

10-Day Nature + Adventure Tour Santander

Itinerary

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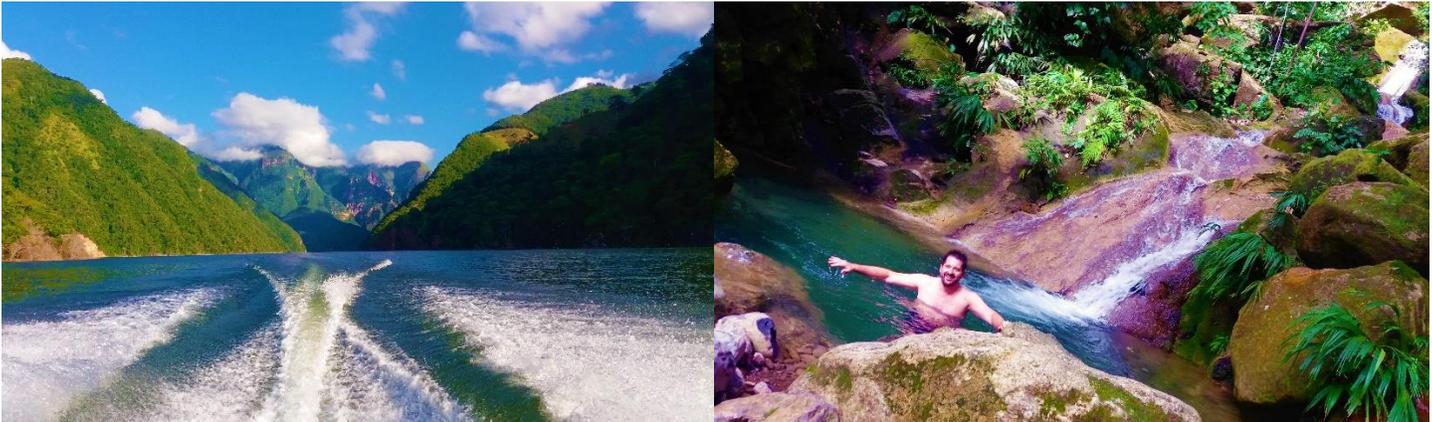
Day 1:

1) Arrival Day

TIME	ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION
Flexible	Arrival	Arrival at the Airport Bucaramanga Palonegro (BGA)
Flexible	Transfer to Hotel in Bucaramanga	Transfer approx. 30 minutes We will provide you with the information about different options for dinner (dinner not included) and we will also provide you the transport to the restaurant.

Day 2:

2) Topocoro Lake - Boat Ride and Hidden Waterfalls



TIME	ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION
Before 8 am	Breakfast	Breakfast included in the hotel.
Morning	Transfer to the Lake Topocoro	Transfer approx. 1.5 hour
Morning/ noon	Boat Ride and Waterfalls	<p>The Topocoro Lake is an artificial lake which was formed due to the new Dam Hidrosogamoso a couple of years ago. Because of the fact that it is new lake it is not known by a lot of people and therefore, you rarely see any tourists. You won't even find the lake on Google Maps.</p> <p>Arriving at the lake you will take a private boat ride to 2 different small waterfalls that can only be reached by the boat.</p> <p>The first one is depending on the water level up to 20 meters high and will be reached entering a part of the Chicamocha Canyon where you will have an amazing view.</p> <p>The second place you will visit consists of several small waterfalls that are set up in various steps. Here you can enjoy climbing up the waterfalls and jump into the different ponds.</p> <p>The Lake Topocoro has a high water temperature (warmer than the Caribbean Sea) which makes it a great place to swim.</p> <p>The overall time on the lake and at the waterfalls will be about 2.5 to 3 hours. Getting back to the parking of the Seamanship Club lot you will have the opportunity to take a shower and change clothes.</p>
Afternoon	Lunch	A late lunch can be provided at the Seamanship Club (lunch <u>not</u> included)
Afternoon/ late afternoon	Transfer to the Hotel in San Vicente de Chucurí	<p>Transfer approx. 1.5 hours</p> <p>If you wish do optional watersports such as skiing or jet ski for an additional cost, you will have the opportunity to do so before the transfer to San Vicente de Chucurí.</p>
Evening	Dinner	We will provide you with the information about different options for dinner (dinner not included).

