



Shamanic trails - 2027 Journeys

Small Group Expeditions

Through some of the last places in Colombia where life still follows older rhythms.

These are not tours and they are not fixed itineraries. They are invitations into landscapes, communities and ways of life that are becoming increasingly difficult to find.

Every journey is personally accompanied by me and built around genuine relationships, flexibility and small groups.



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Why

In the Western world we often believe our way is the only way. But when we look at indigenous cultures such as the Arhuaco, we discover other possibilities, other values and assumptions about time, community and purpose.

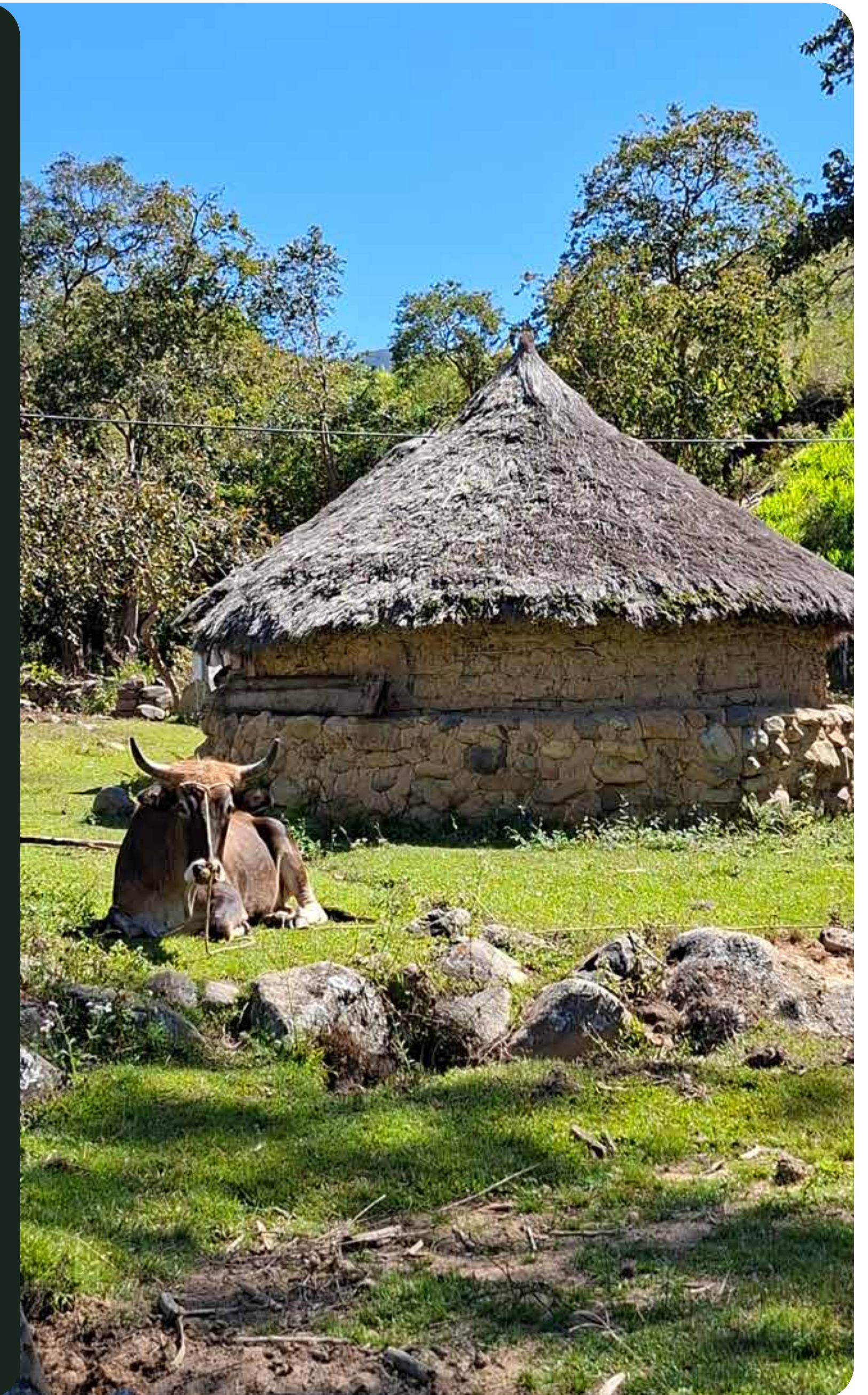
These are not failed attempts at becoming modern.

