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Cabin Lodging guide

*Casa*  
*Laureles*

Filandia • Quindío



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# Filandia

One of the favorite towns in the coffee axis for its colonial architecture, declared heritage by UNESCO in 2011, with privileged views and location within the region.

It is a very small town and everything is located 1 or 2 blocks from the main park. Its inhabitants are very friendly so if you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask.

## **Weather**

The town is located on a hill that receives the wind from all directions. This causes the weather to become cold.

## **Traditional products**

Filandia is well known for its coffee, you can try it both in the town and also in our farm. By tradition, baskets and decorative items made of *bejuco* (a natural fiber) are also popular.

Where to eat:

### **Helena adentro \$\$\$**

It is the most famous restaurant in Filandia and specializes in Colombian signature food. For the atmosphere and the creativity of the dishes, it is worth the visit. Remember to book because it is very crowded.



### **Jose Fernando \$\$\$**

This Creole food restaurant is famous for its location, as it is in a beautiful restored colonial house.



### **Tuk tuk \$\$\$**

It is a delicious Thai food restaurant, located next to the viewpoint of "stopped time" street..

Where to eat:

### **Aro Iris \$\$**

They offer creative vegetarian/vegan cuisine. It is an excellent healthy option in a rural area, near the highway at the beginning of the road to Filandia.

### **La fonda paisa \$**

This restaurant, located near the park, serves typical, Creole and daily lunches. It is located between the park and the street of stopped time. (do not confuse it with Nueva fonda paisa)

### **Sr. Wok \$**

It is a local restaurant that sells mixed rice at a very low price. If you are looking for economy or something to take away, it is a good option.

You can find the location of each site on google maps or waze, or ask any local person.

If you need cash in town there are two **ATMs**: one from Bancolombia and the other from Servibanca.

Where to drink coffee:

## **CoffeecoalBean Roastery**

If you are looking for a site specialized in roasting and methods, you will find a good cup here. It is located one block from Stopped Time Street.



## **Traditional cafés**

In two corners of the main square you will find the 2 most traditional cafes in town: Claudia and Jahn Café.



We recommend that you do not buy whole bean or ground coffee until you try Casa Laureles organic coffee, you will love its aroma.

Where to go shopping:

### ***Tiempo detenido street***

This is the most popular street in town. In it you will find the most colorful facades and many handicraft, jewelry and souvenir shops. At the end of the street there is a small viewpoint where you can see good sunsets, right in the direction to Casa Laureles..



### ***San José neighborhood***

At the exit to Quimbaya, before reaching the Filandia's lookout tower, you will find the shops of artisans who work the liana to create the traditional baskets and other decorative items.



# ¿What's there to do?

The main attractions of the area are natural and cultural. Here are some options:

## **Lookout tower *Colina Iluminada***

This symbol of Filandia is a 27-meter guadua structure, which can be seen from all corners of the municipality. At its highest level, reached by a series of stairs, you have a 360 ° view over the region.

## **Coffee Tours**

While we finish implementing the tour at Casa Laureles you can visit other farms that offer it. In them they explain the cultivation and processing of the grain, and there is a tasting on the site. This plan depends on the weather.

## **Rural horseback riding**

If you like riding horses, an alternative is to travel the field on one of them. There are very calm horses therefore you do not need to have experience.



## **Barbas-bremen reserve and the howler monkeys**

One of the flagship species of Filandia can be seen seasonally in the Barbas-bremen reserve, a natural park in the Andean rainforest. To access the area you must attend with an authorized guide, this plan also relies on the weather.

We have contacts of several tour operators that offer these plans at fair prices and with good quality.

If you want a contact or any other recommendation let us know.

## **Other towns**

Salento is about 1 hour from Casa Laureles. There you can visit the Valle del Cocora, with its famous wax palms.

Quimbaya and Montenegro (1 hour or 1 hour and a half away) have many theme parks such as Panaca, El parque del café or Mama Lulú's little farm.


# Cottage guide

Casa Laureles is a rural accommodation where we offer you an intimate contact with nature and a quiet and comfortable space.

## Internet

In the cottage you can access the Wi-Fi network with the code **cabana01**. As we are in the country side, the connection is satellite and not broadband. Even so our guests have done demanding activities (like video conferencing) without any problem.

## TV

We do not have cable TV connection. But the TV in the cottage has a dongle to which you can stream whatever streaming application you use from your cell phone. You only need to install the **Google home** application, and start it when connected to the Wi-Fi network. Then you just have to use the cast icon  in your favorite APPs.

## High volume

As our guests visit us in search of tranquility. We ask to have moderate volume after 10 p.m. It does not imply going to sleep, only moderating the volume.

## **Cleaning service**

If your stay is for more than 2 nights, we offer a free general cleaning service every 2 days, you can request this service whenever you want.

## **Use of the toilet**

Being in the countryside we do not have robust sewage systems like those in cities. It is very important that you do not throw any solid material into the toilet (toilet paper, wet wipes, sanitary napkins ...) as the system is very likely to crash.

## **Smoking spaces**

Inside the cabin smoking is not allowed, you can do it on the balcony or in any outdoor space.

## **Check-in and check-out**

The time we hand over the house to you is at 3 p.m. and we receive it at 12 m. Even so, if you wish, you can arrive earlier and leave later, enjoying the common areas of the farm.