Day 3:

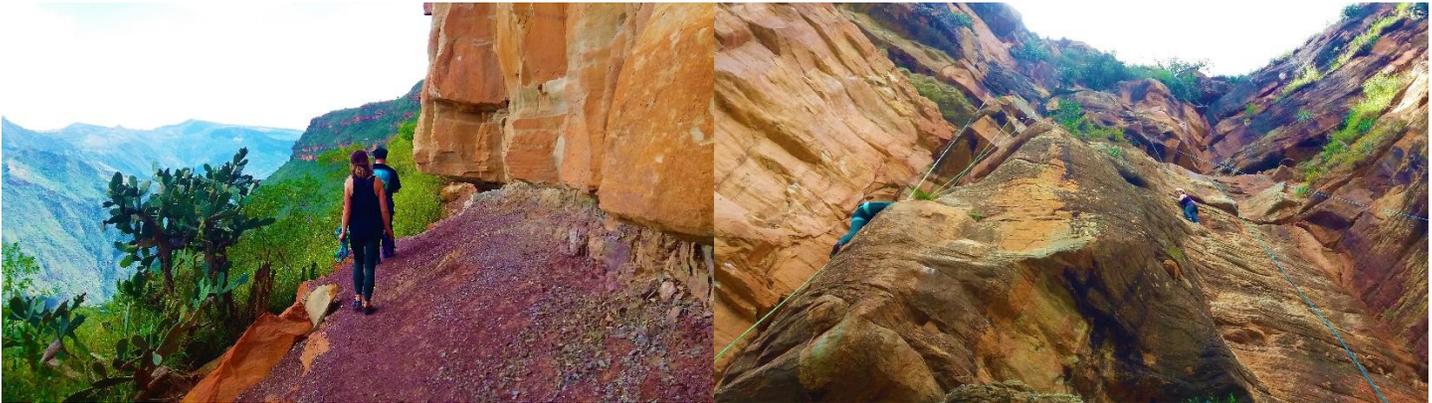
3) San Vicente de Chucurí - Airplane Cave



TIME	ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION
Before 8 am	Breakfast	Breakfast included at the hotel
Morning	Transfer to the Airplane Cave	Transfer approx. 25 minutes The region of San Vicente de Chucurí is Colombia's largest producer of cacao producing 25% of the cacao in the country. It is located right next to the National Park Serranía de los Yariguies, a unique ecosystem and source of income for the people regarding the cacao, coffee and fruit growing, among others.
Morning/ noon	Airplane Cave	Upon arrival at the Airplane Cave you will get all the necessary equipment such as life jacket and helmet. The local guide awaits you to lead you all the way to the natural hidden wonder. Hearing the name "Airplane Cave", someone thinks of a large cave where you enter and everything is dark. However, this is not the case. The Airplane Cave is a larger natural area that consists of approx. 6 highlights including green swimming spots, waterfalls within caves, natural slides and rocks from which you can jump into water holes. You will be surprised the amount of different natural spots during a hike of less than 2 km. At some point of the hike, you will have to climb up rocks or waterfalls with a secured rope, which adds adrenaline to the hike. The overall time you will spend enjoying all these natural highlights will be 3 to 4 hours. This gives you time to take pictures of the beautiful scenery. At noon you will start the short ride back to the town of San Vicente de Chucurí.
Noon	Lunch	Lunch will be provided in the town of San Vicente de Chucurí (lunch included). If you wish to take a shower in the hotel before the ride back to Bucaramanga, you will have the opportunity to do so.
Afternoon	Transfer back to the Hotel in Bucaramanga	Transfer approx. 2.5 hours
Evening	Dinner	We will provide you with the information about different options for dinner (dinner not included) and we will also provide you the transport to the restaurant.

