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**SATW 2022**  
**“COFFEE REGION”**

September 5th to 8th, 2022



## HOTELS

- Eje Cafetero
  - Mocawa Resort Hotel, 4\* SUP

# MOCAWA RESORT, 4\* SUP



## In the heart of the coffee region

The Mocawa Resort mixes the essence of the emblematic product of the region with the culture that surrounds it, highlighting the vocation of specific service to the inhabitants of the region.

Located in the heart of the coffee region, under the radiant Quindian sun, and framed in one of the most beautiful landscapes in the world.

- 100 rooms including 4 Suites (96 rooms between Superior and Superior TWN, and 4 Suites)



**MOCAWA RESORT, 4\* SUP**







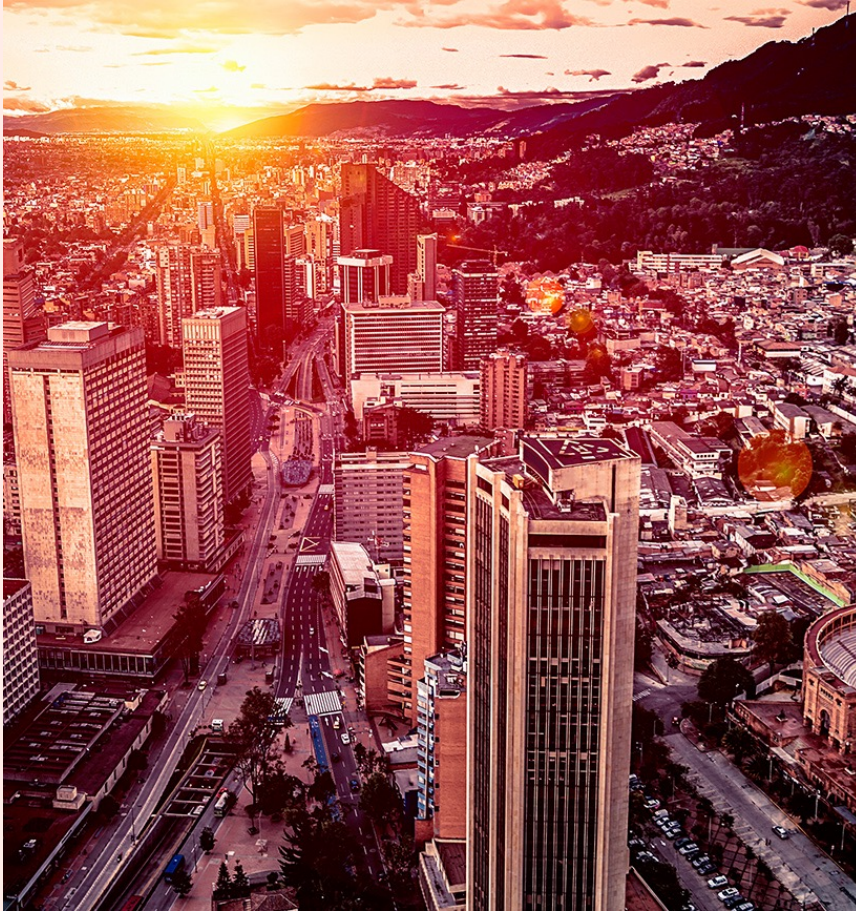
# PROGRAM



September 5 <sup>th</sup>	September 6 <sup>th</sup>	September 7 <sup>th</sup>	September 8 <sup>th</sup>
<p><b>Recommended Flight</b> <b>BOGOTA –ARMENIA</b> <b><u>Avianca AV9843</u></b> <b><u>17h05 – 18h10</u></b></p> <p><b>Arrival to Armenia</b></p> <p>Transfer to the hotel</p> <p><b><u>Check in</u></b></p> <p>Dinner at the hotel</p>	<p><b>Breakfast at the hotel</b></p>	<p><b>Breakfast at the hotel</b></p>	<p><b>Breakfast at the hotel</b></p>
	<p><b>Full day tour: At Pijao</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Visit of two local coffee bean producers</li></ul>	<p><b>Full day tour:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Visit to Salento</li><li>• Trekking at the Cocora Valley</li><li>• Champagne at the summit of Cocora valley</li></ul>	<p>Check out</p> <p>Transfer to the airport</p>
	<p>Lunch at the <b>Marketplace of Pijao</b></p>	<p>Picnic lunch</p>	<p><b>Suggested flights:</b></p> <p><b>Direct flight, Armenia to Bogotá</b> <b>AV4886</b></p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Visit to authentic home</li><li>• Visit to the coffee cooperative</li><li>• Colombian game: Tejo</li></ul> <p>Transfer back to the hotel</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Wax palm reforestation</li><li>• Visit Filandia</li></ul> <p>Transfer back to the hotel</p>	<p><b>Departure time from</b> <b>Armenia at 11:04 a.m.</b> <b>arrival to Bogotá at 11:59 am</b></p>
	<p>Dinner at Rancho Eden</p>	<p>Free Dinnner</p>	
3 nights at Mocawa Hotel 4* SUP			



# DAY 1 // BOGOTA



## Suggested flight:

*Direct flight, Bogotá to Armenia AV9843*

*Departure time from Bogotá at 5h05 p.m. arrival to  
Armenia at 6h10 p.m.*



# DAY 1 // COFFEE REGION



## ¡Welcome to Eje Cafetero!

Arrival to Armenia

Transfer from the airport to Eden Farm – from Eden Farm to Mocawa Hotel

**Includes:** Transportation, Assistance Guide, Airport Porters and bottle of water.

Check in

Dinner at the hotel (drinks not included)





DINNER AT COLOR RESTAURANT IN MOCAWA HOTEL

