



7-DAY CLASS IV+ ITINERARY (SAN GIL)

This year we are offering a cataraft and inflatable kayak trip (hardshell kayakers also welcome) for **advanced** rowers/paddlers. On our Advanced Whitewater Trip you can expect to run some of Colombia's best **Class III+ to IV+** runs in the San Gil area. What could be better than a week of challenging whitewater in a tropical paradise? These trips are for the more adventurous souls that have true Class IV+ experience. The rivers tend to be steep, with flows that fluctuate widely on a daily basis. While in San Gil we will stay at a hostel or camp along the rivers on overnight trips. You will be required to **bring your own** camping equipment (hammocks and mosquito netting recommended) and will be **on your own** for food, including on the overnights. On these trips we will be provided a 4x4 vehicle for the shuttles. **This is an add-on to our Antioquia itinerary.** You may be able to join this segment with additional cost for airport pick-up in Medellin.

These are small-group (4 to 6 people max) trips for people that **bring their own equipment** down with them. A few kayaks may be available locally to rent at additional cost. There is a 14-foot cataraft package available for rent which is perfect for the overnights, but too big for the other rivers. You can purchase one of our "International Travel" cataraft packages to bring down as well.

SAMPLE ITINERARY

*Please note that this is a sample itinerary, actual trips may be different due to water levels and the ability level of the group.

Day 1: Rest day after a week's worth of paddling in Antioquia. We will once again stay in the Expeditions Colombia hostel. For additional cost you can be picked up at the Medellin airport if you are joining the group for this second week.

Day 2: Drive to San Gil (10+ hours) in private transport. Night in hostel.

Days 3: Paddle the Rio Fonce (2 hours, Class III). We can do 2 runs on this section. Includes guide/safety kayaker. Night in hostel.

Days 4: Paddle the Rio Suarez commercial section (Class IV to IV+). Night in Hostel. Includes guide/safety kayaker.

Days 5 and 6: Paddle the Rio Suarez lower section (nice at low water). Camp along the river. 4x4 transport to hostel for the night. Includes guide/safety kayaker.

Days 7 and 8: Paddle Chicamocha Canyon. Have a fun day rafting over 30 km of constant whitewater in a sunny, dry desert climate. Take refreshing swims in the calm sections of the river before going through Class 3 whitewater rapids. Arrive to the village of Jordan by the evening and set up a riverside camp before sunset. The next day, enjoy rafting all day as the river carves through a red rock canyon. Have lunch in the deepest part of the canyon, with walls rising to approximately 1000 meters. Take in the magic of this place that was nominated as one of the 7 natural wonders of the world. See how the canyon's sandstone walls reveal unique geological formations. At the take-out we need to go up the Rio Suarez for 200 meters and have a big mining truck take us out of the canyon. Meet the car to go back to Medellin during the night, driving through Bucaramanga (9 hours). They can drop us off in Medellin the next morning, or where ever we feel like going. If we want to take a day to relax after near the Samana and chill, we can do at their hostel too for a small additional cost.

Expedition Colombia will send one of their guides with us for logistics and as a safety kayaker. And then maybe they would get another boater from San Gil to come with us on the Lower Suarez if the levels are high. This means we have an guide and/or safety kayaker on all of these runs. They have a Volkswagon Mini Van with great roof racks for this part of the trip.

Includes:

- Transport to/from San Gil in private vehicle
- Local 4x4 shuttles to and from rivers
- Hostels in San Gil
- Guide/safety kayakers to travel with group

Trip does not include:

- Flights to/from Colombia
- Lodging/meals before and after the trip
- Camping equipment on overnights
- Meals during the trip
- Alcohol
- Gratuities for the safety kayakers
- Rental of equipment or personal gear

Expedition Colombia can provide camping equipment (hammocks, mosquito nets) and do the food prep for the overnights (**highly recommended**) but will be a group decision (all in or not) for an additional cost.

COST OF THE TRIP DEPENDS ON THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS