



Art of Diplomacy Tours – Colombia Trip August 19-24, 2026

Wednesday, Aug 19 - Bogotá

Afternoon **Arrive Bogotá.** Transfer to Hotel. Check-in

Evening

Colombia Today: Engaging evening discussion led by a prominent journalist, offering deep insights into Colombia’s current affairs and its vital relationship with the United States.

Dinner

Welcome Dinner: Enjoy Bogotá’s hospitality and cuisine with fellow travelers. Restaurant close to hotel.

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Thursday, Aug 20 - Bogotá

Morning

Breakfast meeting with American diplomats from U.S. Embassy Bogotá, gaining an exclusive, firsthand perspective on U.S.-Colombia relations and U.S. foreign policy in the region, including both Colombia and Venezuela. (requested)

Meet with **Foreign Ministry of Colombia,** for a discussion about Colombian foreign policy under the newly inaugurated president of Colombia and bilateral relations with the United States. (requested)

Lunch

Experience the historic charm of La Candelaria district while enjoying an authentic, typical Colombian meal.

Afternoon

Dive into Bogotá's cultural heart with a guided walking tour, featuring the iconic **Botero Museum**, and then ascend **Monserate Mountain** via cable car for a breathtaking, panoramic view of the city below.

Return to the hotel – downtime

Evening

Cocktails and networking with Colombian entrepreneurs and businesspeople.

Our local guide will be able to assist with dinner reservations.

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Friday, Aug 21 - Bogotá to Medellín

Morning

Breakfast discussion with civil society members, learning about their work in post-conflict reconciliation and peace-building efforts.

Check out of hotel

En route to Bogotá airport, **visit Asocolflores, the national association of Colombian flower exporters**, a guild that has shaped Colombia's rise as one of the world's leading suppliers of fresh flowers. Asocolflores represents growers and advocates for sustainability and social progress in Colombia's floriculture industry.

Midday

Flight from Bogotá to Medellín (65 minutes)

Afternoon

Arrive Medellín.

En route to the hotel, **visit a local Medellín tech startup** to meet the founders and hear firsthand how Medellín transformed into one of Latin America's fastest-growing entrepreneurial hubs. Learn about the city's innovation ecosystem, creative problem solving, and the people building the future here. A behind-the-scenes look at the new Medellín.

Evening

Celebrate your arrival with a spectacular dinner at sunset at Mal de Ojo. This restaurant sits atop a building boasting 360 degree panoramic views of Medellín. There is no better place to see the sun set on a city that is nestled perfectly in a valley surrounded by the iconic Andes Mountains.

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Saturday, Aug 22 - Medellín

Morning

Breakfast discussion with an urban planner on the extraordinary socio-economic transformation of Medellín, a global success story in urban renewal.

Immerse yourself in the city's history and culture with a guided walking tour of El Poblado. Lined with green parks, modern condo and hotel buildings adorning greenery, trendy shops, art, and more – the neighborhood of El Poblado is both very enjoyable to walk through and is incredibly significant as an economic center for many Colombians.

Lunch

Head to Andaluf restaurant to dive into the vibrant traditions of Colombia's Pacific coast through live music and food. Chocó is a province of Colombia bursting with Afro-Colombian pride and heritage. Enjoy drums, marimba, and call-and-response vocals set the soundtrack while you enjoy an Afro-Colombian inspired meal rooted in the region's flavors. A celebration of resilience, rhythm, and community.

Return to the hotel – downtime

Evening

Explore Comuna 13 with community leaders who helped transform it from one of Medellín's most troubled neighborhoods into a global symbol of creativity and hope. Experience a hip-hop dance performance, a lively *chirimía* ensemble, powerful street art, and visit the local community center we proudly support. As the sun sets over the hills, you'll feel the energy and innovation that define this place.

Conclude the night with a delicious **dinner at the renowned Fidelina** in the charming Laureles neighborhood, known for its lively atmosphere. Adorned with decor reminiscent of Havana from the mid 20th century, Fidelina's food is just as unique as its decor. You'll often find locals come here, as the Laureles district is a bustling hub for food and entertainment.

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Sunday, Aug 23 - Medellín

Morning

Enjoy a morning outside of the city center at an authentic coffee farm for an immersive experience. You'll learn about the bean's journey from the crop to the cup and get the real story of what makes Colombian coffee so special.

Explore the market and walking path: On Sundays, 43A boasts a local market and also features road closures so that pedestrians can walk and run, part of the city's commitment to promoting health and wellness. Stop at a peaceful, shaded park where we'll have a quick session of stretching and meditation.

Lunch

Enjoy a delightful light lunch at Cafe Zorba along the vibrant 43A boulevard on the cusp of Provenza, right below Parque Lleras. Cafe Zorba offers local flair with a heavy dose of delicious vegetarian and health friendly options, pairing perfectly with Medellín's wellness vibe.

Afternoon

Medellín Deep Dive:

Option 1: Discussion on the complex issues of sex tourism and prostitution, exploring the social, legal and ethical dimensions.

Option 2: Discussion with indigenous leaders about social movements, land rights and other relevant issues.

Evening

Farewell dinner reservation at El Carmen, a thriving establishment right in Provenza. El Carmen holds the claim of being one of the top 50 restaurants in all of Latin America. We'll enjoy our last meal together here. (reservation only, meal not included)

Experience the local nightlife of Provenza, and what better place to do it than El Social, where you can enjoy cocktails, live music, and laughs over cervezas. On any given night, you can enjoy incredible live music that the city has to offer.

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Monday, Aug 24 - Departure

Morning

Check out of hotel and depart for Medellín airport

If you would like to continue on to Cartagena, Colombia or Panama City, Panama, we can assist with hotel reservations, airport transfers and a concierge to assist with meals and activities.

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