# DAY 1 // COFFEE REGION

## Coffee Triangle

The coffee region, also called **the coffee triangle** is a topographic region of Colombia. It is part of the area known as the area "Paisa" of Colombia and the capitals of the three departments are Manizales, Pereira and Armenia, respectively.

This area was **an important producer of rubber** in the early twentieth century, and **then moved on to divers' coffees**. Here we are **in the heart of one of the major areas of coffee production** and the scenery is breathtaking.

Trees and foliage will sparkle in the sun and deploying **a fabulous oscillating green swatch of phosphorescent hues to the bottle**.

Here, guava and carboneros, there, bamboo forests, "guadua" and plantains. **And everywhere, the coffee trees tumbling down the mountains and stretching to the horizon. Cultural landscapes of coffee in Colombia were declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 2011.**





**COFFEE BEAN**



## DAY 2 // COFFEE REGION



### Pijao

The village of Pijao is located 31 km from Armenia surrounded by a panorama of restful mountains.

Today, **Pijao is one of the cities with less than 50,000 inhabitants who put the quality of life ahead by excluding the stress and pollution of big cities, while living in communion with nature, culture and developing local food and healthy.**

For 5 years Pijao has promoted a model of sustainable tourism imbued with the philosophy of the SLOW model, which aims to revitalize local economies based around families and small and medium-sized enterprises. **All this in order to preserve the natural and cultural environment of the region and its ethnographic value.**



PIJAO



## DAY 2 // COFFEE REGION



### Pijao

Far from the tourist villages of Salento or even Filandia, **Pijao's proposal as an eco-responsible tourist destination as well as peaceful aims to improve the living conditions of these 6600 inhabitants** but also **seeks the environmental and architectural conservation** of the city. A few years ago, the FARC controlled this village. **Pijao is represented as one of the unique models in Latin America to preserve the identity, culture and local heritage.**

- Discovery of the village with road book (not included)
- Workshop presentation of the coffee service
- Visit of the Finca Don Leo (planting and production of coffee)
- Lunch with local products in the marketplace
- Discovery of the traditional game, the TEJO ethnographic.

## DAY 2 // COFFEE REGION



### Tejo

Tejo is officially a national sport in Colombia. Inspired by the Turmeque, an original game practiced by the pre-Hispanic inhabitants of the Cundi-Boyacense altiplano, **the Tejo consists of throwing a metal disc on a surface filled with clay about 18 meters long, in order to explode "wicks" full of powder.**



## DAY 2 // COFFEE REGION



### Rancho Eden

With two decades of tradition, Rancho Eden is an emblematic restaurant in the city.

