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Colombia, Land of Salsa 7 days - 6 nights Bogota, Cali, Medellin Music, Dance, Culture, Fun

### Cali

Cali, founded in 1536, can be explored on foot: walk under the shade of trees along the riverbank, admire the architecture of churches and other national monuments, and visit the city's many museums. In Cali, travelers can enjoy music festivals, learn about sugarcane farming, and take in the mountainous landscapes. Cali is known as the World Capital of Salsa due to the cheerful nature and the passion that the Calenos dance this frenetic rhythm. Salsa dancing may seem difficult, especially when it's performed by master pairs and dance groups that have spent years perfecting their movement, coordination, and speed. There are numerous opportunities in Cali for visitors to try this energetic dance, as there are a number of dance academies and schools offering lessons tailor-made for beginners.

### Medellin

Medellín, capital of Antioquia department, has a pleasant climate of around 75°F; offers modern transport systems like Metro and Metro Cable, and an efficient infrastructure which has allowed it to host world-class events. Located in a valley surrounded by mountains, this city is always friendly to visitors. In 2012 the city won the title of "City of the Year": a competition organized by the US newspaper Wall Street Journal and the Citi Group. Known by Colombians as 'The City of the Eternal Spring,' Medellin was chosen for its progress, potential, "rich culture and impressive strides in urban development

## Day 1: Bogota

After clearing customs and immigration at El Dorado International Airport you will be met and assisted on your transfer to the selected hotel. Remainder of the day on own to relax or explore the surroundings of your hotel. Later today enjoy your first Class of Salsa with a professional teacher. Back to the hotel, your evening will be at leisure. Overnight in Bogota.

**Note**: In order to take advantage of the night life, we suggest that your arrival day in Bogota is on a Wednesday.

We may change the order of the itinerary to match the activities and shows the best possible way. If the Salsa attractions suggested are not available, we'll replace them with a Salsa club.

## Day 2: Bogota

After breakfast depart on comprehensive tour of the city that will show you the highlights of the Colombian capital. See the Plaza de Bolivar, the historical center of Bogota surrounded by Colombia's Primary Cathedral, National Capitol, Archbishop's Palace, Palace of Justice, Liévano Palace - greater Bogota City Hall - passing by the Palace of Nariño, official residence of the head of State, Palacio de San Carlos and residence and Government seat of Simón Bolívar. Visit the Gold Museum (\*), that displays a great collection of Hispanic and Pre-Colombian world jewelry crafted in gold and tumbaga (an alloy of gold and copper). Then walk through the Candelaria quarter, declared a national monument, with its steep, narrow streets, mansions and balconies which are the heritage and the living memory of colonial architecture. Afternoon at leisure to relax. Later your guide will meet with you to take you to a typical Salsa club. Overnight in Bogota [B]

## Day 3: Bogota, Cali

After breakfast, depart Bogota for your flight to Cali. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel. In the afternoon your local guide will pick you up to take you to a city tour where you see the highlights of Cali. You pass by River Avenue, Belalcazar statue, The Cathedral, Cristo Rey Pacha Mama. We ended up in San Antonio to walk through the traditional neighborhood and buy handicrafts in the Loma de

<sup>\*</sup> Gold Museum is closed on Mondays.

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la Cruz. Then head to a Salsa school for a one hour class, to perfect your dancing skills. Later tonight, depart to your Salsa Club Tienda Vieja with your tour guide. Overnight in Cali. [B]

## Day 4: Cali

Day at leisure to explore Cali on own, or to take another Salsa Class. Get ready for an incredible dinner and Salsa Night at Delirio or Ensalsate (\*\*). Overnight in Cali. [B/D]

\*\*Delirio show in Cali is only available every last Friday of the month

Ensalsate show is only available once a month. If the Salsa shows suggested are not available, we'll replace them with a Salsa club.

# Day 5: Cali, Medellin

At agreed time, transfer to the airport to board your flight to Bogota with connection to Medellin. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel.

In the afternoon your tour guide will show you the highlights of Medellin. Start at El Poblado, head to 'La Milla de Oro', which is the financial sector of the city. Here we will find the Square 'Parque de El Poblado' where the City was born. The next stop will be at the Sculptures' Square, just outside of Museo de Antioquia to admire the twenty-three statues donated to the city by Fernando Botero. In this area we will also see Palacio de la Cultura; a gothic style building that houses the Hotel Nutibara - the first luxury hotel in the city, constructed in 1945. Finally, after a short stop at the los Pies Descalzos square, go up the hill of Cerro Nutibara to visit the life-sized replica of a typical village of the region called Pueblito Paisa. There you can enjoy a panoramic view of the city) and the surrounding mountains. Overnight in Madellin [B]

## Day 6: Medellin

Day at leisure to relax and explore Medellin on your own. Later today depart for your Salsa Class. Evening at leisure. Overnight in Medellin [B]

### Day 7: Medellin, USA

Day at leisure. At agreed time transfer to the airport to board your flight to the USA, or to your next destination [B]

[B] = Breakfast | [B/D] = Breakfast and Dinner

## Your Tour includes:

- Round trip transfers
- 6 nights accommodation in standard rooms at hotels of preference
  - o Bogota 2 nights
  - o Cali 2 nights
  - o Medellin 2 nights
- Meals
  - o Daily breakfast
  - o 1 dinner
- One hour long private Salsa classes with English speaking teachers
- All tours and activities are a combination of shared and private services

- Assistance by English speaking guides/teachers
- All entrance fees to attractions and clubs
- All hotel taxes

#### Tour does not include:

- International or domestic air tickets
- Early check-in or late checkout at hotels
- Services and food not listed in the itinerary
- Beverages during the meals
- Hotel extras, and personal expenses.
- Tips for guides, drivers, and in restaurants

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**Hotels in your Tour:** 

Location	Hotel Name	Tripadvisor	
First Class			
Bogota	Hotel Parque Suites 97	4.5	
Cali	Hotel MS Chipichape Superior Al Norte	3.5	
Medellin	Hotel Poblado Plaza	4.5	
Deluxe			
Bogota	NH Collection Bogota Andino Royal	4.5	
Cali	Hotel Spiwak Cali	4.5	
Medellin	Hotel Park 10	4.5	

All hotels are subject to confirmation at the time of booking

### **Tour Prices:**

Category	Double	
First Class	\$1,199	
Deluxe	\$1,335	

Rates are minimum per person sharing a room and may change without notice. Rates may change depending on the date of travel.

Prices for single room or for 3 passengers sharing a room are available on request Valid through 20 December 2020. Not valid for Holidays and big Conventions. Other blackout dates may apply.

Car and guide available for 5 hours for night tours from 8pm to 1 am.

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