They are another expression of what it means to be human. I believe everyone should, at some point in their lives, spend some time inside another set of answers and see what happens.

Perhaps only for a week.

It is not always comfortable and it is not for everyone. But for some, it feels like going to the moon and back — returning home with a completely different perspective.

**This is not a cultural tour.
It is a field experiment.**



How

Access to indigenous worlds in a non-touristic, non-staged environment is rare.

The communities we visit do not receive tourists or organized groups. The only outsiders who enter these spaces are the small groups I accompany personally.

For years I have built relationships with indigenous communities in the Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta based on trust, respect and long-term connection.

This journey exists because of those relationships.

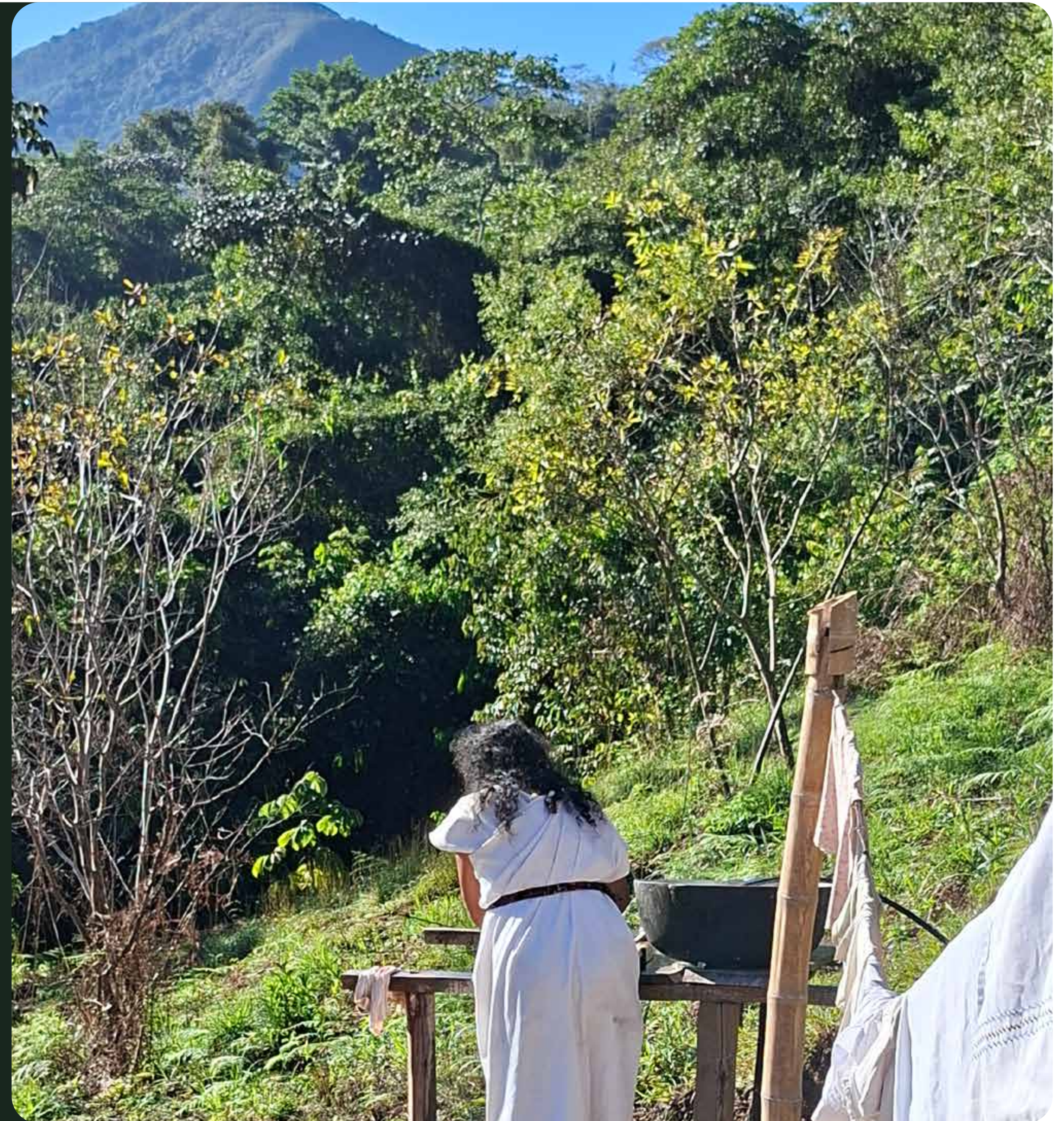


Location

The Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta in northern Colombia is one of the most biodiverse mountain regions on Earth and home to several indigenous groups, including the Arhuaco.

■ **The community where we stay is known as Atygunguekun — Woman on the Hill.**

Across these lands, mamos and spiritual authorities come to make offerings to feminine elements of nature: water, rain and fertility.



Experience

The community does not stop for visitors. We fit into their lives, not the other way around.

Activities depend on the season, the moon, the weather and what needs doing. Not everything will go according to plan. That is part of the experience.

The challenge will not be the lack of comfort. It will be learning how to quiet the background noise we carry from the modern world. There will be moments of waiting and moments where nothing seems to happen. These moments matter.