Day 4:

4) La Mojarra Park - Rock Climbing



TIME	ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION
Morning	Arrival	Arrival at the Airport Bucaramanga Palonegro (BGA)
Morning	Transfer to Mojarra Park	Approx. 1 hour 30 min transfer to La Mojarra Park On the way you will stop to get some snacks for the day activity (snacks not included)
Morning/ Afternoon	Rock-Climbing (Optional: Hiking) at La Mojarra	Climbing and trekking at La Mojarra, which is part of the Chicamocha Canyon, is a breathtaking experience. The view of the canyon and sky from the edge of the Chicamocha Canyon is incredible, an experience that will truly bring you closer to nature. There are multiple routes of varying difficulty levels, so any kind of climbing/ trekking group can choose their own route. In order to get to the climbing sites, you will have to take a short hike starting from the parking lot for about 20 to 30 minutes passing stairs and steep paths down the canyon. After getting back to the parking lot, you will have a late lunch at the cabins that are located right at the parking lot (lunch included). NOTE 1: For those who don't want to do rock climbing, you can enjoy a short hike in the Mojarra Park. NOTE 2: The equipment to do the rock climbing (also climbing shoes) is included.
Late Afternoon	Farmer's Market	If this day is a weekend day (Saturday/ Sunday), there is the possibility to take a ride to the farmer's market (approx. 20 minutes). If not, you will have time to enjoy an amazing afternoon at the cabins with the canyon view at La Mojarra. "El Mercado Campesino" (Farmer's Market) is a market that promotes fair trade. It is a place where the farmers can offer their fruits and vegetables among other products directly to locals. In addition, you will find entrepreneurs from the regions that offer their products in restaurants, bars, handcraft shops, etc.
Evening	Dinner and Hotel	We will provide you with the information about different options for dinner (dinner not included) and we will also provide you the transport to the restaurant. You will stay the night in one of the cabins that have a great view of the Chicamocha Canyon and where you can enjoy a beautiful sunrise (if the weather permits) the following morning (we cannot guarantee that there will be hot water).

Day 5:

5) Cable Car and National Park in the Chicamocha Canyon



TIME	ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION
Before 9 am	Breakfast and Check-Out	Breakfast included in the hotel and check-out.
Morning	Transfer to Cable Car Station	Approx. 1.5 hours transfer
Morning	Transfer to Chicamocha Park by Cable Car	<p>Enjoy the cable car ride through the Chicamocha Canyon going more than 1000 meters down the canyon and up on the other side (total length 6,3 km; duration of the ride 30 minutes).</p> <p>Enjoy the unique landscape during the ride through the canyon which is with 2000 m even deeper than the Grand Canyon in Arizona, USA and has a total length of 227 km. The Canyon was formed more than 60 million years ago from what once used to be a great sea.</p>
Morning/ Noon/ Afternoon	Chicamocha National Park/ Theme Park	<p>Arriving on the other side of canyon you will be entering the Chicamocha National Park.</p> <p>The park is divided into 3 different parts:</p> <p>The lower part at the cable car station is a tiny town representing the colonial town Barichara. Here you can find restaurants, shops, shops for souvenirs, a little chapel and the Guane Museum. The Guane Museum shows the culture of the indigenous Colombian tribe “los Guanes”, including information about their culture, items they used and even come skulls that show the cranial deformation.</p> <p>Going up about 100 stairs from the town you will arrive at the Santander Monument “Monumento a la Santandereanidad” which represents the first step of the Colombian independence. The monument is build upon a large tobacco leaf which represents a very important economic element of the region. The monument shows angry statues that all appoint at the Spanish Empire since they wanted to gain their independence. The reason why the monument is located in Santander is that the first revolts for the independence of Colombia and other Latin American countries took place in El Socorro which used to be the capital of Santander.</p> <p>Walking up the hill for about 400 meters you get to the 360 degrees viewpoint where you can enjoy the majestic view on the canyon from different angles.</p>

		<p>Additionally to these 3 parts you will find different activities in the park such as canyoning, an extreme swing, ziplining, an ostrich park, virtual reality, buggies, a waterpark, etc. (not included in the price).</p> <p>Lunch will be included in the park.</p>
Afternoon	Transfer to the Hotel in San Gil	Approx. 1 hour and 20 minute transfer
Evening	Dinner	You will receive dinner in the hotel (dinner included).

Day 6:

6) Canyon Paragliding / San Gil River Rafting



TIME	ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION
Before 8 am	Breakfast	Breakfast included in the hotel.
Morning	Transfer to the Paragliding Platform in the Canyon	Transfer approx. 1 hour and 15 minutes
Morning	Paragliding	<p>Enjoy approx. 15 minutes of a tandem flight with an astonishing view of the Chicamocha Canyon. The platform is located about 1600 m above sea level and the river about 550 m above sea level. If it is windy enough it will be possible to fly up to 1000 m into the sky which means almost 2000 m above the canyon.</p> <p>Before starting the flight, you will get your equipment and detailed safety instructions.</p> <p>NOTE 1: To do the activity it has to be windy enough and it must not rain. The probability of suitable weather conditions is approx. 95%. If due to the weather conditions it is not possible to do the paragliding activity, we will try to postpone it to the afternoon where the paragliding can be done in Curití or Bucaramanga (due to the weather conditions it cannot be guaranteed either).</p>

		<p>NOTE 2: The weight of the passengers, should not exceed 110 kg, or below 30 kg in case of minors. Pregnant women or people with recent surgeries such as spinal or extremities surgeries are not allowed to fly.</p> <p>NOTE 3: You must wear shoes during the activity. It is recommended to bring a sweatshirt and to use sunscreen.</p>
Noon/ Afternoon	Lunch	After a 15-minute ride to the restaurant Chiflas you will have lunch (lunch <u>not</u> included).
Afternoon	Transfer to San Gil	Transfer approx. 1 hour
Afternoon	River Rafting	<p>River rafting will be done on the Fonce River. The high temperatures in San Gil always makes rafting a fun activity for the travelers. After a 20-minute ride to the river, you will get safety instructions. The river leads you back right into the town of San Gil.</p> <p>Difficulty level: rapids of class II to III (medium) Time on the river: aprox. 1.5 hours Length of the rafting part: approx. 8 km</p> <p>NOTE 1: All the necessary equipment (helmet, lifejacket, paddle) will be provided by the rafting team. You should wear shoes that can get wet and clothes to change.</p>
Afternoon	Transfer to the Hotel in San Gil	Approx. 5-minute transfer
Evening	Dinner	You will receive dinner in the hotel (dinner included).

Day 7:

7) Juan Curí Waterfalls - Rappelling and Caving / Optional: Bungee Jumping



TIME	ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION
Before 8 am	Breakfast	Breakfast included at the hotel.

Morning	Transfer to the Juan Curí Waterfalls	Transfer approx. 40 minutes
Morning	Hiking to the Waterfalls	<p>After hiking for about 30 minutes in the forest you will see the impressive Juan Curí Waterfalls. The total height of the waterfall from the highest to the lowest point is approx. 250 m and it is divided into several smaller waterfalls.</p> <p>The hike takes you to the top of a waterfall that is about 50 meters high. At this point you will start the rappel activity full of adrenaline. A certified rappel guide will secure you on a rope and then you will climb down the 50-m part of the Juan Curí Waterfalls getting completely wet.</p> <p>After the rappel activity you will have the opportunity to jump into the waterhole where the waterfall ends before taking the 20-minute walk back to the parking lot.</p> <p>If you don't wish to do the rappel activity you would arrive at the lower part of the 50-m high waterfall where you are free to jump into the water or just relax and enjoy the nature.</p> <p>NOTE 1: Please bring shoes that can get wet. After the hiking back to the entrance, you will have time and a place to change your wet clothes (however, remember that after lunch you are getting wet again).</p> <p>NOTE 2: Due to changing weather conditions we cannot guarantee the rappelling activity (probability of cancellation 5%). In case of strong rains for example it would be impossible to do the activity since there would be too much water in the waterfall. In this case you would just visit the waterfalls without doing the rappelling.</p>
Noon	Lunch	Lunch will be provided at the waterfalls or on the way to the cave (lunch not included).
Afternoon	Transfer to the Indian Cave in Páramo	Approx. 20 min transfer
Afternoon	Indian Cave	<p>After receiving all the necessary equipment (helmet, life jacket, light), you will start a little walk across the town of Páramo. On the other side of the town you will enter a cavern/ cave that will take you all the way back to the other side crossing the cave all the way beneath the town. The hike with a specialized guide will take you about one and a half hour and you will see different rock formations and a lot of bats. At some parts you will have to crawl through narrow parts of the cave, you will have to cross ponds in the middle of the cave and at the end if you wish, you will have the possibility to jump into a deep pond from a 6-m high platform.</p> <p>NOTE 1: After the hiking back to the parking lot, you will have time and a place to get a shower and change your wet clothes and shoes.</p> <p>NOTE 2: Due to changing weather conditions we cannot guarantee the caving activity (probability of cancellation 5%). In case of strong rains for example it would be impossible to do the activity since there would be too much water entering the cave. In this case you would we would organize a different activity for you such as zip lining or visit Barichara, Colombia's most beautiful town (no additional costs).</p>
Afternoon	Transfer to the Hotel in Guadalupe	<p>Approx. 2.5-hour transfer</p> <p>If you did not have enough of the extreme activities, there is the possibility to do bungee jumping on the way back to the hotel. The jump is done from a 70-m platform above the river and has an additional cost of about 30 US-dollars.</p>
Evening	Dinner	You will receive dinner in the hotel (dinner included).

