



LATIN AMERICA

Concert Tours



Colombia Tour

**Bogota, Villa de Leyva
& Cartagena**

**Suggested Itinerary
9-Day / 8-Night Program**



SUGGESTED PROGRAM

PLEASE NOTE: Actual sequence and timing of activities will revolve around your concert and rehearsal schedule. All times are approximate and may vary according to flight schedules and other logistical factors.

ALL MUSICAL ACTIVITIES ARE HIGHLIGHTED IN RED.

Day 1 USA – Bogota

Morning Fly to Bogota, the capital of Colombia, via major international scheduled airline.

Afternoon Arrive to Bogota’s International Airport

Greeting by your highly-qualified **Tour Manager**. We choose local Tour Managers that are high-energy and have a strong commitment to customer satisfaction.

Bogota is Colombia’s capital and largest city with a population of almost 9 million people. Adding the metropolitan area, it reaches 13 million inhabitants. It is the third highest capital in South America, at 8600 feet above sea level. The city dominates the country’s life in nearly all aspects; cultural, educational, communications, economic, and political.

Transfer by private air-conditioned motorcoach to your hotel for check-in.

Evening **Welcome Dinner** at hotel.

Day 2 Bogota

Morning Breakfast at Hotel.

Morning & Afternoon

Bogota City Tour



Streets of La Candelaria



Plaza Bolivar



Graffiti

This morning you will visit the oldest part of the city, called **La Candelaria**. The main square, **Plaza Bolivar**, is the highlight of this area. The **Congress** and the **Palace of Justice** are situated on the square perimeter. This square is also home to the city's **Cathedral**.

As you walk away from the main square, you will enjoy and admire the streets of La Candelaria, to reach the the **Botero Museum**, famous for his 'oversize' figures.

To finish this tour, you will visit the **Gold Museum**, a 'must-see' when in Bogota. It hosts one of the finest pre-hispanic gold exhibits in the world .

Evening

Dinner on own.

Day 3

Bogota

Morning

Breakfast at Hotel.

Morning

Monserrate Hill Tour & Quinta de Bolivar



Monserrate Hill



Funicular



Quinta de Bolivar

Walking distance from the old town, we find the base of the **Monserrate hill**. At the top of the hill, that can be reached by cable car or funicular ride, we will visit the the **Monserrate Monastery** and will also enjoy great views of the city of Bogota.

Continue your tour by visiting the '**Quinta de Bolivar**' (Bolivar's residence). Simon Bolivar was the liberator of Colombia in the early part of the 19th century. This house, built in the 17th century, was given to Bolivar as a present to be used anytime he visited the city.

Evening

CONCERT PERFORMANCE – EVENT # 1



Day 4

Bogota – Villa de Leyva

Morning

Breakfast at Hotel and check out.

Transfer to **Villa de Leyva** (3.00hs from Bogota) by private motorcoach.

On the way to Villa de Leyva, stop at the town of **Zipaquira** to visit the famous **Salt Cathedral**

Salt Cathedral guided visit



Religious monument, celebration of engineering or art masterpiece, the **Salt Cathedral** at **Zipaquira** village is a must-see when visiting Colombia. This jewel carved beneath the surface, is just west of the town, where the salt mines are still functioning. The illumination and execution of the work is a tribute to modern techniques and years of work from the miners and artists.

Early Evening

Arrive at Villa de Leyva and check in at hotel.

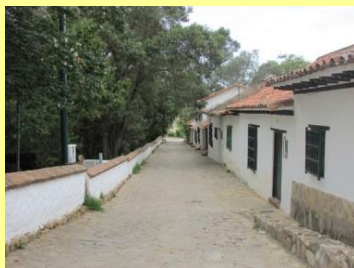
Day 5

Villa de Leyva

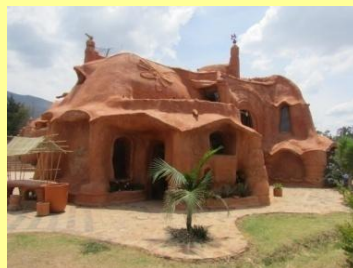
Morning

Breakfast at Hotel.

