




# Vive Guaviare

Catalogue

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A stunning region in Colombia, which has only recently begun to reveal the wonders of this off-the-beaten-track destination:

Marvel with Paleolithic rock art dating back up to 12,000 years; meet the red water plant *Macarenia clavigera* embellishing creeks; swim surrounded by pink river dolphins; hike forests, savannas and many different rock outcrops in the form of bridges, tunnels, villages and other shapes, waiting to be reinvented at a whim. Take a refreshing bath in natural pools, lakes and waterfalls in colored waters as colorful as the prodigious biodiversity all around; admire the splendor of sunsets...

... and a lot more.

# We are...



An interdisciplinary team of guides, drivers, rural and indigenous communities, professionals from different fields sharing the love for the region and willing to offer the best attention to our guests.

... a recent destination in tourism with a great natural and cultural wealth thanks to the huge biodiversity and the existence of important archaeological sites. Guaviare is part of the Amazon region in Colombia, located at the crossroad of Orinoco and Amazon basins.

We work together with rural communities for whom sustainable tourism represents a real productive alternative in peace construction and replacement economies processes.

It is vital to take care of nature, to protect it and to preserve it. Any kind of species like spiders, frogs, geckos, scorpions, snakes, birds, mammals, plants or any other inhabitant of the territory must be tolerated, that is our guiding principle.

We invite you to share this principle and to respect the following basic rules of coexistence:

- ~ Harmony and respect of environment.
- ~ Respect of local culture and traditions.
- ~ Tolerance for other's diversity, race, culture and taste. We are all different.
- ~ Prohibition of any kind of narcotic or psychotropic substance possession, introduction, consumption or trade, as well as with alcohol during the activities.

We reserve the right to admit or reject any person going against these rules.

# All-day experiences

One day is barely enough to enjoy the best in these activities because of distances and length.

They start early in the morning, ending near dusk.



## Cerro Azul, Paleolithic Rock Art

Visit to the largest complex of Paleolithic rock art in the region is possible thanks to this community organization of peasants. The itinerary includes four walls of ancient paintings, a 700 feet long cave and a marvelous viewpoint over the vastness of the tropical forest.



## Raudal del Guayabero, Paleolithic Rock Art

Visitors must get across the Angosturas II rapids by boat in the Guayabero's canyon to reach this wall of ancient rock art. In order to complete this journey, you will admire one of the most beautiful viewpoints in the area and if you want to, to freshen you up in the Love's Cave waterfall.

*\* For security reasons, boat ride and bath depend on river levels.*



## Damas de Nare Lake, Pink River Dolphins

A rural sustainable tourism project managed by peasant families. We reach the place after a nice walk in the jungle or by boat in rainy times. Hosts lead us to visit *Inia geoffrensis* amazon pink river dolphins.

*\* 4x4 trucks or outboard fast boat options.*



## Peace Villages and El Retorno's Hot Springs

Peace tourism, possible after 2016's agreements, allows the visit of the Territorial Spaces for Training and Reintegration (ETCR acronym in Spanish) in Colinas and Charras, in where former rebels guide us in nature walks and show us their new hometowns, their commune projects and the replica of the camps they lived in. It is also possible to take a relaxing bath in El Retorno's hot springs.

**IMPORTANT:** During the dry season (December – March) water related activities like bath, swimming and boat rides depend on water levels according to environmental authorities orientations.

# Half-day experiences

If you do not have time enough to visit, these half-day visits will leave you nice memories and an excuse to come back.

2 half-day experiences = 1 full-day experience.



## Colored Rivers

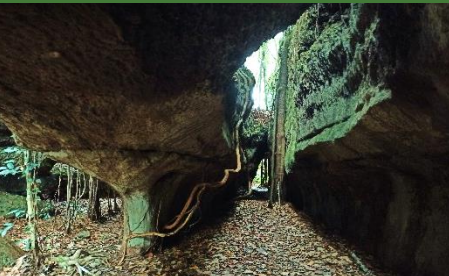
Cano Sabana and Rincon de los Toros are two colorful creeks thanks to endemic *Macarenia clavigera* plant. Besides a charming walk you can take a bath in crystal waters from La Lindosa plateau.

*\* Available between late May and early December.*



## Orion's Gate

The beauty and the size of this rock outcrop in La Lindosa plateau's piedmont have made it become a symbol for the province. The nature trail surrounds the rock around the formation and passes by The Fridge cave.



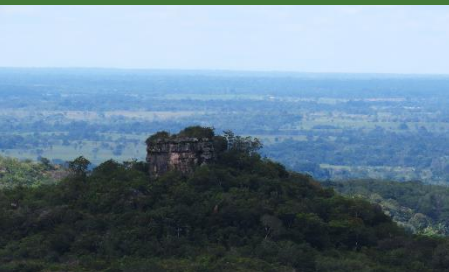
## Natural Tunnels

Trail among savannas and rock outcrops in multiple shapes like an open-air sculpture museum with rock labyrinths and caves resembling science-fiction sceneries. Plus some samples of ancient rock art and bathing option in the Jacuzzi.



## Natural Pools

This path goes along La Esperanza creek, passes by Love's waterfall and converges into a number of natural pools formed in the rocks, some of them more than 10 feet deep. Water's call will get over every corner.



## Villa Marcela

A land property with different paths combining several environments from La Lindosa Plateau: rock outcrops, viewpoints, animals, plants, water and an unforgettable attention from owners. Bathing options.



