic and cultural stops.

Day 13: Cartagena – Colonial Charm

- **Morning:** Guided walking tour of Cartagena's UNESCO-listed old town (history, architecture, hidden courtyards).
- **Afternoon:** Free time for shopping, museums, or rooftop pool relaxation.
- **Evening:** Salsa night or sunset drinks overlooking the Caribbean.
- **Highlight:** Private salsa class in a historic mansion: Learn basic steps with a local instructor.
- **Hotel options:** Same hotel options as Day 12.

TIP: Cartagena's rooftops offer the best sunset views—reserve a table in advance for a memorable evening.

Day 14: Departure

- **Morning:** Last stroll or breakfast in Cartagena's old town.
- **Afternoon:** Private transfer to airport (~20 min) for international flight.
- **Highlight:** Farewell to Colombia's Caribbean magic.
- **Hotel options:** Day-use room possible if late flight (from €80–€120).

TIP: If your flight departs late, consider a spa treatment or lunch at a rooftop restaurant before heading to the airport.

Customizable Options

- Upgrade to private expert guides for city tours or nature hikes.
- Wellness day: spa treatments or yoga sessions at eco-lodges.
- Private boat day to Rosario Islands from Cartagena.
- Hands-on cooking class with a local chef (Cartagena or Medellín).
- Specialty birdwatching or wildlife excursions in the Coffee Region or Caribbean.
- Romantic rooftop dinners or sunset cruises for couples.

Practical Info & Budget

- **Comfort:** Boutique hotels and eco-lodges, mid- to upper-midrange comfort.
- **Indicative budget:** €2500 per person (excluding international flights),

based on double occupancy. Includes: domestic flights (3–4), private transfers with driver-guide, quality lodging (€130–€250/night), guided activities, and some meals. Excludes: international flights, most lunches/dinners, personal expenses.

- **Seasonal notes:** January is dry season in most regions (ideal for travel), but Tayrona Park and Cartagena can be busy—book early. Some Caribbean lodges have minimum stays or higher rates in high season.
- **Altitude:** Bogotá is at 2,600 m; mild acclimatization may be needed on arrival.
- **Luggage:** Soft bags preferred for domestic flights; pack for varied climates (mountain, jungle, coast).
- **Budget note:** With current comfort and routing, €2500pp is feasible for midrange options, but boutique/luxury upgrades or many private tours could require a higher budget—consider prioritizing key experiences if needed.
- **TBD:** Exact dates, international flight details, and special interests for final customization.

ALTITUDE: Allow at least 24h to acclimatize in Bogotá before strenuous activity. Drink plenty of water, avoid alcohol, and eat light meals on arrival.

TIP: Credit cards are widely accepted in cities, but bring cash for remote areas and park entrances.

Item

Estimated Cost (per person)

13 nights boutique/eco-lodge accommodation	€1,800
Domestic flights (3 segments)	€220
Private transfers & driver-guide	€250
Guided activities & entrance fees	€180
Meals (breakfasts + selected dinner)	€50
Contingency & tips	€0
Total Estimated Cost	€2,500

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