You are not a tourist here.

You will meet mamos and spiritual authorities, share meals and daily life with local families, and spend time listening to stories, ideas and ways of seeing the world that have travelled through generations.

There will be mountain walks, rivers, forests and pristine waterfalls. There will be work to be done, conversations to be had and silences to be shared.

You may hear about territory, responsibility and ancestors. About life and death. About the visible and the invisible. You will see a genuinely different way of organizing a human life.

But above all, you will learn about silence. And the wind. And the stars. And another way of being in the world.



Info

Facilities

Accommodation is simple and follows the rhythm of the community.

- No electricity, although occasional opportunities to recharge phones and batteries will arise.
- Limited internet access.
- No conventional bathrooms or showers, there are dry toilets and bathing is in the river.
- Hammock accommodation.
- Local meals prepared by the community.
- The nearest village is approximately one hour away on foot.

— A detailed logistics pack and equipment list will be shared with participants before departure.

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Investment

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Why

The Arhuaco say that when the mountain wants to speak to the sea, it sends a message down the river. The leaves will carry it. "Leaves on the water" is one of the recurring dreams woven into their mochila bags.

This journey follows that same direction. From rivers and waterfalls in the Sierra Nevada, through jungles that reach the Caribbean coast, and onwards into La Guajira where the desert falls into the sea.

What if a journey felt like a novel?

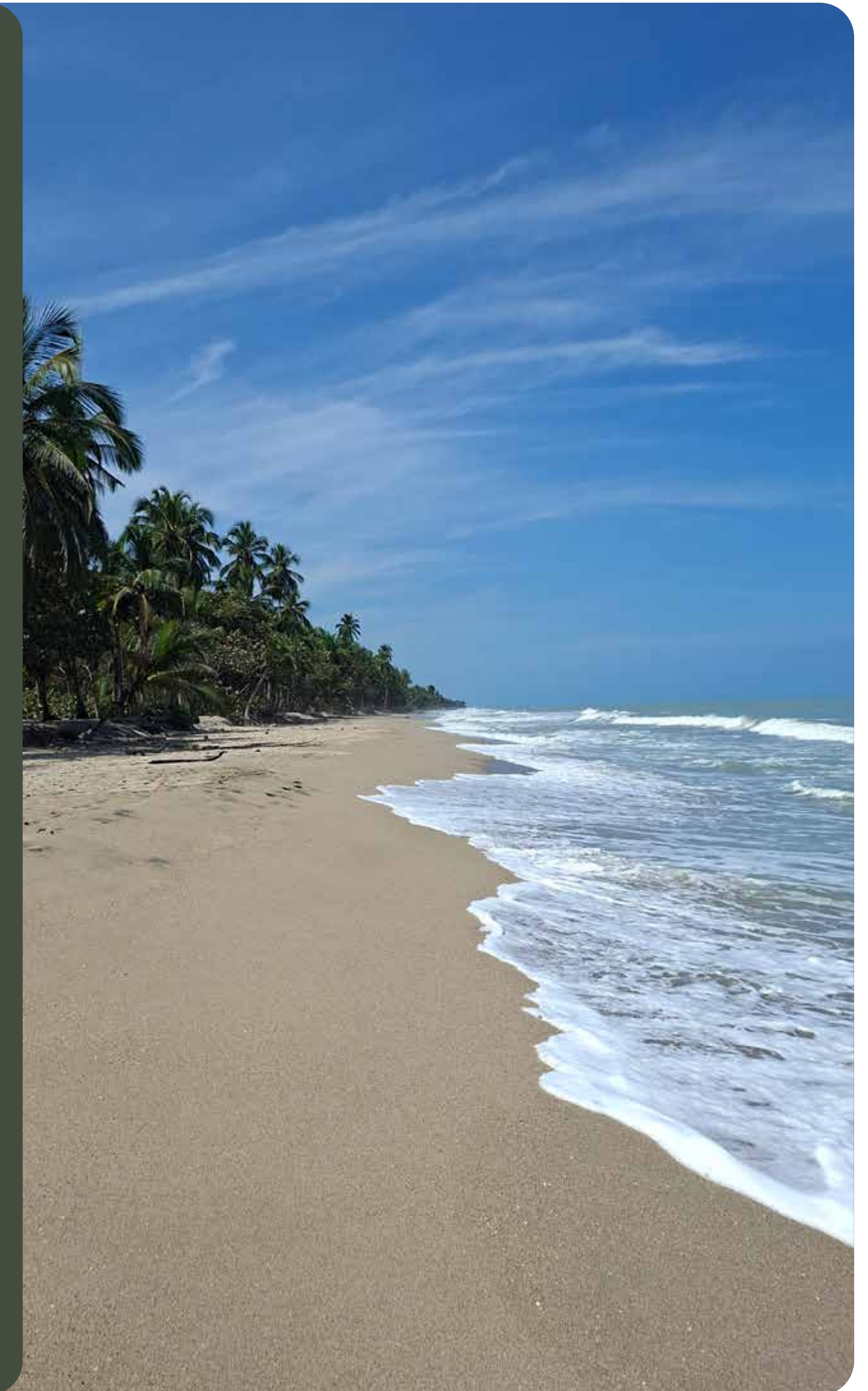
Today we walk through forests and swim beneath waterfalls. Turn the page and tomorrow we help an indigenous family repair a roof made of palm leaves.

The following day we head to the desert to watch the sun disappear into the sea. Or perhaps not. Perhaps the roof takes longer. Perhaps the river is too beautiful to leave.

This is not a trip built around schedules. It is built around movement, discovery and immersion.

Another way of looking at it? Imagine losing a kite and finding another world at the end of the string. Remember when getting lost was an adventure? This is not really about Colombia. It is a different relationship with the world.

Jungle becomes mountain. Mountain becomes desert. Desert becomes sea. There will be stories. And silence.



Built to flex

One or two weeks. More hiking or less hiking.

Longer in the mountains, deeper into the desert, or more time with Arhuaco, Kogi and Wayuu communities.

The route adapts to your pace, interests and sense of adventure.

Some people come for the hiking. Others for the indigenous communities. Others for the sea, the desert or simply to disappear for a while.