**They offer a menu with authentic traditional dishes of Colombian cuisine** executed to perfection and are characterized by serving the best meats cuts on the grill.





## DAY 3 // COFFEE REGION



### Trekking in the Cocora Valley

The **wax palm** is native to the high Andean valleys of Los Nevados National Park, in the departments of Quindío, Risaralda and Tolima, northwest Colombia. It **grows to 60 m tall in good growing conditions and is the largest palm in the world**. The leaves are dark green and gray, with petioles of over 2 m in length.

The trunk is cylindrical, smooth and covered with wax. When the leaves die and fall off, they leave a black ring around the trunk.

Wax trunks were used **to make candles**, until the introduction of electricity and It is now **a protected species**. The wax palm was chosen as **the national tree of Colombia**.



**CHAMPAGNE AT THE SUMMIT**







## DAY 3 // COFFEE REGION



### Wax palm reforestation

The project started 2 years ago, when businessmen and property owners in Salento joined forces, for the reforestation of Cocora with the planting of 50,000 wax palms.

The national tree project is part of an Army restoration program.

## DAY 3 // COFFEE REGION



### Salento

Transfer towards **the little village of Salento**, situated at the heart of the Coffee Triangle:

There are in the world villages that are able to awaken our senses to the fullest. Places so different that they seem to have their own personality and charisma. This is the case of Salento in Colombia, a village like no other. This resort is simply **a multicolored work of art. Houses in a thousand colors with balconies overflowing with flowers** and surrounded by **breathtaking scenery**.





# DAY 4 // COFFEE REGION



## Departure

Breakfast at Mocawa Hotel

Check out

Transfer Out

**Includes:** Transportation, Assistance Guide, and bottle of water.

Flight back from Armenia, El Eden international Airport to Bogota.

### Suggested flights:

*Direct flight, Armenia to Bogotá AV4886*

*Departure time from Armenia at 11:04 a.m. arrival to Bogotá at 11:59 am.*



# THE COFFEE REGION

## 3 NIGHTS AT MOCAWA HOTEL

### Included:

- Accommodation in SINGLE room, breakfast included
- All meals with soft drinks.
- Dinner at Mocawa Hotel, set menu 3 courses (starter, main course, dessert and 1 nonalcoholic drink)
- English speaking guide.
- TC from Colombia en Colores
- Activities and transportation as per presentation

### Not included:

- Dinner Day 3
- Alcoholic drinks
- Additional transfers will have an extra cost.
- Laundry service, telephone calls, and internet access.
- Domestic flight from Bogotá to Armenia (fare to be confirmed upon reservation).

**DATES APPLICABLE: SEPTEMBER 2022**





- Time Zone (GMT-5)
- **Formalities:** only a valid passport is mandatory for citizens of the EEC. Upon arrival, a tourist card valid for 60 days will be given.
- **Weather information:** its proximity to the equator gives the Colombian climate uniformity in its temperatures: overall, the dry season lasts from December to March.
  - In Bogota, with its altitude of 2,700 meters above sea level, making it the third highest capital of the planet; the evenings can be cool, in December minimum 10 ° and maximum 20 ° and a slight risk of rain.
  - In Cartagena: minimum 25 ° and maximum 31 ° - 3 days of risk of rain in the month of December, and 27 ° for the sea /
- **Vaccinations:** No vaccine is required, but the minimum required is an up-to-date DTP vaccine (diphtheria-tetanus-polio). Yellow fever vaccine is not required in the coffee region, Bogotá and Cartagena areas.
- **Luggage with Avianca:** In the cabin: 1 handbag + 1 hand luggage (55 x 35 x 25 cm pockets, wheels and handles included), total of 10kg maximum  
In the hold: 1 suitcase of 23 kg maximum and 158 cm (height + length + width).



