MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH:

Arrival of participants at the Alfonso Bonilla Aragon airport, formerly called Palmaseca International Airport (IATA: CLO, ICAO: SKCL) located in the town of Palmaseca in the municipality of Palmira, Valle del Cauca, Colombia, serving the city of Cali.

We will be staying at the Eden Hotel Resort, located in the town of Santa Elena, El Cerrito Valle del Cauca. At 30 minutes from the Alfonso Bonilla Aragon International Airport, we will have a welcome dinner.









TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29th: Breakfast at the hotel, departure to El Queremal, arrival to the lodging, Hotel El Campanario - field trip. El Campanario is a hotel located in the village of El Queremal, with a colonial architecture, near the center of the municipality.

El Queremal is located in the San Juan River Valley, between the foothills of the western mountain range and bordering the



Farallones de Cali in the southern part. Its geographical location means that its climate is premontane rainforest, with temperatures between 18°C (64°F) and

18°C (64°F). There we will make a field trip in the company of Dr. Gustavo Morales, a specialist with enormous experience and great knowledge, who has described the largest number of species of the genus for Colombia and other regions of South America.



WEDNESDAY 30: Breakfast at the hotel, departure to Anchicayá - field trip. The Anchicayá is a Colombian river, in the department of Valle del Cauca. It rises west of Cali and flows into the Pacific Ocean in the bay of Buenaventura. Like all the rivers of the Pacific slope, it has a high biodiversity, so we will find in its environment an endless number of species of heliconias and other taxonomic groups, guided tour by Dr. Gustavo Morales.





THURSDAY DECEMBER 1: Breakfast at the hotel, departure to San Cipriano, transportation and arrival at the Hotel in San Cipriano

To enter the San Cipriano Natural Reserve, we will live the experience of being transported for approximately 20 minutes in the "BRUJITAS", a vehicle that is like



wooden plank structure with ball

bearings placed on the rails of the train, driven by a motorcycle that makes us travel, in the middle of the jungle, the road that will take us to our destination; it is a wonderful and exotic experience, unique and unrepeatable.

San Cipriano is not just any nature reserve, it has one of the purest and cleanest crystalline rivers in the world according to the United Nations; its wonderful trails, natural waterfalls and its beautiful tropical rainforest make it a magical destination

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Field trip "El 28" trail in the morning, "El refugio del amor" trail in the afternoon.



FRIDAY DECEMBER 2: Breakfast at the hotel, field trip to "La ventiadora" trail, waterfall experience, afternoon rest and farewell dinner in San Cipriano.

During the two days that we will spend the night in the San Cipriano Reserve, we will be accompanied by a guide of the region, knowledgeable of its territory and the beauty of its environment, and we will continue to enjoy the company and great experience of Dr. Gustavo Morales.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 3: Breakfast at the hotel, departure to Palmira, visit to CIAT and Biopacífico Park activity supported by the mayor's office of the municipality. This day we will enjoy a tour of two of the research centers located in the department of Valle del Cauca. The International Center for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT) has the largest seed reserve in the world, is a research center that is part of the CGIAR System, an organization that conducts collaborative research to improve agricultural productivity and natural resource management in tropical and developing countries. The main headquarters is located in rural Palmira, 17 km east of the city of Cali. CIAT's headquarters houses the Agronatura Science Park and the Germplasm Bank. The Biopacífico Park is an innovation institution that aims to link companies, public and academic institutions, whose activities are focused on technological development and knowledge and is a point of study of the transformations that, in the global context, are taking place on the ways of doing science and promoting the development of research and innovation.

Those who will be taking the workshops on December 4 at the Quindio Botanical Garden, prior to the event, will be traveling to Quindio at the end of the day.

We will spend the night again at the Eden Hotel Resort.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 4: Visit Nirvana Reserve, minutes from the hotel, departure in the afternoon to Quindío, lodging at the host hotel.

