

Kat's Great Adventures

Colombia – Huila Bicycle and Multisport Tour 2022
Guided Tour
8 Days / 7 Nights



A tour especially created for nature and adventure lovers. Live days filled with different contrasts, colors, smells, flavors, sounds, and climates unparalleled in one of the most beautiful, unexploited, and unexplored regions in Colombia. Live a unique experience with the culture, customs, gastronomy, people, and the landscape of this beautiful department.

Itinerary Day to Day

Day 1: Meet in Neiva. Transfer to Hotel and the First Ride 15 km (1.5 - 2 hours)

Pickup time: After 1:00 p.m. We will go by car to the hotel in Neiva. This afternoon, we will fit the bicycles, see the map of the journey, and have some technical instruction and then a warm-up ride around Neiva and Palermo Town.



Day 2: La Tatacoa Desert - The Tropical Dry Forest Route 30 km (3.5 hours) + 14 km (2 hours) at night; Hiking – 3 km (Optional)

A unique place in Colombia, the Tatacoa is, without a doubt, the most rugged environment to ride a bicycle, and one of the most beautiful in the country. Nearing 40 degrees during the day, this desert will put anyone's resistance to the test who dares cross it. Its only motivation is its dazzling beauty for those who face this challenge. It's a place filled with magic and stories about the Magdalena River, including paleontology and stories of beings from other worlds. To finish a day of splendor, we will take a ride under the stars – approximately two hours – cycling in the dark to the Astronomy Observatory to see, up close and personal, the different stars, galaxies, and planets that surround our own.

Day 3: Palermo – The Route to the Reservoir 47 km (5 hours)

Today, we will ride through the rural area of the Municipality of Palermo, appreciating its extensive agricultural cultivations. This route allows us a panoramic view of the Central Andes Range, the majestic Nevado de Huila, and the planes that surround the city of Neiva. Close to 50 kilometers of unpaved roads will take us to the Municipality of Yaguará, rolling among cattle farms, and cotton and tobacco cultivations. This town is famous for the delicious variety of local cuisine. Located in front of the Betania Reservoir, we'll take advantage of the afternoon to explore its streets and the boardwalk over the reservoir.

Day 4: Yaguará – The Mirador Route 20 km (3 hours); Boat trip and Kayaking (Optional)

We'll take advantage of this day to recover with a relaxing 20 kilometer bike ride. Riding through the Yaguará Municipality, between rice cultivations and cattle ranches, we'll arrive at the Alto de la Zeta – a place that allows us to appreciate the greatness of the Betania Reservoir. Early afternoon, you can enjoy a boat trip on the Betania Reservoir to appreciate this amazing mirror of water, and if you want, you can practice kayaking. A day of rest and recovery, all surrounded of a beautiful landscape.



Day 5: Iquira/Tesalia – The Route between Rivers 48 km (5-6 hours)

Surrounded by the Magdalena, Yaguará and Paez Rivers, this route gives us a glimpse into the great tributaries of the region – a zone filled with life that supplies water and food to the habitants of the Department of Huila. We will ride until we reach the municipality of Tesalia, passing through Iquira. Iquira is known for its characteristically mountainous topography, alternating with valleys, plateaus, hills and small canyons. Arriving at Tesalia, we will visit a cheese factory for a Quesadilla tasting, a delicious local treat that combines traditional cheese with sweet guava.

Day 6: Paicol – Territory Paez Route 44 km (4 hours); Rafting

Another challenging day as we will ride between mountains of coffee cultivations and experience dramatic climatic changes as we ascend from 800 meters above sea level to 1,660 meters above sea level – which are ideal conditions for cultivating Colombia's iconic grain. This will be an exhausting day because of the strenuous ascent. Afterwards, we will begin our descent reaching the banks of the mythical Paez River where we will leave our bicycles to go white water rafting. For two hours, you will experience the thrill of Class II and III rapids until arriving to Paicol where we will return to the hotel and rest after such a demanding, adventurous day.

Day 7: Campoalegre/Rivera – The Hot Springs Route 15 km (1 hour) + 22 km (2.5 hours) (Optional); Canyoning/Rappel (Optional)

This will be your compensation for six days of demanding physical activity. But for the pay off, you've got to gear up for another six kilometer prolonged ascent – a tough challenge but definitely not

impossible. All this to enjoy a waterfall of approximately 22 meters, a good place for rappelling, and then splitting to the direction towards the Green Municipality of Huila, Rivera. This town has many different hot springs, the ideal place to rest, relax, and recover your body and mind. You've earned it!

Day 8: City Tour in Neiva - Transfer

You have a morning to enjoy the city, live its day-to-day bustle, walk its streets, share with its people, enjoy a specially-prepared coffee, and taste the delicious fruits of our country. We will begin our drive back to the airport or hotel in Neiva at 11:00 a.m.



Route



Technical Characteristics:

Route Profile: Medium. Activities include biking, rafting, kayaking, canyoning and hiking. Road surfaces are not paved, some experience riding on unpaved roads would be of benefit. All other activities are based on participant's individual fitness and comfort levels.

Distance: 255 km

Travel Season: Daily arrival between January 2 and December 31, 2022



Price per Person:

Double Occupancy	\$ 2685.00 USD
Single Supplement	On request

Accommodation:

Private rooms in small lodgings, village hotels, rural accommodation or traditional farms. Charming, cozy places that allow you to rest with the tranquility that each community provides. All places have typical, regional architecture to appreciate and experience.

Included:

- Accommodation in village hotels or traditional farms
- Private transport from Neiva – internal transports – pick up and drop off at the hotel or airport
- Outdoor activities: kayaking, rafting, hiking, canyoning and boat trip
- Luggage transfer
- Pick up and drop off the participants at the hotel or airport of Neiva
- All meals
- Snacks and hydration (water and isotonic drinks)
- Visits to artisan workshops, farms and admission to the above mentioned natural attractions
- Mountain bike and helmet rental
- Technical and safety instruction
- Maps and route profiles
- Waterproof layer in case of rain
- Souvenir and digital photos of the activity
- Hotel insurance and taxes
- Insurance for adventure activities/medical assistance card
- Bilingual (Spanish/English) guide specialized in nature and adventure activities

Not Included:

- Air transportation to Neiva City
- Expenses and services not specified in the plan

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Bikes

Bicycles with aluminum frame, front suspension with blocking, Shimano® gears / 9-speed, hydraulic disc brakes. We have 27.5 or 29 wheel/rim and 16", 18", 20" frame size bicycles to make your ride as comfortable as possible regardless of your size or gender, and they also come with an anti-prostatic seat for men and a silicone cover for women.