## **Drinking water**

As we are in the countryside, the water from the rural aqueduct is not drinkable. Even so, you can ask us for filtered drinking water you need. *The cabin has a minibar where you can refrigerate water or any other food.*

## **Minibar products**

In the minibar we have a small offer of drinks and snacks. We will inform you the prices at your checkin, you can also ask us about them at any time.

## **Payment options**

We only accept cash, bank transfers and paypal for payments. We don't accept cards so if this is your only option please do an ATM withdrawal in advance. There are 3 ATMs in Filandia.

Our passion is hospitality and service: If you have any questions or needs, do not hesitate to tell us.

# Farm guide

For more than 9 years our dream has been to restore this livestock land to create a natural paradise.

## Trail

Within the property we have a trail of approx. 1 km, with an extension of another km. In it you will be able to observe typical plants and birds of the area. We recommend you go on a warm day and bring sun protection.

El uso del sendero es bajo la responsabilidad de los huéspedes.

## Ravine

The trail runs parallel to a ravine through which clean, fresh water runs down. The level of the stream depends on the climate, therefore there will not always be deep areas to bathe in.

Please remember that the protection of plants, animals and natural resources is everyone's duty. Respect the species you find (this is also their home) and do not forget to return with everything you brought.

## **Coffee plantation**

Although we still do not have a formal coffee tour. You can consult the hosts for information about coffee cultivation and processing.

## **Gardens and hammock area**

It is a good idea to bring your favorite book to sit, with a good coffee by your side, in one of these spaces close to the house.

## **Table games**

You can ask us for a board game to pass the time. We have Rumi-q, monopoly, cards, dominoes and a few others.

## **Breakfasts**

We normally serve breakfast between 8 and 10 am. The night before we can agree on the time and place where you want us to serve it.

The climate of the coffee region is highly variable, but as we are located almost 300 MASL below Filandia, the climate is much warmer than in the town. Even so, do not forget to bring something warm for the nights, which are cool and can be cold.



Additional services and products:

### **Wood stove and grill**

We have an outside kitchen with a wood burning stove and barbecue. For the use of this space we charge 15k pesos with which we cover the charcoal or firewood and the cleaning of the space.

### **Bonfires**

On clear nights it is very nice to have a bonfire under the stars. We have a space for it and we offer you bundles of firewood and assembly for 10k pesos.

### **Specialty coffee**

We sell 500 g bags of coffee grown at Casa Laureles. It is an origin, organic, medium roast coffee, available ground and in beans. Each pound counts 35k pesos.

## Additional meals

Breakfasts are included in the reservation prices. But if you want to try our homemade and traditional food (we use local, natural and fresh ingredients) you can let us know. We have received very good comments about our cuisine.

We offer complete dishes (which include a protein, carbohydrate, salad and drink) for 25k pesos. And lighter snacks (just something to eat and something to drink) for 15k pesos.

## Season products

Depending on the time of year we have some organic products that we harvest or process on the farm. Like origin coffee, or fruit and vegetable harvests... you can ask us if there is anything available.

We are a low capacity accommodation and we handle little inventory. For this reason, it is important that you **request prepared meals from us at least 1 days in advance.** You can consult the menu and indicate the restrictions you have.



# Transport

Casa Laureles is located in the La Palmera village 6 km from the town (25 to 35 min). Although a few days before the reservation we will send you the specific information to arrive, we make some clarifications:

Half of the arrival route is a paved road, but since we are a rural accommodation you must travel a 3 km journey of uncovered road.

## **Own transportation**

The uncovered road is in very good condition and has no points where you can stay buried. Even so, if you come in a very low car, the most important thing is that you drive at a low speed and avoid leaving stones in the middle of the car so as not to hit it underneath.

Driving at night it can be difficult to be guided by visual references, but you can be confident in following the GPS location, the marker is accurate and will take you to the gate of the farm. Although there is no public lighting because you are in the field you can feel safe.

**Remember that every new path seems longer than it really is.**

If you transport yourself in a very low car and you have very little experience in driving uncovered, an alternative is to leave the car in a parking lot in Finland (we recommend you in the fire department, which is cheap and safe) and use some public transport option.

### **Public transport**

There are two public transport options to get to the farm.

The collective routes called *turnos* (shifts) are made by the traditional Willys of the region, they go down at various times from 7 a.m. until 6 p.m., and they charge aprox. 4.5k pesos per person. (It is a good option you travel alone or with a companion). These Willys pass at 300 meters from the farm so from where they leave you you will have to do a short walk. This Willys park a couple of meters from the park.

You can also hire one of these Jeeps for approx. 35k pesos / one way. You will also find these cars parked online on one side of the park or you can ask us for the number of a recommended driver so that you can agree with him to pick you up. (It is a good option if you are traveling in a group or if you have a lot of luggage).

# Make us part of your trip

We would love to be part of your adventure and learn about your experience.

## Social media

If you want to take a part of us and remember us in the future, you can find us on Instagram with the name **casa.laureles**

We would also love for you to tag us in your photos or posts during your stay.

## Ratings

You can rate your experience and upload photos of it through Google maps and Tripadvisor. You can find us as **Casa Laureles Filandia** in those websites.

At Casa Laureles we embrace human diversity. In all our spaces you can feel at home.

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choosing us.

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