



Signature Sabbatical Itinerary: Epic Colombia

# Introducing LiNGER

We are an independent travel company, specialising in tailor-made sabbatical travel and extended holidays throughout the world.

Whether you are a solo traveller on holiday, a family with children on sabbatical, friends seeking an epic break or a couple celebrating a milestone, we would be thrilled to plan your trip.

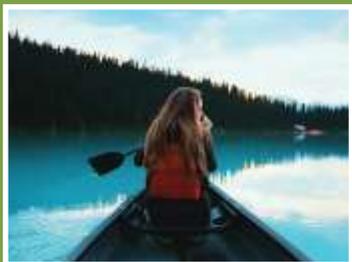
LiNGER was born out of a passion for travel and a desire to do a little more to help protect our planet. Our philosophy is to engage you in a richly authentic and contrasting travel experience which balances meaningful, active and altruistic experiences.

Our travellers LiNGER longer, travel responsibly, immerse themselves in the culture, absorb, engage and explore.

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# Introducing Colombia

Colombia is one of South America's most exciting and diverse countries. From the snow-capped Andes and high-altitude paramos, past the emerald Zona Cafetera and Los Llanos grasslands, down to palm-fringed beaches of the Caribbean and Pacific Coast, no two areas are the same. This huge range of altitudes makes it the second most biodiverse country in the world (after Brazil), with an almost-unbelievable range of birds, mammals and amphibians, many of them endemic.

Come to see cotton-top tamarins, critically endangered Orinoco crocodiles and giant anteaters. Culture wise, the country packs a punch too, with cobbled colonial towns, indigenous communities and vibrant, sprawling cities. There are ancient cities enshrouded in jungle, too. It's a country with everything: a place for adventurers and explorers, history buffs and wildlife lovers. And the tropical offshore islands give you your fix of relaxation.

## How to Get to Colombia

You can travel overland from neighbouring countries Ecuador, Peru, Brazil and Venezuela. If you're flying in from overseas, you'll likely jet into Bogota, the main hub for the country. There are over 168 other airports, both international and domestic, which you can hop between, including Cartagena, Cali and Medellín. You can fly direct to Bogota from London; approx. 13 hours. Most flights go via Europe or the US's major cities though. Direct flight times from the US range from 5-9 hours.

If you don't want to fly around, the best way to travel is by long-distance intercity buses, but be warned: distances are huge. Once you enter the jungle provinces of Choco and Amazonas, you'll zip about by boat.

## When & Weather – Colombia

The weather in Colombia is tropical, determined by region and altitude rather than season. The coastal and lowland regions are warm and tropical; Bogota and the highlands are relatively cool, while the Caribbean Coast and Medellin are hot and dry all year. Peak Season is December to March and July to August; April to June

and October to November are generally wetter months. Temperatures range between 17°C (62°F) and 24°C (75°F).

## Who will Colombia Appeal To?

The country's incredible wildlife, rich culture and stunning natural landscapes are best suited to: Adventure seekers - active travellers - wildlife enthusiasts - culture vultures - beach lovers - solo travellers - Photographers

## Accommodation

We work with authentic fincas, laidback guesthouses, colonial city hotels, eco lodges, boutique hotels and beach casitas.

## Off The Beaten Path

San Basilio de Palenque was the first free slave town in the Americas; its unique culture and history will always stay with you.

Surf down the giant Taroa dunes in the wild Guajira desert, the northernmost point of South America.

## Wildlife

Colombia is home to more bird species than any other country on the planet and has the largest number of amphibians in the world. Jaguar, puma and ocelot slink through Santa Marta's Sierra Nevada, with 22 endemic bird species. Humpback whales migrate along the Pacific Coast during June to October every year.

## Colombia Experiences you shouldn't miss

Step back in time in Cartagena, where colonial architecture meets the Caribbean

Hike to the ancient Ciudad Perdida (Lost City)

Amble through cobbled plazas of Villa de Leyva and Barichara

Go whale-watching along the untouched Pacific coastline



## Life Experiences & Encounters in Colombia



# Colombia - Journey Map



# Flight Details

Day	Airline & Flight Number	Departure City	Departure	Arrival City	Arrival	Class	Baggage	Journey Time
1				BOGOTA		TBC		
1		BOGOTA		SANTA MARTA		ECONOMY		1 HR 30 MINS
30		BOGOTA		LA MACARENA		ECONOMY		1 HR
33		LA MACARENA		BOGOTA		ECONOMY		1 HR
33		BOGOTA		ARMENIA		ECONOMY		54 MINS
52		MEDELLIN		BAHIA SOLANO		ECONOMY		45 MINS
57		BAHIA SOLANO		MEDELLIN		ECONOMY		1 HR 07 MINS
57		MEDELLIN		CARTAGENA		ECONOMY		1 HR 02 MINS
61		CARTAGENA				TBC		

