

NATURAL AREAS AND ECOTOURISM

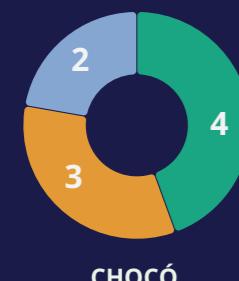
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Colombia is considered the second most biodiverse country in the world, with an estimation of 56.343 fauna and flora species, 56 million hectares of natural forests, 50% of the total moors in the world, and more than 22 million hectares of snow peaks, deserts, and wetlands (Humboldt Institute). These natural features are distributed along the 59 natural protected areas and constitute almost 20 million hectares, which represent 8.47% of the national territory. As a result, in the last decade, Colombia has become an excellent tourist destination for people around the world interested in having a close encounter with nature, experiencing new adventures, and viewing amazing landscapes.

Each year, the natural areas are visited by 700.000 tourists who have access to accommodation, food, tourist guide services, and a wide range of activities for all ages. Including bird and whale sightings, photography, hiking, and more adventurous ones like diving and Mountaineering. Additionally, there are traditional places where history and Colombian Culture are shown through the active involvement of tourists in activities like farming, dancing, and coffee harvesting. This is just a small part of what you will find in this amazing country and an extended warm invitation to come and enjoy this natural paradise.

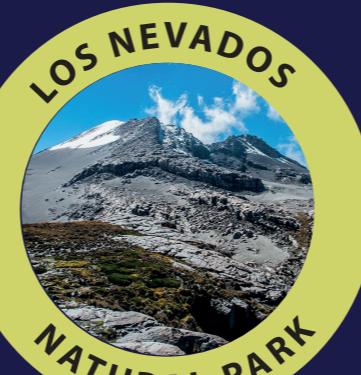
TOP 3 DEPARTMENTS WITH MORE TOURISTIC POINTS

VALLE DEL CAUCA



The National Natural Park "Los Nevados" has 58.300ha of extent, and it is significant not only for its natural characteristics but also for its historical legacy as a reminder of how powerful nature can be when we decide not to hear its warnings. It is in the center of the coffee region (in the northern volcanic complex) and is constituted by snow-covered volcanoes and non-snow-covered volcanoes with a mean height of 4.000m. Because of this, "Los Nevados" is a popular place for a variety of mountain activities and sports like hiking and bird sighting.

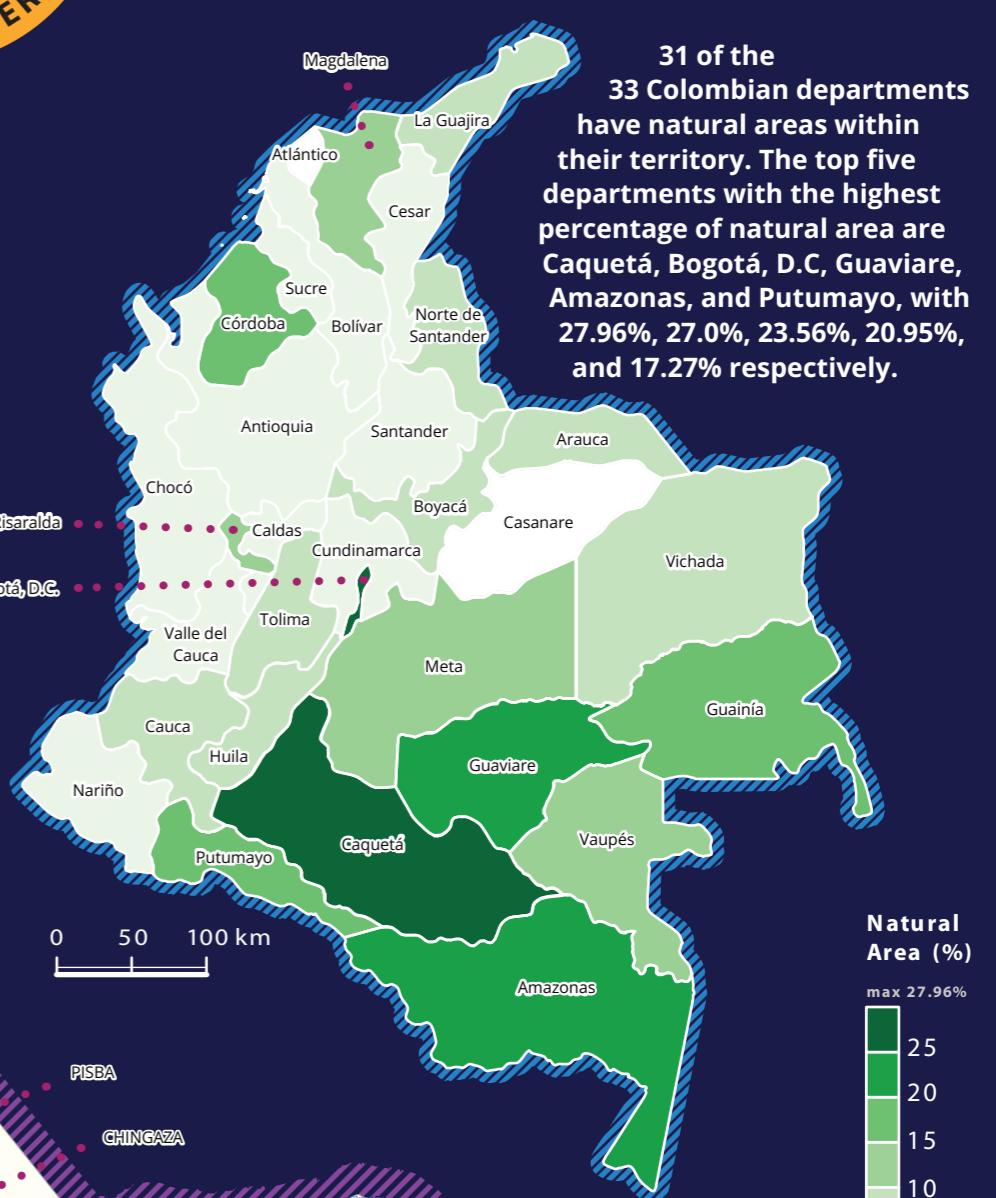
The most recognized snowy volcano is the "Volcán Nevado del Ruiz", which erupted on 13, 1985, leading to the destruction of "Armero" town and the loss of more than 23.000 lives. The town was never reconstructed, and the ruins can be accessed. It's expected of you to be respectful and behave accordingly.



LOS NEVADOS NATURAL PARK

PERCENTAGE OF NATURAL AREA PER DEPARTMENT

31 of the 33 Colombian departments have natural areas within their territory. The top five departments with the highest percentage of natural area are Caquetá, Bogotá, D.C., Guaviare, Amazonas, and Putumayo, with 27.96%, 27.0%, 23.56%, 20.95%, and 17.27% respectively.



Touristic Points

Ecotourism

- Continental Water
- Diving
- Mountaineering
- Adventure Beach
- Fauna Sanctuary
- Fauna & Flora Sanctuary

Adventure

- Birds Sighting
- Whales Sighting
- Pristine Beach
- Traditional Farm
- Traditional House

Natural Areas

Type

- Natural Park
- Natural Reserve
- Fauna Sanctuary
- Fauna & Flora Sanctuary

Allowed Activities

- Hiking Yes No
- Photography Yes No
- Rural Yes No



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