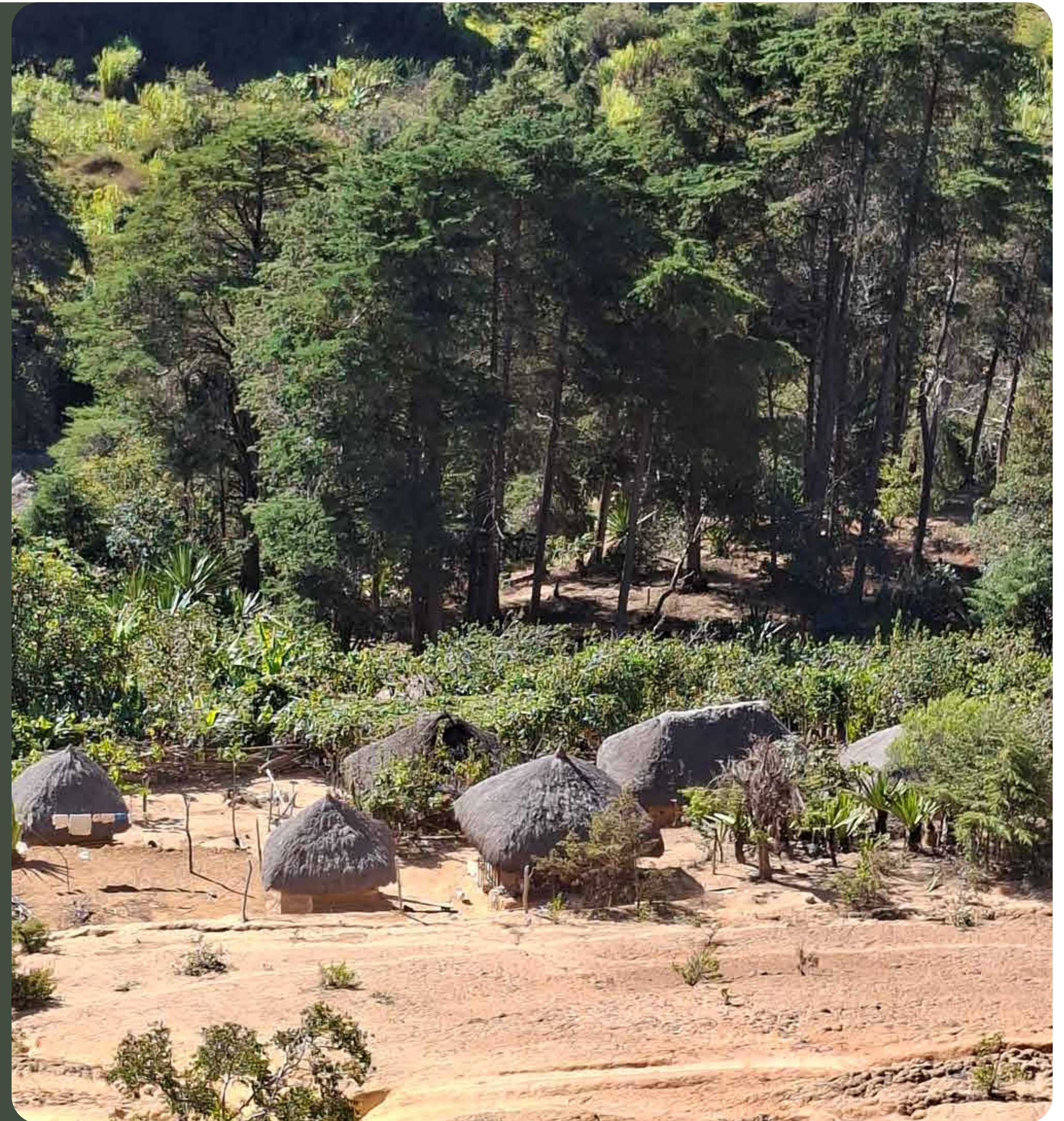
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There are no buses, visitor centers or organized tourist groups waiting at the next stop.

Only paths, conversations and the people who happen to live there.

Some nights will be spent with indigenous communities, sharing life rather than observing it from outside.