# Your trip in a nutshell

## Day 1

Land in Bogota & fly to Santa Marta. Check into your seafront hotel for a 4-night stay. *Hotel Casa Tayrona Los Naranjos*

## Day 2

Trek to hidden beaches in Tayrona National Park.  
*Hotel Casa Tayrona Los Naranjos*

## Day 3

Day at leisure in Tayrona.  
*Hotel Casa Tayrona Los Naranjos*

## Day 4

River tubing on the Don Diego River.  
*Hotel Casa Tayrona Los Naranjos*

## Day 5

Drive to El Dorado Birding Reserve, stopping at a family-run hacienda to learn about coffee production. *Hotel Reserva El Dorado*

## Day 6

Full day of birdwatching in the El Dorado Reserve.  
*Hotel Reserva El Dorado*

## Day 7

Full day of birdwatching in the forests of the Sierra Nevada.  
*Hotel Reserva El Dorado*

## Day 8

Drive to the Caribbean city of Santa Marta and check in for 2 nights.  
*Hotel Boutique Placita Vieja*

## Day 9

Wildlife watching in the Cienega Grande de Santa Marta wetlands.  
*Hotel Boutique Placita Vieja*

## Day 10

Visit Aracataca, former home of Colombian author Gabriel Garcia Marquez. Continue to Mompox by road. *Bioma Boutique Hotel*

## Day 11

Guided walk through Mompox, exploring historical highlights of this colonial gem.  
*Bioma Boutique Hotel*

## Day 12

Boat journey along the Magdalena River. Look out for bird and reptile species.  
*Bioma Boutique Hotel*

## Day 13

Drive to Ocaña and spend the rest of the day at leisure.  
*Doña María Hotel Boutique*

## Day 14

Drive to your glamping site near the incredible Chicamocha Canyon. Check in for 2 nights. *Canyon Lodge Glamping*

## Day 15

Full-day exploring Chicamocha Canyon and enjoying the views.  
*Canyon Lodge Glamping*

## Day 16

3-hour drive to the laidback town of Barichara. Check in for 4 nights.  
*Hotel Casa Yahri*

## Day 17

Highlights of Barichara and hike to the colonial village of Guane.  
*Hotel Casa Yahri*

## Day 18

Mountain biking adventure through the Suarez Canyon.  
*Hotel Casa Yahri*

## Day 19

White water rafting along the Chicamocha River.  
*Hotel Casa Yahri*

## Day 20

Travel by road to Villa de Leyva and check in for 4 nights.  
*Hotel Casa Terra*

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## Day 21

Highlights of Villa de Leyva and Colombian chocolate tasting.  
*Hotel Casa Terra*

## Day 22

Hands-on pottery class and local wine tasting.  
*Hotel Casa Terra*

## Day 23

Day at leisure in the historic town of Villa de Leyva.  
*Hotel Casa Terra*

## Day 24

Travel by road to the Orinoco watershed for a safari-style stay on the savanna.  
*Savanna Orinoquia Lodge*

## Day 25

Wildlife & bird watching on the savanna with afternoon horseback ride along the riverbed. *Savanna Orinoquia Lodge*

## Day 26

Bongo canoeing experience on the Cavo Sur River & evening bonfire.  
*Savanna Orinoquia Lodge*

## Day 27

Drive to Bogota and check in for a 3-night stay in the capital.  
*Hotel B.O.G*

## Day 28

Sample food at Paloquemao Market, explore the historic centre and take the funicular railway to Monserrate. *Hotel B.O.G*

## Day 29

Day at leisure in Bogota.  
*Hotel B.O.G*

## Day 30

Fly to La Macarena. Boat to the red rivers of Caño Cristalitos and check in for 3 nights. *La Manigua Lodge*

## Day 31

Hike, swim, and admire the nature of Sierra de la Macarena National Park.  
*La Manigua Lodge*

## Day 32

Visit ancient petroglyphs and discover windswept rock formations in the City of Stone. *La Manigua Lodge*

## Day 33

Final horseback excursion in La Macarena. Fly to the Coffee Triangle and check in for 4 nights. *Hacienda Bambusa*

## Day 34

Morning hike through the 500-acre grounds at the hacienda, finished off with a chocolate tasting. *Hacienda Bambusa*

## Day 35-36

Days at leisure to explore the coffee triangle.  
*Hacienda Bambusa*

## Day 37

Self-drive to Salento via charming Colombian towns, enjoying spectacular views all day. *Hotel Terasu*

