

COLOMBIA - CANO CRISTALES TREK



INTRODUCTION

Known as the world's most beautiful river, Cano Cristales is born in the mountain La Serrania de la Macarena, deep in the Colombian Llanos. The underwater plants that grow in the river produce a spectacular kaleidoscope of pink, green, red and orange that with the deep blue of the river water, creates a unique landscape.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: Private Transfer Bogota Airport - Hotel

On arrival, please make your way to the Arrivals Hall where our representative will be waiting for you to transfer you to your hotel. He/she will be holding a sign with your name on it. Should you not able to locate them, please refer to the front of your itinerary for emergency contact details of our representative office. Please note this service is with local guide.



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DAY 1: Arrival in Bogota

Colombia's capital Bogotá is a vibrant and cosmopolitan city located in central Colombia on a vast plain 2,600m above sea level, cradled by the Andean mountains. The "Old City" of La Candelaria is the historic cultural centre of the city. Its cobbled streets are lined with colonial buildings housing museums, libraries, restaurants, hotels and bars set amongst convents, churches and homes that date back 300 years. Bogotá's most famous museum is the Gold Museum with over 55,000 pieces of gold, bone, ceramic and textiles from the Pre-Hispanic cultures such as the Tayrona, San Agustín, Chocó, Quimbaya, Muisca and Tierradentro.



DAY 2: Transfer Hotel - Airport in Bogota

Depart from your hotel in Bogotá and transfer to the Airport. (English-speaking Guide)



DAY 2: Bogota - La Macarena - Caño Cristales

Meeting in the El Dorado airport at 05:00 am at entry or exit N.9 of the second floor. Note: No ticket is required as this service is provided by charter flight. Registration and check in to board the plane to take us to the municipality of La Macarena. Arrival at the municipality of La Macarena and there will be a briefing held by environmental entities. Lunch in the town. 20 minute ride by boat on the river Guayabero enjoying the scenery (birds, alligators, turtles and other animals in the region). Enjoy of an ecological walk to visit Cristalitos or other destination. Return at 3:30 pm to the town of La Macarena, always by boat. Dinner and overnight at the hotel.



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DAY 3: La Macarena –Caño Cristales El Rio De Los Dioses


Breakfast. Morning departure. 20 minute ride by boat on the river Guayabero enjoying the scenery. 20 minute tour by van from the point of landing of the boat to the wellspring of Cajuche. Here you will visit “el brazo pianos de Caño Cristales”: Caño escondido, Cascada de la virgen, Pianos, Piedra diosa de la Macarena, Cascada de los cuarzos Paso mojado Tapetes. Lunch will be in banana leaves



DAY 4: La Macarena - Caño Cristalitos - Bogotá

Breakfast. 20 minutes ride by boat on the river Guayabero enjoying the scenery (birds, alligators, turtles and other animals in the region).Route of 20 minute by van from the point of landing of the boat to the Cajuche wellspring. Ecological walk to Cano Cristales: Pool Karol Cristal, los Ochos, Piscina del turista. Lunch during the walk wrapped in banana leaves "Bijaos". Return to the town of La Macarena, in the same way you entered Caño Cristales. Flight to Bogota between 12:00 and 4:00 pm.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS	
Accommodation	Standard
Inclusions	Domestic flights Airport transfers All tours Accommodation Tours detailed in the itinerary All breakfasts Other meals where stated Not included: International flights Other not stated in the itinerary
Difficulty Rating	1 (easy)
Single Surcharge	FROM US\$225 - Subject to season and availability, contact us for more details.

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Notes	Contact us for more details
Price Dependent upon	Season and availability

SUSTAINABILITY

Chimu Adventures undertakes a number of sustainability measures within its operations including:

- 1) Only using local guides and office staff to both maximise local employment opportunities and minimise carbon footprints. Local guides also ensure you benefit from the intimate knowledge, passion and culture of the country you’re visiting.
- 2) Where possible, using locally owned and operated boutique hotels to maximise the return to the local community.
- 3) Chimu’s “Pass it on” programme has provided funding to hundreds of local community projects in Latin America. Our aim is to empower local communities, helping them to develop their own infrastructure for the future. Since 2006, we have been working with Kiva (a well-known Non-Governmental Organisation), providing hundreds of loans to local businesses all over South America.
- 4) In our pre tour information we provide a range of tips and advice on how to minimise your impact on both local environments and communities.
- 5) Chimu Adventures’ offices also take a number of sustainability measures including carbon offsets for company vehicles and most staff travel. Chimu Adventure’s internal processes are also structures to create a paperless office and to reduce waste. There are also internal programmes to help staff minimise their carbon footprint such as our staff bike purchase assistance plan which encourages office staff to commute to work via bicycle. Currently almost half of our office based staff commute to work via bicycle.

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