## Natural Bridges

Short ramble through natural savannas and a three natural bridges structure on the rock formed by water action. Possible to visit the crest and the base.

## Nuevo Tolima, Paleolithic Rock Art

It is possible to admire a nice Paleolithic art wall in Nuevo Tolima's settlement. Just beside a charming viewpoint over El Capricho hill. You just need a short walk among savannas and tropical forest to get there.



## El Paraíso Farm

This rural family made a real bet into environment sustainability, thus they lead us during an unforgettable walk in a very preserved tropical gallery forest. The path crosses three waterfalls: Arco Iris (Rainbow), La Guacaba and Salto del Toro (Bull's fall), so you may choice where to refresh and see the water curtains from both sides.



## Rock Caves

Charming ecological walk along stunning rock formations in La Lindosa plateau. Walking by El Bambu farm we may have the chance to watch photogenic but elusive *Rupicola rupicola*, Guiana Cock-of-the-rocks.



## Las Delicias Waterfall

A short-time walk in the countryside and into a forest lead us to this beautiful 87 feet high waterfall. It is also possible to visit the upper side at the crest as the lower side in the base, just to take a short bath.



## Stone Village

Nature and sedimentation carved on the rock the layout of a town surrounded by vast grasslands in where we find lovely specimens of *Paepalanthus chiquitensis*, Guaviare's flower, emblem of the region.



## Laguna Negra - Playa Guio

For several years, a couple of rural families offer this nice ride over the mysterious waters in Cano Negro stream. It flows into the magnificent lagoon. Impossible not to swim in a while.



## Travel Tips

Do not to drink water from the tap, neither from water sources.

Avoid to leave rubbish on the ground, neither on water sources. If you don't find a bin, please give it to the guide for correct disposal.

Guaviare's weather is hot and humid all over the year. Sun might be strong; heavy rains happen and could become electric storm. So you may bring:

- ~ Your own canteen for water refill.
- ~ Sun screen and insect repellent, eco-friendly would be appreciated.
- ~ Hats, caps, scarfs, sunglasses a/o any other sun protection for head and eyes.
- ~ Long sleeves shirts and long trousers.
- ~ Anti-slippery closed-toes shoes.
- ~ Comfortable walking wear and swimsuit.
- ~ Change of clothes.
- ~ Head, hand or phone torches.

We recommend to bring cash for tips and shopping handcraft, souvenirs and bio technological transformation products made by families involved with tourism.

## Transportations

### By Plane

From Bogota, direct flights Clicair and Satena airlines, variable timetable.

### By Road

245 miles from Bogota, passing by Villavicencio.  
180 miles from Villavicencio, entirely asphalted and safe road.

Bus, van and taxi services every days.

3 weekly services between La Macarena and San Jose del Guaviare in shared 4x4 trucks.

## Acomodation

- ~ Hotels
- ~ Ghest houses
- ~ Cottages
- ~ Camping

## Further Services:

### Nature Observation

- ~ Birdwatching
- ~ Primates

### Cultural Evenings

- ~ Indigenous traditional dance sample with the savors of a dish from amazon cuisine
- ~ Joropo regional dance show (live music choice)

## Small print

- ~ Personalized quotations.
- ~ Spanish spoken guides. For English or French guidance please contact us.
- ~ Rate does not include unspecified fees.
- ~ Rural accommodation may incur additional transport fees for some plans.
- ~ To hold reservations we require a 50% deposit 20 days prior to your arrival. Total amount must be paid on arrival. Transaction costs are born by the customer.
- ~ Cancellations will be fully refund with transaction costs reduction 15 days prior to your arrival. 50% refund with transaction costs reduction will be applied 14 to 8 days prior to your arrival. No refunds apply for cancellations made 7 days prior to your arrival or later.
- ~ The order in the chosen journeys may vary according to the logistic conditions on arrival. However, we guarantee the full achievement of the journeys you chose, except in case of Force Majeure events like adverse inclement weather conditions, risk of flooding, earthquakes, strikes or any other cause not attributable to our service.
- ~ Ground conditions are variable. Muddy, sandy and slippery paths imply risk of falling.
- ~ Treks length can range between one and 5 miles. Walks difficulty never exceeds level 3. Level's scale goes from one to 5 where 1 is the easiest for every one with no particular health condition.
- ~ We advise against doing the trips for children under 7, pregnant women or people having any particular health condition that must be previously informed.

\* Ask your doctor if he agrees with you doing this kind of activities.

- ~ Colored plant *Macarenia clavigera* is seasonal, it usually appears between late May and early December.
- ~ Amazon pink river dolphins *Inia geoffrensis* inhabit Damas del Nare Lake, as they are wild species, it would be impossible to guarantee their presence in 100%.
- ~ Ask for an specific budget If you prefer going to Raudal del Guayabero a/o Damas del Nare Lake by fast boat from San Jose del Guaviare. We suggest it for groups up to 9 people..





We are committed with responsible tourism, with communities and with environment.

We practice Fair Trade.

In accordance with the stipulations set forth in:

Laws 679/2001 and 1336/2009 against CSE;  
Laws 17/1981 and 1333/2009 and Resolution 0584/2002 of natural heritage;  
Laws 63/1983 and 1185/2008 of cultural heritage;  
Laws 1482/2011 and 1752/2015 against any form of discrimination or exclusion.