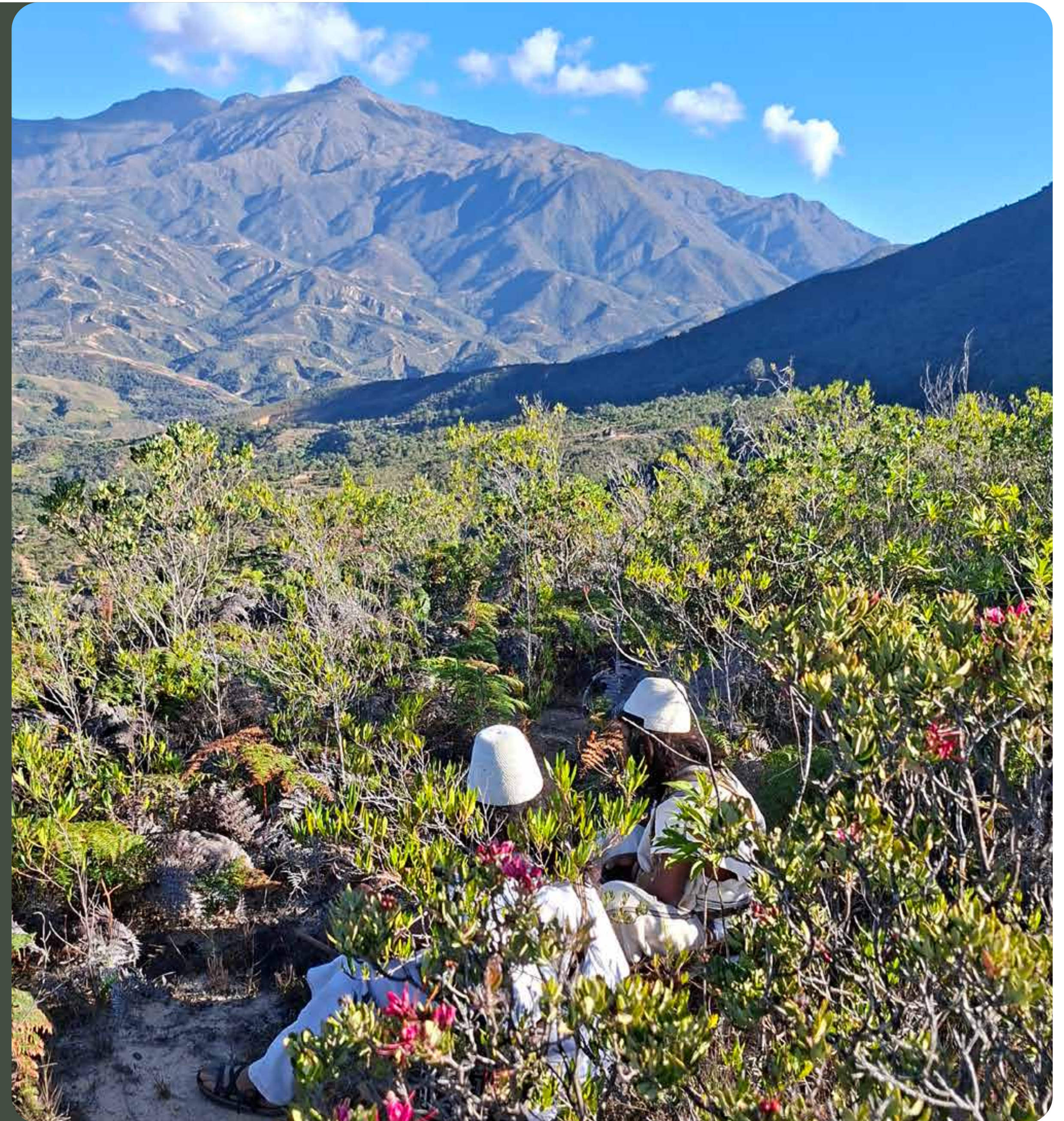
Location

The Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta in northern Colombia is the highest coastal mountain range on Earth. Within a relatively small area you can find tropical rainforests, rivers, waterfalls, Caribbean coastline and the deserts of La Guajira.

Few places allow you to move through such radically different landscapes in a single journey.

Parts of this route pass through areas that receive very few outside visitors and involve genuinely remote trekking. There are moments when the landscape feels as though you have stepped outside the map.

Some vehicle transfers are used between regions, but the philosophy remains the same: walked, not rushed.