- **Suitcase:** Beware of the cool evening in Bogota, and the risk of rain, Get sunscreen, sun hat and sunglasses  
Always have anti-mosquito protections (repellent spray, soothing cream, ...),  
Do not forget your usual medications, as well as a gastric treatment if the changes of food and temperatures can disturb you,  
Loose and light cotton or linen clothes to better withstand the heat of Cartagena.  
The dress code is quite casual as in most tropical regions, but it is advisable to cover the arms and legs in the evenings against biting insects.
- **Electrical current:** 110 volts, US plugs (2 flat plugs). It is better to have an adapter
- **Telephone and callsign:** To call from USA to Colombia: dial 00 + 57 + number of the correspondent. From Colombia to USA: dial 007 + 1 + number of the correspondent without the initial 0.
- **Mountain sickness:** The city of Bogota is located at 2700m above sea level, some travelers may experience respiratory difficulty, headaches and insomnia. It is recommended to hydrate regularly. People who are prone to respiratory, cardiac or vascular diseases should consult their doctor before departure.  
Aspirin is well advised otherwise ask your hotel for a coke tea.
- **Language:** The official language is Spanish, but English is widely spoken in hotels and the tourism sector in general.



- **Currency:** The national currency is the Colombian peso. Tickets of 20,000, 10,000, 5,000, 1,000 pesos; coins of 1.000, 500, 200, 100, 50 pesos. Currency exchange and traveler's checks are made at banks and exchange offices. We will avoid changers on the sly. CB Distributors (Visa, MasterCard, American Express) in major cities. Payment by credit card has become quite common in establishments of a certain standard. Banks generally open Monday to Friday from 8:00 to 11:30 and from 14:00 to 16:00pm.
- **Tip:** It is customary in all countries of the world to leave a tip to thank the quality of a service. In Colombia, in restaurants it is necessary to check if your bill mentions "the propina voluntaria" (= tip) normally automatically added unless refused, otherwise plan 10% of the total of your bill.
- **Security:** The security situation in Colombia has improved drastically in the last 5 to 10 years, and the majority of tourist sites are now accessible to foreign visitors. So you can travel "zen" in Colombia provided you follow basic security measures, like anywhere in the world, It is always advisable to deposit in the coffers of hotels passports, credit cards, cash and air tickets, while keeping a photocopy of the passport on your person and only move with the bare necessities. As everywhere in Latin America, you will have to follow in Colombia some simple rules of common sense and security, especially in certain districts of the capital Bogota.



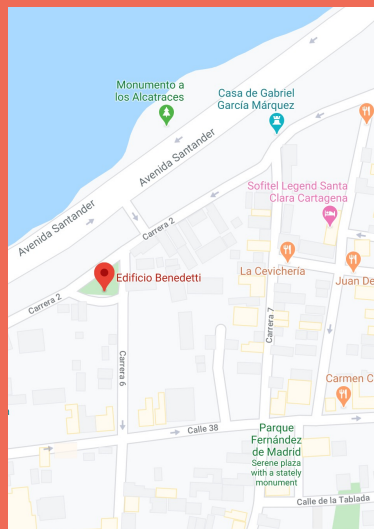


- **Religion:** Although the 1991 Constitution marks the official separation of Church and State, and therefore freedom of religion, Colombia remains a country that is overwhelmingly Catholic: it is estimated that between 90 and 95% of its inhabitants are baptized. It is more difficult to have an exact figure on the "regular" practitioners, but you will notice during your trip that the churches are numerous, often full, and that each "buseta" has its effigy of Jesus and many gris-gris and lucky charm attached to the mirror.

- **Know how to live:** Colombians in general are extremely respectful of their fellow citizens but even more foreigners. Do not hesitate to use the key words of pre-Columbian politeness: "que pena" - "permiso" (excuse me), "por favor" (please), "muchas gracias" (thank you very much), "muy amable" (you are very kind), "que le vaya bien" (be well). "Hagame un favor" (Could you do me a favor).

Unlike the practice of Spanish in the Iberian Peninsula, where the familiarity is very happy, it is recommended, in Colombia, not to talk immediately in the first person to your interlocutor, even if you are dealing with a young person. The use of "Usted" is indeed very widespread and it is an appreciated mark of courtesy.

**Particular attention** is to be paid to the Colombian humor: it requires a preparation of all the moments to know when you must laugh not to upset your host: indeed, the Colombian humor is extremely characteristic and relatively "elitist".






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