

General Schedule				
Date	Day	Activity	Week day	Notes
11/21/2024	0	Meet at Ibague - Sleep at Ibague	Thursday	Arrive and meet at Ibague (Tolima). Have a small intro at what we will see the next days
11/22/2024	1	Visit Amucaflome Association Drive up the spectacular mountains to where they are at - Mesones de Florida Sleep in Ibague again	Friday	This is a women's association that is in its initial stage, where challenges are very evident, but they have a very interesting approach to growth and a clear vision of the future. We will meet the 28 associates and a few other people, where we can have a time to talk about their history, ways of life, and a space for open questions. This association is currently part of a project Siruma and Bean Voyage are implementing. It will be very interesting to hear their thoughts on this and get fresh evidence of how a project can impact or what its limitations are. We will see a few farms of the growers during the process.
11/23/2024	2	Visit Café Agrario Drive up a different mountain to visit the association - Sleep in Ibague again	Saturday	This is a very small association with a huge potential for growth. It is composed of very humble growers that have a bigger than average farm size. Their coffees range from regional all the way to 88+ lots. These coffees have been developed and improved with the support of Siruma in the last 4 years. We can see one step ahead of what Amucaflome currently is, but they still struggle to work in a clear business model as an association. We will visit Aristóbulo Rayo's farm (88+ iconic gesha) and one or two other farms that give a clear overview of the average Café Agrario grower. This association is also being part of the Bean Voyage project in a less traditional way, where the wives of growers are currently being taught how to get a parallel income for the family.
11/24/2024	3	Drive to Manizales (5hr) and have a free day at the hot springs and/or play "lejo"	Sunday	Transport and enjoyment
11/25/2024	4	Office day at Siruma (cupping and presentation). If we have time we might go to El Refugio in the afternoon.	Monday	Office day at Siruma (cupping and presentation). If we have time we might go to El Refugio in the afternoon.
11/26/2024	5	Drive to San Lorenzo - visit 2 farms	Tuesday	We will visit the purchase point of the Coop to see how an advanced coffee trading system works and then go to two very different farms in San Lorenzo. This is an indigenous reserve that focuses on Coffee and Sugar Cane. It is all done in extremely small scale. This region usually provided a great regional coffee for Siruma, but they never managed to go into the microlot range due to various challenges. Siruma has intervened the region with a project that has given growers the capacity to get microlots and outstanding coffee in general.
11/27/2024	6	Dulce Misterio visit / El Refugio?	Wednesday	This is a very different approach to high specialty than most famous growers in Colombia. The story behind the grower is also very interesting. He has a good production of Gesha, Chillí Bourbon and Pink Bourbon; plus a new set of varieties in early stages of growth. We can visit the farm, have a cupping at the lab, taste the different cherries and understand their complexity, and have a walk through the lots and spend some quality time at the farm.
11/28/2024	7	Anserma - Jhony Melo and the Coop's purchase point or wet-milling plant	Thursday	We will first visit a family that used to live in Nariño (south of Colombia) and had to move elsewhere due to the armed conflict. They started with a really small farm and have progressed in an amazing way. They have a very clear vision with their farm, very well established processing, drying and storage. It is also great to see how their son is not only involved but practically in charge of the whole farm now. We will then visit the purchase point and wet-milling plant of the Coop. The Anserma Coop is one of the only ones that has a wet-milling plant that has the capacity to buy wet coffee or cherries, and they have also established a great way to process replicable natural processed coffee without carrying the risk to the grower.
11/29/2024	8	Drive to the Pereira Airport and say goodbye	Friday	Every great trip comes to an end. We hope you have wonderful memories and ideas to further strengthen your business.
		Total spending per person aprox (food, hotel, transport)	\$ 1,300 USD	