

# 5 Days /4 Nights

## Day 1:

- Welcome at La Macarena airport
- Visit to Cormacarena and National Parks office for an introductory talk about the National Park Sierra de La Macarena.
- Luggage pick up (depending of the time of arrival, luggage will be picked up before or after the talk), and stop at La Manigua's office for the check-in. Here you will have time to fill your water bottles with water and change clothes if you need.
- Transfer to the Guayabero river. We will take a wooden boat with our luggage to start our first visit. Caño Cristalitos.
- 20 minute boat transfer upstream the Guayabero river. On the way it's posible to spot some wildlife on the river bank. We will reach a farmers house where we will get ready for our first hike.
- 25 minutes ascend to reach the Mirador, an amazing lookout where your guide will be able to explain everything about the ecosystems and the social history of La Macarena. The place to have lunch will vary according to the time that you start the hike.
- 45 minutes hike along a semi-flat terrain till we reach Caño Cristalitos, where we will have time to appreciate the *Macarenia clavigera* plant and bathe at small pools.
- 45 minutes hike back to the Guayabero river to reach out boat
- 15 minutes transfer upstream the Guayabero river to reach La Manigua Lodge.
- Check-in at La Manigua Lodge
- Time to relax and to enjoy the possible visit of some monkeys
- Dinner at La Manigua Lodge

#### Day 2

- Breakfast at La Manigua Lodge. Our start time will be defined by Cormacarena and National parks randomly (it can be between 6 am and 8 am).
- 15 min boat transfer downstream the Guayabero River
- 40 min 4x4 transfer on a bumpy road entering the National Park Sierra de La Macarena
- We will reach National Parks check point, where we will get ready for the hike.
- 30 minutes hike till we reach our highly expected destination: Caño Cristales.
- Once at Caño Cristales, we will start the trail that was assigned by National Parks and Cormacarena.
- Inside the National Park we will be around 7 hours, having time for hiking, having lunch, bathing and take a lot of pictures of the colors and waterfalls of this amazing river.

- At the end of the hike we will return by the same we entered to reach again La Manigua Lodge.
- At the end of the day we will have a cultural activity on the river.
- Dinner at La Manigua Lodge

### Day 3

- Breakfast at La Manigua Lodge. Our start time will be defined by Cormacarena and National parks randomly (it can be between 6 am and 8 am).
- 15 min boat transfer downstream the Guayabero River
- 40 min 4x4 transfer on a bumpy road entering the National Park Sierra de La Macarena
- We will reach National Parks check point, where we will get ready for the hike.
- 30 minutes hike till we reach our highly expected destination: Caño Cristales.
- Once at Caño Cristales, we will start the trail that was assigned by National Parks and Cormacarena. This day we will visit the lower basin of Caño Cristales, where this Majestic river enters the jungle and because of the shadow of the forest the *Macarenia clavigera* plant has an intense green coloration.
- Inside the National Park we will be around 7 hours, having time for hiking, having lunch, bathing and take a lot of pictures of the colors and waterfalls of this amazing river.
- At the end of the hike we will return by the same we entered to reach again La Manigua Lodge.
- At the end of the day we will have a cultural activity with our neighbors.
- Dinner at La Manigua Lodge

## Day 4

- Breakfast at La Manigua Lodge. Our start time will be defined by Cormacarena and National parks randomly (it can be between 6 am and 8 am).
- 40 min boat transfer upstream the Guayabero river. The upper basin uf the Guayabero river is great for spotting wildlife, so it's important to have your eyes open!
- Visit to the Raudan de Angosturas, water rapids created because the Guayabero river has to go through a rock canyon that can only be visited during the dry season.
- We will take pictures of the water rapids before starting our hike to Ciudad de Piedra.
- 90 min hike to reach Ciudad de Piedra, a rock labyrinth that belongs to the Guiana shield and a valley full of rock formations that only the wind and the water could have sculpt.
- At this particular spot we will have time to have lunch, bathe at Caño El Encanto and enjoy the landscape from the huge rocks that decorate this valley.
- We will return by the same to our boat and then continue back to La Manigua Lodge.
- Dinner at La Manigua Lodge
- After dinner we will grab our headlamps and do a 60 min hike inside the forest. We will have the opportunity of focusing on the small details of the forest and if we are lucky get to spot bigger animals on the way.

#### Day 5

- Breakfast at La Manigua Lodge. The time to start the activity will be defined according to the flight schedule.
- 10 minute hike to from La Manigua Lodge till we reach the horses.

- 45 minute horse ride along "morichales" and natural savannahs till we reach Caño Piedra. If we have enough time it's posible to bathe at a natural pool.
- Return to La Manigua Lodge bu horse (60 minute)
- We will pack or luggage and get ready to return to La Macarena by boat. If our return flight is in the afternoon, we will have lunch at the town.
- Transfer to the airport and farewell.