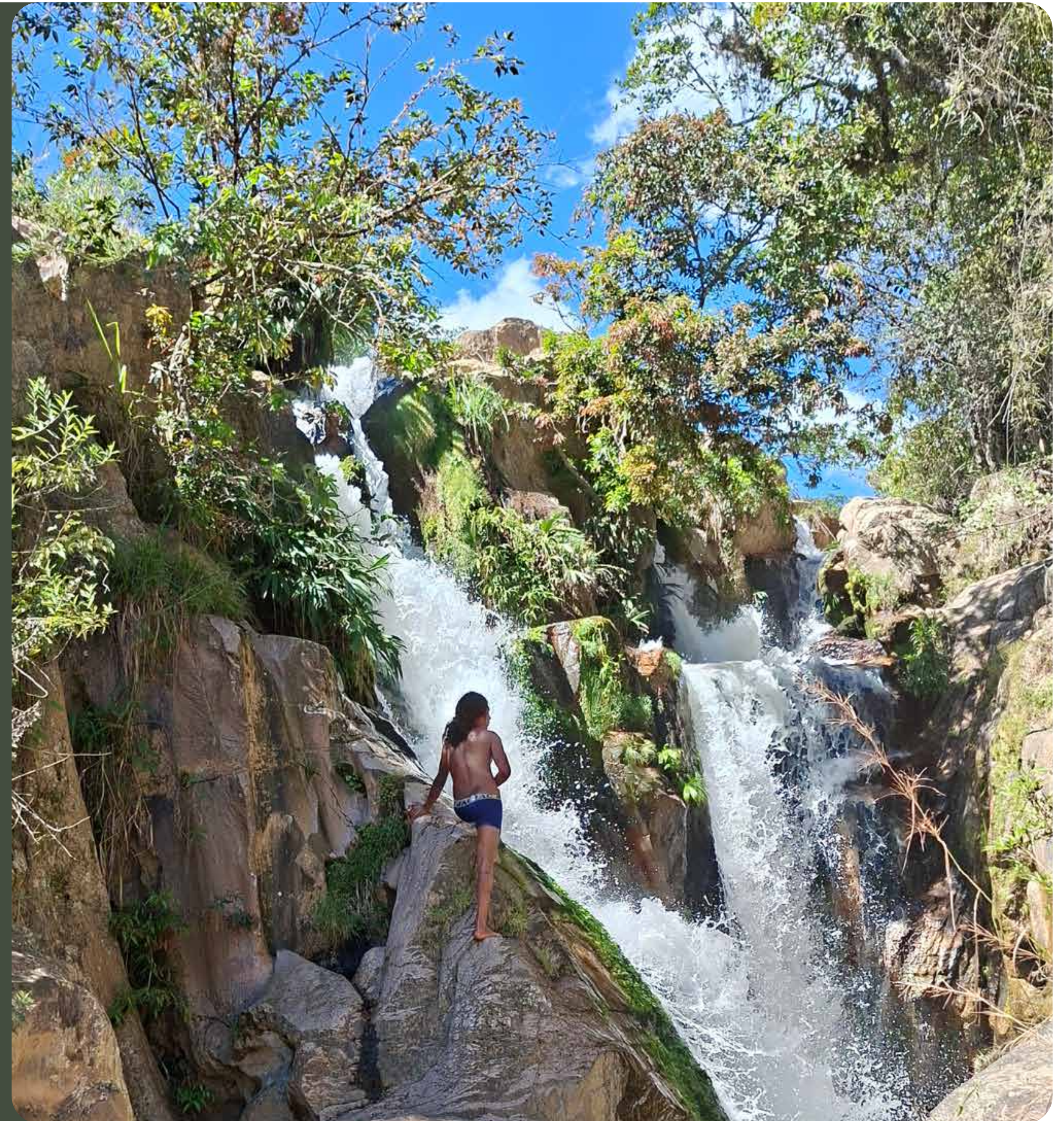
Practicalities

Local guides and members of the indigenous communities accompany us throughout different parts of the journey, helping us navigate the landscapes and understand the places we pass through.

Conditions change with the environment.

In some areas, this may mean hammock accommodation, local meals, dry toilets, bathing in rivers, limited internet access and little or no electricity. In others, it may mean a comfortable bed, a good meal and time to recharge before returning to the wilderness.