The Nirvana Reserve is a magnificent Ecological Site of the Municipality of Palmira, limits of the municipalities of Palmira and Pradera - in the hydrographic basin of the AGUACLARA river, known by the name of LA BUITRERA, El Arenillo. It was a traditional hacienda of the Antioquian-Caucasian colonization, located in the Central Mountain Range at the beginning of the 20th century and initially destined to coffee cultivation. In 1986, during one of the coffee crises in the country, the existing coffee plantations were abandoned, resulting in an interesting process of spontaneous and natural reforestation that motivated its owners in 1996 to leave it as a forest reserve and destine it for the conservation of the flora, fauna and the ecosystem of the "Vilela" stream in whose micro-basin it is located. The idea was to show a model of nature recovery through the phenomenon of natural revegetation, which today serves as an example to study and research communities, to people dedicated to environmental education and to those interested in ecological tourism.

POST-EVENT TOUR

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7:

Tour of Quindio: Salento-Valle del cocora, Filandia and Quimbaya. The municipality of Salento is a destination that most of the tourists that come to Colombia like to visit because of its cultural and natural richness.

Salento is one of the most beautiful towns in Quindío and in the entire

Coffee Axis for its colorful houses

that represent the architecture of Antioquian colonization.

In the Cocora Valley, located in the central mountain range of the Colombian Andes, is the Quindio Wax Palm, the tallest palm, which grows at the highest altitude and is the national tree of Colombia. The landscapes offered by this enclave are truly unique.

We continue the tour to the municipality of Filandia, another favorite town for visitors due to its tranquility and beautiful architecture of the Antioquian colonization. The story goes that Don Felipe Meléndez, an old colonizer, founded the town with several friends and baptized it with a mixture of Latin filia (daughter) and andia (Andes). Filandia: daughter of the Andes.



Later we will travel to Quimbaya

Quimbaya is a municipality that receives every year around 60 thousand tourists between December 7 and 8, attracted by the creativity of the people of the town who produce thousands of handcrafted lanterns that illuminate the streets in honor of the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary. It is an artistic display of candles

and lanterns that has come to grow to be has become known as a festival, in which competitions are held and creativity is rewarded

At the end of the day we will head to Santarosa de Cabal, called the City of



We will spend the night in the Araucarias, located in the department of Risaralda.



THURSDAY DECEMBER 8

The following day we will go on a coffee tour in which we will learn all about Colombia's flagship product and understand why this country can be orgulloso por





In the afternoon we will go to enjoy the hot springs of Santa Rosa de Cabal located 10 km from the town, they are the busiest thermal complex in the region,

as well as one of its main tourist attractions, there we will enjoy an energetic cleansing by immersing in its pools.



FRIDAY DECEMBER 9: This day we will visit the Romelia farm where we will feel like in our grandparents' house to be pampered and, at the same time, get



lost in mountain range with an ecosystem that invites you to know it. This tour starts in the village of Cabaña, just half an hour from Manizales (Caldas) where we can enjoy more than 840 species of orchids with about 8000 orchid plants, an interesting variety of bonsais and about 216

species of birds. In addition, the cultivation of producción de cítricos y aguacate.

All this, accompanied by a spectacular view that allows us to observe the imposing mountain ranges and the different landscape compositions.

There we will have lunch and then travel to the city of Cali.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 10: In Cali we will visit the Fundación Jardín Botánico de Cali, a non-profit organization located just one kilometer from the zoo:

A native vegetation of the tropical dry forest, two thematic trails that address works on economic botany and the adaptation of plants to different ecosystems.



Then we will enjoy an afternoon of shopping at the Chipichape shopping mall. Dinner on your own



We will end the day with a night of Cali salsa at El Mulato Cabaret, with a unique scenographic and artistic proposal in the country, this space pays tribute to the great stars of the dance, offering a sensory experience to all its visitors

and aiming to become an international benchmark of Latin entertainment.



SUNDAY DECEMBER 11: closing our post event tour, we will be visiting PALMITROPICALES in the municipality of Palmira, where they have an experience of more than 15 years in the cultivation and export of high quality fresh tropical flora products, with origin in the Pacific region of Colombia. They grow a great diversity of exotic tropical flowers and foliage. Among the flowers we have Heliconias and Gingers mainly. It is a reference point of the rich biodiversity that characterizes Colombia, a country privileged by its location and geographical topography which makes it the most biodiverse country in the world per km2.

END OF THE TOUR, Friday 12 return flights of the participants.