Walking Tour



Streets of Villa de Leyva



Terracota House



Main Church

Start the tour at the main plaza, known as the biggest in South America. Visit the '**Nuestra senora del Rosario**' Church and the house of **Antonio Nariño**, an important figure in the history of the town.

Later, transfer to the '**Terracota House**', an architectural master piece built by local artist/architect Octavio Mendoza.

Finish the tour visiting '**Pozos Azules**' a turquoise lagoon enriched by minerals.

Evening

CONCERT PERFORMANCE – EVENT # 2



Day 6 Villa de Leyva – Cartagena

Morning Breakfast at Hotel and check out.
Transfer to the Bogota Airport for your flight to Cartagena (4 hours).

Afternoon Arrive at Cartagena and transfer to your hotel for check in.

Evening Dinner on own.

Day 7 Cartagena

Morning Breakfast at Hotel.

Morning **Walking Tour of the old town**



Start the tour visiting the old town, going under the **Puerta del Reloj (the Clock's entrance)**, a symbol of the city, that leads into the **Plaza de los Cochés**. Continue to **Plaza San Pedro Claver**, to admire its beautiful church, to then arrive to **Plaza Bolivar**.

Afternoon Free time to enjoy the beach or the hotel facilities.

Evening Dinner on own.

Day 8 Cartagena

Morning Breakfast at Hotel.

San Felipe Fortress & La Popa Convent guided visits



Fortress entrance



San Felipe Fortress



La Popa Convent

Visit **Castillo San Felipe**. This fort is the largest Spanish fortification in the Americas and dominates the old town.

Later on arrive to **Convento La Popa**, which is the highest point in the city and commands excellent views of the bay.

Evening

CONCERT PERFORMANCE – EVENT # 3



Day 9

Cartagena – USA

Morning Breakfast at Hotel and check out.

Farewell Lunch included in tour program.

Transfer to the Cartagena International Airport for your flights home.

Evening Arrive back in the USA.

Your Colombian Cultural & Musical Adventure comes to a close with great memories to cherish for a lifetime !

TOUR INCLUSIONS:

Inter-City Transportation:

- USA/Bogota & Cartagena/USA Round-Trip Economy-Class Air Transportation.
- Bogota/Cartagena One-way Economy-Class Air Transportation.
- Inter-city Transportation Bogota/Villa de Leyva by Private Air Conditioned Motorcoach.

Lodging:

- 3 Nights at a 3/4-Star Hotel in Bogota including daily breakfast & 1 Dinner
- 2 Nights at a 3/4-Star Hotel in Villa de Leyva including daily breakfast.
- 3 Nights at a 3/4-Star Hotel in Cartagena including daily breakfast & 3 Dinners.

Local Transportation:

- Airport/Hotel Round-Trip Transfers by Private Air Conditioned Motorcoach
- Transfers for tours & activities listed below by Private Air Conditioned Motorcoach

Tours/Activities:

- Bogota City Tour (includes entry tickets when applies)
- Monserrate Hill Tour & Quinta de Bolivar (includes Cable car ride or funicular train to Monserrate).
- Tour and entry ticket to Salt Cathedral in the town of Zipaquirá
- Villa de Leyva Walking City Tour.
- Cartagena City Tour.

Other Services:

- Full-time **Tour Manager**, at all included activities.
- 24/7 Emergency Support from the **Latin America Concert Tours'** Operations Office.

Summary of Included Meals:

- 8 Breakfasts
- 1 Lunch (Farewell Lunch)
- 1 Dinner (Welcome Dinner)

Performance Component:

- **Organization of 3 Concerts.**
- **Pre-Concert Sound Check and/or Rehearsal.**
- **Hotel – Concert Venue round-trip transfers by private motorcoach.**

FREE Ensemble Director Tour Included:

- One **FREE Ensemble Director's** trip is included based on 20 paying travelers (21st is free).
- Tour leader would share twin room with a paying traveler and pay only taxes/fees.

Not Included:

- Drinks at Dinners
- Tips for Tour Manager, Tour Guides, and Bus Drivers
- Passports and visas for non-US passport holders (if necessary).
- Personal expenses, such as phone calls and personal laundry.
- Increases in air taxes / fees / fuel surcharge beyond those stated below.
- Anything not noted in the above list of inclusions