Day 8:

8) Guadalupe - Bicycle Tour Caballeros Waterfalls



TIME	ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION
Before 7 am	Breakfast and Check-Out	Breakfast included in the hotel.
Morning	Bicycle Ride to the Waterfalls	<p>Depending on your speed and physical strength, the ride of almost 20 km will take you between 2 and 4 hours. The first 6 km are mainly upwards and on a well-paved street. Then you will ride 11 km on a bumpy road that does not have big differences in elevation. The last 2 km are going steep downwards to bottom part of the waterfall.</p> <p>During the whole ride you will be able to enjoy a beautiful green landscape and on the way to the waterfall there is the possibility to visit a little cave/ cavern if the weather permits.</p>
Morning and afternoon	Waterfalls Caballeros	<p>At the part of the bicycle ride, which starts to go downwards, you will see the waterfalls from far away. At this point, you still do not realize how large the waterfalls are.</p> <p>Upon arrival, the 100-meter high waterfalls will fascinate you and will give you a great setting to take unforgettable pictures. At the bottom part of the waterfall you can jump into a natural pool. You can even get closer to the waterfall and climb the rocks where you feel the cold, strong and wet breeze of the waterfall.</p> <p>We highly recommend walking up to the top part of the waterfall since on the upper part you will have the opportunity to pass a trail behind the waterfall. Also the view on the green valley will be stunning.</p> <p>Whenever you feel starting the ride back to Guadalupe, the guide will lead you the exact same way back to town.</p>
Evening	Guadalupe Dinner	We will provide you with the information about different options for dinner (dinner not included) and we will also provide you the transport to the restaurant.

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Day 9:

9) Guadalupe - Natural Water Holes “Las Gachas”



TIME	ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION
Before 7 am	Breakfast and Check-Out	Breakfast included in the hotel and check-out.
Morning	Transfer to Las Gachas in Guadalupe	Approx. 2-hour transfer During the road trip we will get snacks for the day activity at Las Gachas (snacks not included).
Morning and afternoon	Las Gachas	<p>Before arriving to the natural swimming holes “Las Gachas” you will have to take a walk for about 25 minutes crossing grasslands with beautiful mountainous landscape in the background.</p> <p>Las Gachas are unique waterholes in a river that runs upon reddish rocks. The region of Guadalupe is located on a big rock platform and at the place of the river you can see how the whole rock platform looks beneath the grasslands. The holes that are up to 5 meters deep make it an impressive setting.</p> <p>The first part to arrive at las Gachas is not known by tourists but it is a perfect place to take fantastic pictures without any people in the background.</p> <p>From this part you will be walking down the river for about 400 meters to get to the part of Las Gachas where the rocks are very slippery and where you can slide into the holes.</p> <p>Walking further down for 300 meters you will arrive at a small 15 m waterfall where Las Gachas end. Here you can have a little break on a typical Colombian farm and get to know the live in the countryside.</p> <p>On the way back before taking the 25-minute walk to the car you will have time to lay down in the sun, use more rock slides or just chill in the waterholes.</p>

