

Remote Guajira Expeditions



Overview

Highlights:

- Flamingo Bird Sanctuary.
- Wayuu tribe settlements.
- Uribia - the indigenous capital of Colombia.
- Macuira National Park (an oasis in the desert and a globally unique ecosystem).
- "Punta Gallinas" the extreme north of continental Colombia and South America at the Caribbean Sea.
- Cabo de la Vela.
- Manaure's Salt Mine.

Trip details:



- **Duration of the trip:** 6 days and 5 nights.
- **Trekking time:** 2 hours daily over the beaches, the desert, dunes and the foothills of "Serrania de La Macuira".
- **Distance:** 1-6 kms per day
- **Ecosystem:** desert, elfin cloudy evergreen forest, tropical dry forest, mountain forests, xerophytes savannah, dry steppe.
- **Climate:** warm and humid with an average temperature varying from 27 to 30°C.
- **Elevation:** 0-900 meters above sea level
- **Location:** La Guajira department, the northernmost region of Colombia

An unforgettable journey to the farthest limit of our country. We will visit emblematic places such as "El Cabo de la Vela", "Punta Gallinas", Manaure's Salt Mine, Uribia city, The Macuira National Park and the Flamingos Sanctuary. We will travel in comfortable 4x4 vehicles with air conditioning, accompanied by expert guides from the region and we will have the opportunity to stay at Wayuu settlements and be in direct contact with this fascinating culture.

Dates

Price

- **4 or more Expeditionaries: COP\$4.190.000 per person**

How to book

The deadline for booking is one month before the expedition. For bookings please contact info@ecoglobalexpeditions.com, please send us your name and phone number (the phone number is very important to notify you of possible changes to the schedule).



Why book with us if you're planning to travel to Alta Guajira?

- Because we travel in comfortable 4×4 vehicles accompanied by expert drivers and guides from the area.
- Because our local guides travel with the group from Ríoacha, take great care with the organization of the expedition and are assiduous regarding your safety and comfort.
- Because we take you to remote places, such as sand dunes, lighthouses and across a whole desert, all to enable you to feel the excitement of visiting unexplored places.

What's included

- Transport from and to the airport or land terminal in Riohacha city.
- Full meals from the first day lunch, to the last day breakfast.
- Full hydration: water bottles full available in each vehicle.
- Entrance tickets to Macuira National Park.
- Entrance tickets to The Flamingos Sanctuary.
- Driver and tour guide during the journey (local guides: EcoGlobal Expeditions support the communities initiatives and ecotourism projects in the regions that we visit).
- Accommodation in hotels in Uribia city, Nazareth, Cabo de la Vela and Punta Gallinas (multiple accommodation).
- Transport in 4×4 vehicles with air-conditioning.
- Assistance card (travel insurance).

What's not included

- Air or land tickets to Riohacha city
- Breakfast first day
- Last day lunch
- Tips
- Personal expenses
- Souvenirs
- Expenses not stipulated

Itinerary

Note:

*The following itinerary is to provide general information and may change without notice due to weather conditions or contingencies that may arise.

Day 1

- Reception at Riohacha airport or land terminal.
- Transfer to The Flamingo Sanctuary for bird watching and lunch.
- Visit to one of the Wayuu settlements, attend a welcoming ceremony and interaction with the community and its culture (dance and traditional music).
- Transfer to Uribia (the indigenous capital of Colombia).
- Dinner and accommodation in a hotel in Uribia city.

Day 2

- Breakfast
- Departure to Nazareth by the desert Guajiro.
- Lunch in Pusheo.
- Dinner and accommodation in Nazareth.

Day 3

- Breakfast
- Departure to The Macuira National Park and hiking to visit the Mekijanao sand dune.
- Lunch
- Departure to Puerto Estrella visiting the sand dune and the Patos Lagoon.
- Dinner in Punta Gallinas and lodging.

Day 4

- Breakfast
- Departure to the lighthouse and its beach (boat ride optional).
- Visit to Punta Aguja and Medano de Taroa.
- Lunch
- Departure to Cabo de la Vela through Portete bay, Puerto Nuevo, Puerto Bolivar and Eolic Park.
- Dinner in Cabo de la Vela and lodging.

Day 5

- Breakfast
- Morning trip to Pilon de Azucar beach.
- Lunch
- Twilight in the lighthouse and Ojo de Agua.
- Dinner in Cabo de la Vela and lodging.

Day 6

- Breakfast
- Departure to Manaure's Salt Mine.
- 11:00 a.m. Transfer to airport or land terminal.

Travel tips

- As far as possible take the least amount of wrappers, cans or glasses and please, let's return home all the inorganic waste that we carry in our backpack «if you carry it in your backpack, you can return in your backpack»
 - Be previously vaccinated against yellow fever and tetanus.
 - Don't bring items that are typically used by the military (i.e. camouflage clothing).
 - Don't bring or take toxic, psychoactive or hallucinogenic and alcoholic substances.
 - Bring the least amount of wrappers, cans or glass that you can.
 - Don't bring jewelry or other valuables (Rolex watches and Cartier earrings; please leave them at home!).
 - During treks, please do not distance yourself from the group and please do not remain alone at any time.
 - Have in mind that we will be staying in very remote places and our hosts will do everything for us as best as they can, given the local conditions and culture.
 - We want that during our visit to these remote, remote and often forgotten territories, all: guides, coordinators and tourists, we contribute to the economy of these regions and small towns, buying in the stores, bakeries and restaurants, their products and merchandise (such as sweets, chocolates, soft drinks, sweets, fruits, etc.) and acquiring local handicrafts. It is a small support through which we include these communities in the tourism value chain. If you like to consume very sophisticated foods or special diets (almonds, sugar-free chocolates, dried seeds or dehydrated fruits, for example), which you will not be able to get in the shops of the villages, we recommend you take them with you. Thank you for joining this initiative, this is called sustainable tourism!
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Each participant should bring:

- Water Canteen, Thermo or Camelback, let's avoid plastic or PET bottles and if we buy or take them we return them to our house!
- 2 cotton clothes for warm weather, light colors, shirts with long-sleeves (don't bring excess luggage).
- Bathing suit
- Towel
- Sleeping bag, tracksuit with long-sleeves for sleeping or a sheet. The area we will visit is semi-desert for that the nights can be cold, especially at daybreak
- Tennis shoes or hiking boots with good grip.
- Additional tennis shoes or sandals.
- Cap or hat
- Torch and extra batteries.
- Sunglasses
- A small backpack to use while trekking.
- Poncho (rain cape) - waterproof.
- Personal hygiene items in small quantities.
- First aid kit (personal medicines).
- Insect repellent
- Sun block
- Cash for tips, souvenirs and personal expenses.
- Personal documents (identity papers, ID cards, health cards).
- Camera
- Binoculars
- Toilet paper