## Day 38

Traditional bamboo rafting on La Vieja River.  
*Hotel Terasu*

## Day 39

Drive to Filandia and explore this relaxed town, before dropping off your rental car and continuing to your hacienda with a guide. *Hacienda Venecia*

## Day 40

Coffee tour and tasting at Hacienda Venecia.  
*Hacienda Venecia*

## Day 41

Scenic drive to Manizales and hike or horseback ride to your hacienda in the mountains. *Hacienda Termales La Quinta*

# Your trip in a nutshell

## Day 42

Day at leisure with a guide at your disposal. Soak in thermal waters or ride horses along mountain trails. *Hacienda Termales La Quinta*

## Day 43

Drive through the mountains to Salamina, the City of Eternal Lights. *Hospedaje Las Marias Guesthouse*

## Day 44

Drive to San Felix, a traditional village in the cloud forest. Visit a spectacular viewpoint. *Mirador Valle de la Samaria Guesthouse*

## Day 45

Wander through giant wax palms with a local family and plant a tree of your own. *Mirador Valle de la Samaria Guesthouse*

## Day 46

Picturesque drive to Salgar, stopping to explore the significance of the hat in Aguadas. *Finca el Diamante Hotel Boutique*

## Day 47

Explore the surrounding countryside by traditional Jeep Willys. *Finca el Diamante Hotel Boutique*

## Day 48

Visit the charming town of Jardin & trek to nearby waterfalls. *Finca el Diamante Hotel Boutique*

## Day 49

Drive to Medellin & check in for 3 nights. Begin exploring the city's highlights, learning about its recent social transformation. *Hotel Patio del Mundo*

## Day 50

Delve into the social development of Comuna 13, one of Medellin's most iconic neighbourhoods. *Hotel Patio del Mundo*

## Day 51

Visit Medellin's surrounding towns and discover local crafts like wickerwork, ceramics, and guitar making. *Hotel Patio del Mundo*

## Day 52

Fly to Bahia Solano on the Pacific Coast and check in. Visit a turtle rescue centre. *El Ecolodge El Almejal*

## Day 53

Explore the mangroves, jungle, and beaches of Utria National Park. *El Ecolodge El Almejal*

## Day 54

Travel further into the whale-watching paradise of Bahia Solano by boat & tuk-tuk. Check in for 3 nights *Mapara Crab Lodge*

## Day 55

Humpback whale watching boat excursion. *Mapara Crab Lodge*

## Day 56-57

Deliver school supplies with the Educambio Foundation and enjoy snorkelling, hiking & fishing. *Mapara Crab Lodge*

## Day 58

Fly to colourful Cartagena via Medellin & check in for 3 nights. *Casa San Agustin*

## Day 59

Explore the historic highlights of Cartagena's fortified centre. *Casa San Agustin*

## Day 60

Day at leisure to enjoy the shops, bars, and restaurants in Cartagena. *Casa San Agustin*

## Day 61

International flight  
N/A

## Travelling Responsibly

At LiNGER we firmly believe that in travel we can do more to help protect our planet.

We take our responsibilities to the environment, local communities, customers, suppliers, partners and employees very seriously and our intention is to constantly review our policies and strive to make improvements where we can.

We offer the opportunity to Give Back by partaking in a meaningful activity in an area that matters to you or where you may have a skillset.

This could be as simple as a beach clean in Sri Lanka to help protect our oceans or caring for orphaned sloths in a wildlife sanctuary in Costa Rica.

LiNGER longer on a sabbatical and devote time to teaching in a village school in Nicaragua or help with a conservation project researching plant species in the Amazon. LiNGER and Enrich Life through Travel.

Our Responsible Travel Policy can be viewed on our website:

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# The Nitty Gritty

## Included

- Accommodation on a double/twin basis
- Daily breakfast
- Other meals as described
- Fast-track immigration service on arrival
- Local English speaking private guides
- Private and shared transfers with air-conditioned vehicles
- Entrance fees for included activities
- Private and small group excursions

## Excluded

- International flights
- Domestic flights
- Visas
- Tips / Gratuities
- Items of a personal nature - minibar, laundry, etc
- Any activity listed as optional
- Early check-in & late check-out at all hotels
- Meals and drinks where not mentioned in the itinerary
- Travel Insurance

## Quotation

- From GBP £24,984.00 per person, based on two travelling together.

## Booking Terms & Conditions:

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## Start Planning

Our experienced team will guide you through a number of ideas based on how you would like to experience Colombia.

No matter how long you wish to travel, we'll guide you through the planning process to ensure a trip is carefully pieced together to suit your interests, pace of travel and budget.

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