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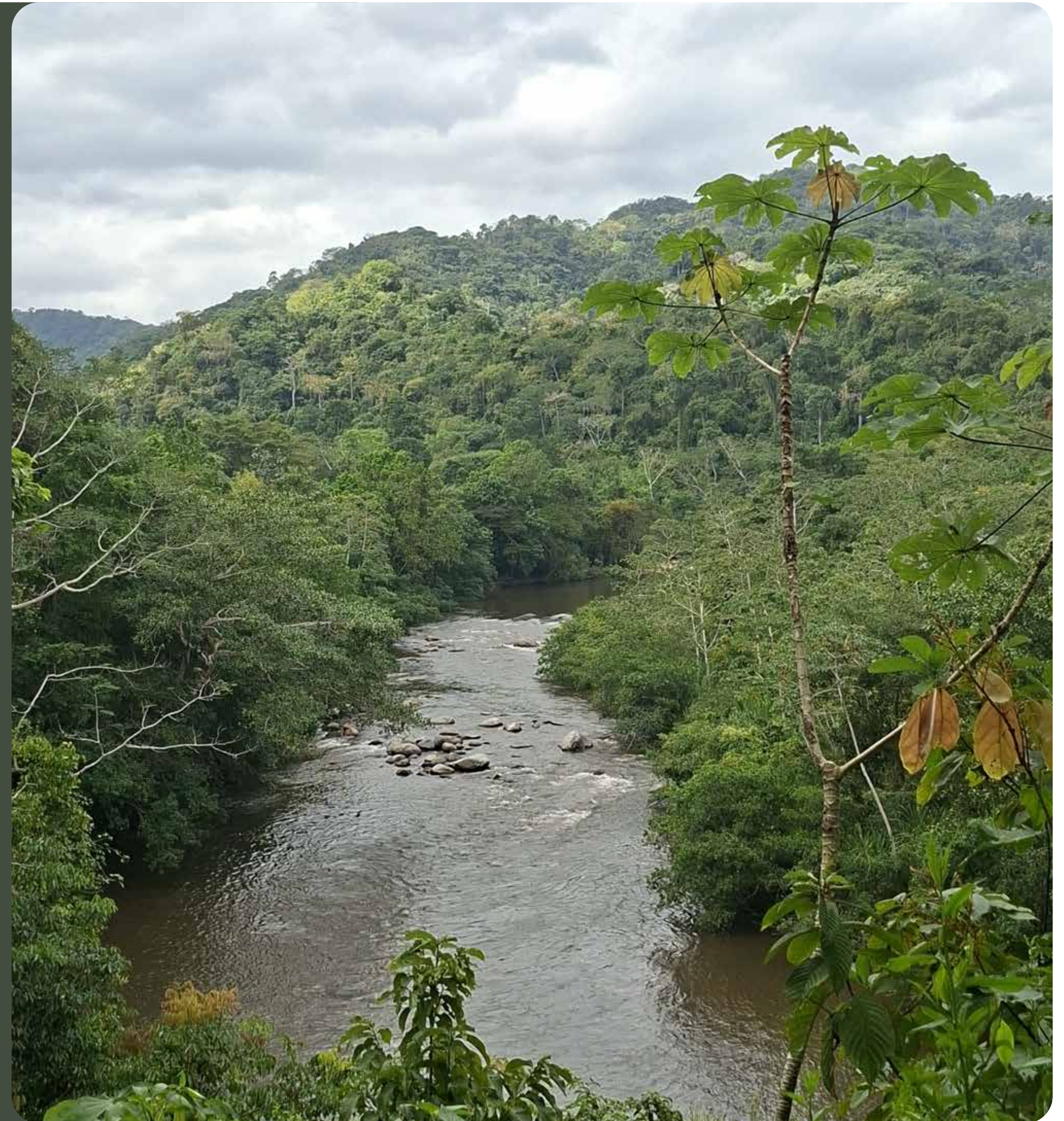
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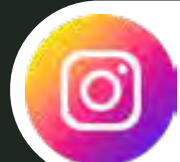
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