

## 2. BOYACÁ & SANTANDER REGION

**Boyacá** - is one of the 32 districts of Colombia. Its fertile and marvellous landscape covers the northern part of Bogotá until Barbosa. It is characterized by its fresh climate, small colonial villages, hilly landscapes and an endless view.



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**Santander** - This is one of the most interesting nature regions due to its variety of landscapes, caves, the famous Chicamocha Canyon, rivers, waterfalls, mountains and paramos. It has a mild climate and most people work in agriculture, cattle breeding, trade and mine removal.

**Villa de Leyva** - a colonial town founded in 1572 and today a national monument. The town has kept its colonial charm with the finest examples and best preserved colonial



### Boyacá & Santander - Packages

#### Villa de Leyva Package Option A: 02 days/01 night

##### Day 01 Bogotá - Puente de Boyacá - Villa de Leyva (-/-/-)

Drive through the plateau of Bogotá to the "Puente de Boyacá, where the independence of Colombia was proclaimed in 1819. After a short stop, go on to the village of Samaca to Villa de Leyva. Arrival at your hotel. In the afternoon you will explore the little town, founded in 1572. Overnight at the chosen hotel.

*Comfort Class:* Hotel Posada San Antonio (4\*) (standard room)

##### Day 02 Villa de Leyva - Fossil - Ecce Homo - Raquira - Bogotá (B/-/-)

After breakfast drive through a desert area to the monastery Ecce Homo, on the way you visit the famous Kronosaurus fossil of which is said that they lived here more than 130 million years ago. Go on to Raquira, known for its pottery. Return to Bogotá.

## Villa de Leyva Package Option B: 03 days/02 nights

### Day 01 Bogotá - Sutatausa - Raquira - Villa de Leyva (-/-/-)

The tour begins northward through the vast plateau of Bogotá, following the Andes with its magnificent mountain scenery to our first stop, the town of Sutatausa. In the colonial church built in the XVII century, passengers can admire the excellently preserved and unique wall paintings. They show, among others, a native converted to Catholicism, dressed in Indian textiles who probably went to the Sunday service, and the Spanish governor of that time. Lunch will be on your own in a nice road restaurant. Go on to the town of Raquira, famous for its pottery, colorful buildings and colony of artisans. Pay a visit to one of the families of the town to see how clay pots and decorations are made.



Late afternoon, you will arrive to the village of Villa de Leyva. Transfer to your hotel.

Overnight at the chosen hotel.

*Comfort Class:* Hotel Posada San Antonio (4\*) (standard room)

### Day 02 Fossil - Ecce Homo - Archaeological area of el Infiernito (B/-/-)

The region around Villa de Leyva is still today full of different kinds of fossils so during the morning there will be a visit to the Fossil of a complete 120 million year old Kronosaurus. The tour continues to the Ecce Homo Monastery of the Dominican order, built in 1620 in the countryside close to Villa



de Leyva; as last part of the morning, a little archaeological area with phallus stone monoliths will be visited. These are the only stone figures found in the highlands close to Bogotá. After lunch on your own in Villa de Leyva, the afternoon will be dedicated to a walking tour through Villa de Leyva, a colonial town founded in 1572 and today a national monument. The town has kept its colonial charm with the finest examples and best preserved colonial architecture, wooden balconies, arches and heavy wooden and brass laden doors in contrast to the white buildings; enjoy the

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### Day 03 Villa de Leyva - Bogotá (B/-/-)

Leave Villa de Leyva through the town of Samaca. Stop at the historical Puente de Boyacá, where the last battle took place to secure independence from Spain in 1819. Arrive at the airport for your next flight.

<b>Opening Times for Attractions in Villa de Leyva</b>				
<b>Site</b>	<b>Weekdays</b>		<b>Weekends</b>	
Villa de Leyva Fossil	Mon-Wed, Fri Mon- Wed, Fri	09.00h - 12.00h 13.00h - 18.00h	Sat - Sun	09.00h - 12.00h 13.00h - 18.00h
Villa de Leyva convent Ecce Homo	Mon - Fri	08.00h - 17.00h	Sat - Sun	
Villa de Leyva convent La Candelaria	N/A		Sat - Sun	10.00h - 13.00h 14.00h - 17.00h
Archaeological Park "El Infiernito"	Tue - Fri	09.00h - 12.00h 14.00h - 17.00h	Sat - Sun	09.00h - 12.00h 14.00h - 17.00h