# **COLOMBIA** - VILLA DE LEYVA EXTENSION



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| **DEPARTURE** |
| Daily |
| **DURATION** |
| 4 Days |
| **LOCATIONS** |
| Colombia |

## INTRODUCTION

Escape to the charming and historic villages tucked away in the Colombian countryside just outside the bustling city of Bogota, Colombia. Not only are the stops in these little villages like stepping back in time, but the journey along the way will have you stopping to look at marvels seen no where else along with vistas that will cause you to pause to take it all in. Stopping in these little colonial towns, meeting the wonderful locals who have a vibrancy for showing off traditions, wares and fruits used for generations to make feijoa, which is a local cuisine found at the bakery you'll visit will give you an insight into another age.

**On this all-encompassing personalised itinerary, Chimu will provide travel logistics for your travel party for the duration of your journey, plus expert guides for all the major sightseeing as per itinerary.  Each night you will stay in superior accommodation, handpicked by our experienced team for their creature comforts, convenient locations, and impeccable service.**

## ITINERARY

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DAY 1: Bogota to Villa de Leyva (via Zipaquira Cathedral)



Today you will be transferred from your hotel in Bogota to the charming colonial town of Villa de Leyva. Your drive today will be around 3 hours. En route you can stop off in Zipaquira to visit the famous Salt Cathedral. This is one of the wonders of Colombia and was built in 1954 in an underground mine around 600ft underground! On arrival into Ville de Leyva check into your hotel and enjoy the peaceful nature and wandering the cobblestoned streets.

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DAY 2: Villa de Leyva



Enjoy a guided walk through the quite streets of Villa de Leyva today. Your guide will explain the fascinating history of this region. The town has been home to many notable noble, political and heroic personalities over the years and they have left their mark and stories. Visit the Argenlogical Park of Monquira – also known as the 'Stonehenge' of Colombia, followed by the blue pools or Pozos Azules of Villa de Leyva – these are known for having a beautiful turquoise blue colour due to the minerals present in the soil. See Casa Terracota – a building that harnesses the four elements – earth, air, water and fire.

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DAY 3: Towns of Boyaca



This morning you will be collected bright and early from your hotel and embark on a town to the region of Boyaca. Enjoy a stop in some of the charming colonial towns such as Paipa – home to the San Miguel Arcangel Church and Tibasosa which houses a 16th century temple. Stop in at local bakeries and learn about the use of the fruit feijoa in local cuisine. Continue onto the town of Iza and see the beautiful historic houses and head to Lake Tota, the largest freshwater reservoir in Colombia where you will sample local trout for lunch and enjoy a boat ride on the lagoon. En route back to Villa de Leyva stop in at Pueblito Boyacense, which displays replicas of typical houses in the region.

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DAY 4: Transfer to Bogota for onward travels

You will be transferred back to Bogota and can be dropped at your preferred hotel if you are extending your stay or at the airport in time for your onward connecting flight to explore more of the wonders that Colombia has to offer!



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## INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

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| **Accommodation** | Hotel |
| **Inclusions** | **Inclusions**<br>Private transfers throughout<br>Accommodation with breakfast daily<br>Sightseeing with local English-speaking guide as detailed in itinerary<br>Other meals where stated<br><br>**Exclusions**<br>International flights<br>Visa & reciprocity fees (if applicable)<br>Travel insurance<br>Beverages<br>Personal expenses<br>Gratuities for tour guides & drivers<br>Any items not mentioned as included |
| **Difficulty Rating** | 1 (easy adventure) |
| **Single Surcharge** | A single supplement surcharge applies and is subject to availability. Please contact us for more information. |
| **Notes** | Prices are based on per person, twin share.<br>Prices are correct at time of publishing but are subject to change at any time.<br>All entrance fees are subject to change without prior notice. |
| **Price Dependent upon** | Seasonality and availability at time of booking. |

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