		NOTE: Please bring additional shoes that can get wet since the rocks might be very slippery. It is not recommended to go barefoot.
Afternoon	Transfer to the Town of Guadalupe	Transfer approx. 10 minutes In Guadalupe you will have the possibility to get a shower and change your clothes (no hot water in town).
Afternoon	Guadalupe and Lunch	In Guadalupe you will have a late lunch in a crepe restaurant where delicious crêpes and other meals are served (food <u>not</u> included) You will also have some time to get to know the central park and the central church of the 2000 inhabitant town.
Late afternoon/ Evening	Transfer to the Hotel in Bucaramanga	Transfer approx. 5 hours
Evening	Dinner	We will provide you with the information about different options for dinner (dinner not included) and we will also provide you the transport to the restaurant.

Day 10:

10) Departure Day

TIME	ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION
Flexible	Breakfast and Check-Out	Breakfast included at the hotel and check-out.
Flexible	Airport Transfer	Depending on the time of your departure flight we will bring you to the airport. The airport transfer lasts approx. 30 minutes.

Recommendations

During the whole tour please take into account the following recommendations:

What to bring:

- Sunscreen and hat or cap
- Light and comfortable shoes
- Water shoes or shoes that can get wet (if possible 2 pairs)
- Hiking shoes
- Comfortable clothes for the day activities (usually shorts and t-shirts)
- Sweatshirt or a light jacket (it might get fresh at night)
- Mosquito spray
- Small backpack to carry the necessary items for the day
- Swim suit (if possible 2) and towel

Physical effort information of the activities:

- Boat Ride and visiting waterfalls: low physical effort
- Airplane Cave: medium physical effort
- Rock Climbing: high physical effort
- Walking in the Chicamocha Park: low/ medium physical effort
- Paragliding: no physical effort
- Rafting: medium physical effort
- Hiking Juan Curí Waterfalls: medium physical effort
- Indian Cave: medium physical effort
- Bicycle Tour: high physical effort
- Hiking Guadalupe: low/ medium physical effort

Information for the Travel Agency

Tour includes:

- Bilingual guide during the whole tour
- Private transport in a comfortable mean of transport during the whole tour (NOTE: a group of 3 will be transported in a comfortable SUV with the driver guide, a group of 4 or more in a van or a bus)
- 3 nights in Bucaramanga
- 1 night in San Vicente de Chucurí
- 1 night in La Mesa de los Santos (cabins with canyon view)
- 2 nights in San Gil
- 2 nights in Guadalupe (in Guadalupe there are no 5-star or boutique hotels)

- 9 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 3 dinners
- All described activities and entries (exception: activities and entries where it is explicitly mentioned that they are not included and that they have an additional cost)
- Medical insurance from Colasistencia and an additional insurance for all activities that have a higher risk

Net Prices for the Agency (10% Commission included):

- Prices are per person depending on the number of travelers in the group.
- Please take into account that the 5-star /boutique hotel option only exists in Bucaramanga, San Vicente de Chucurí and San Gil (Barichara).
- Prices are valid until the 31st December 2019. Prices per person in COP are listed in the following table:

Accommodation	Number of Travelers					Additional cost for single bedroom (9 nights in total)
	1	2	3/ 4	5/6/7	8/9	
3/4-star Hotel	\$ 8.961.000	\$ 4.698.000	\$ 3.593.100	\$ 2.958.000	\$ 2.583.900	\$ 800.000
Boutique/ 5-star Hotel	\$ 9.961.500	\$ 5.237.400	\$ 4.141.200	\$ 3.506.100	\$ 3.132.000	\$ 1.300.000

- The prices per person in **USD** are based on our **internal exchange rate of 1:2700** on September 28, 2018. The international exchange rate was at about 1:2950 on September 28, 2018. **If this international exchange rate drops by 5%, the listed prices will not be valid anymore!** Moreover, **we do not carry any transaction costs.**

Accommodation	Number of Travelers					Additional cost for single bedroom (9 nights in total)
	1	2	3/ 4	5/6/7	8/9	
3/4-star Hotel	\$ 3.319	\$ 1.740	\$ 1.331	\$ 1.096	\$ 957	\$ 296
Boutique/ 5-star Hotel	\$ 3.689	\$ 1.940	\$ 1.534	\$ 1.299	\$ 1.160	\$ 481