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TOUR DESCRIPTIONS

Medellin, Colombia

CITY TOUR: Half Day

Located in the narrow Aburra Valley at some 5000 ft. above sea-level, with temperatures year around ranging from 56-86 F., this industrial hub of the country, capital of Antioquia, Medellin is often referred to as the "City of Eternal Spring." Founded in 1616, it remained small and provincial until the coffee boom, today having been joined by other industries, notably, textiles.

As you visit this vibrant, modern city, you will note parks, flowers and trees, everywhere, along with numerous universities. On Botero Square with its gigantic Fernando Botero sculptures, you find the Antioquia Museum with its collection of native Botero's art works. A top Nutibara Hill, with panoramic views of the city, visit Paisa Pueblito, replica of a rural village, complete with barber-shop, school, church and handicraft shops. Take the Metro Cable up for more fantastic vistas of the valley.

Lunch at Hato Viejo where the "Bandeja Paisa" typifies Antioquian cuisine!

MUSEUM OF ANTIOQUIA:

Visit to this museum, originally established in 1881, then became the palace the Governor of Antioquia, re-established as a museum in 1946. In 1978, famed artist Fernando Botero, donated one of his pieces to the museum and its name was officially changed to the Museum of Antioquia, and Mr Botero has been donating more and more of his art works to the Museum.

COUNTRYSIDE TOUR:

With your private guide, spend the day visiting the small charming towns that dot the countryside above the Aburra Valley. Most of the countryside used to be local farms and ranches, that eventual turned to be weekend getaways of their owners from the bustle of the city. The countryside is dotted with flower-clad haciendas or *fincas*. One of the largest is Rio Negro, with its monument to a local Independence hero, Jose Maria Cordoba. Bordering the plaza is an impressive cathedral, as well as small museum of religious art. Stop at Tequendamita Waterfalls and Fitzebad farm with it collection of orchids. Lunch included on the day's excursion.