Colombia Pre-Departure Countdown

Every deadline still ahead of the December trip, in date order — what triggers it, how long is left, and whether a reminder already covers it.

COUNTED FROM	DEPARTURE	ENTRIES	AMOUNTS
Sunday, Nov 15, 2026	**Saturday, Dec 5, 2026**	**9, in date order**	**CAD, COP alongside**

> **How to read this list.** Days remaining are counted from Sunday, November 15, 2026. “Reminder coverage” records only reminders that already exist — this document creates no new scheduled work.

At a glance

DATE	DAYS LEFT	ITEM	REMINDER	STATUS
Wed, Nov 18, 2026	**3 days**	Celele decision re-check	**Armed**	Open decision
Thu, Dec 31, 2026	**46 days**	Andrés D.C. NYE — Año Nuevo Vida Nueva 2026-2027	**Armed — watch**	Decision & booking open
Thu, Dec 3, 2026	**18 days**	Check-Mig form + entry fee	**Armed**	Scheduled
Fri, Dec 4, 2026	**19 days**	Spanish Adventure transfer update	Covered Dec 5	Open, waiting
Sat, Dec 5, 2026	**20 days**	Park the school money	**Armed**	Scheduled
Sat, Dec 5, 2026	**20 days**	Backstop reminder + departure	**Armed**	Scheduled
Wed, Dec 23, 2026	**38 days**	Medellín free-day decision	**Armed**	Scheduled
Wed, Dec 23, 2026	**38 days**	Cartagena hotel cancellation cutoff	**None armed**	Informational
Sat, Dec 26, 2026	**41 days**	Rosario tour deadline — dropped	—	Closed; dinner open

November: the two open decisions

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2026 — **3 days left**

1 · Celele decision re-check

Celele, in Getsemaní, is the unbooked candidate for the Saturday, December 26 dinner in Cartagena. This is the day to decide two things: whether to book it at all, and if so, whether to go a la carte or take the tasting menu at COP 465,000, about CA$200 per person.

What triggers it: The deferred booking decision from October 18 — no card guarantee or no-show penalty was accepted in advance, so the choice was deliberately left until closer to the date.

Reminder coverage: ARMED — a one-off reminder fires that morning, at about 10:39 AM ET, with the booking link and details.

Status: OPEN decision.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2026 · ANNOUNCED OCTOBER 26, 2026 — **46 days left**

2 · Andrés D.C. New Year’s Eve — Año Nuevo Vida Nueva 2026-2027

The event “Año Nuevo Vida Nueva 2026-2027” was announced on October 26, 2026. Entry is on Thursday, December 31 from 7:00 PM until dawn at Andrés D.C., Calle 82 #12-21, with music by Los 50 de Joselito. Adults only.

Bogotá prices were confirmed by the venue on October 27, 2026: bar COP 340,000 per person, about CA$147, and table COP 390,000 per person, about CA$168. The ticket includes two starters, a main course, a dessert, a glass of champagne and the traditional año viejo kit. Drinks are extra. Tickets are non-refundable and spots are limited.

Booking is by sending personal details to the venue, which then sends a payment link; payment must be made within 12 hours.

What triggers it: The announcement has already fired — the venue announced the event on October 26 and confirmed Bogotá prices on October 27. The next step is a booking decision.

Reminder coverage: ARMED — the watch checking every 3 days remains armed, but its original trigger, the announcement, has already fired.

Status: OPEN — the venue has answered; the open item is Dany’s decision and booking.

December: entry paperwork and the transfer update

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2026 — **18 days left**

3 · Check-Mig form + Canadian entry fee

Complete the free Check-Mig form — it opens only 72 hours before the flight — and pay the Canadian reciprocity entry fee of COP 256,000, about CA$85 in the trip budget, online in advance. The plan is to do both that morning, print the confirmation at the office, and keep a copy with the trip documents.

Official fee-payment link:
https://apps.migracioncolombia.gov.co/registro/public/formularioRegistro.jsf?tramite=7

Check-Mig link:
https://apps.migracioncolombia.gov.co/pre-registro/en

What triggers it: The Check-Mig 72-hour window opening ahead of the December 5 flight.

Reminder coverage: ARMED — a one-off reminder fires that morning, at about 9:39 AM ET, carrying both links above.

Status: Scheduled; not actionable before December 3.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2026 — **19 days left**

4 · Spanish Adventure transfer update expected

Spanish Adventure checks with the other students arriving that weekend and emails whether a shared transfer from Medellín airport (MDE) to San Carlos exists for the Sunday, December 6 arrival at about 9:00 AM. If there is no match, the choice is the private transfer at COP 400,000, about CA$172, or the bus via Terminal del Norte at about COP 30,000, about CA$13. Email is the school's only channel.

What triggers it: The school's promised Friday update, after it has checked that weekend's arrivals.

Reminder coverage: No separate reminder — the December 5 backstop below covers silence.

Status: OPEN, waiting on the school.

Departure day and the Medellín free day

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2026

20 days left

5 · Park the school money

Park the school money in the morning, before the flight. Move CA$2,000 from the Wealthsimple chequing account nicknamed ‘saving cash’ into the one nicknamed ‘spending cash’, so the December 7–8 Servibanca withdrawals can draw on it. The strict minimum for the school balance (COP 4,090,000, about CA$1,762) plus estimated ATM fees (about CA$28–35) is about CA$1,800; CA$2,000 adds headroom for journey cash and rate movement. The transfer between the two accounts is instant.

What triggers it: Departure morning — the school money needs to be in ‘spending cash’ before the December 7–8 withdrawals.

Reminder coverage: **ARMED** — a one-off reminder fires that morning, at about 9:39 AM ET.

Status: Scheduled.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2026

20 days left

6 · Backstop reminder + departure day

The backstop reminder fires at about 10:39 AM ET: if the school still has not confirmed the shared transfer, check with them. The same day, the Air Canada flight departs Montréal at 23:05, via Bogotá, arriving in Medellín on Sunday, December 6 at 09:10 — and the first GigSky 1 GB eSIM plan gets activated.

What triggers it: Departure day, and the last chance to chase the transfer before flying.

Reminder coverage: **ARMED** — the backstop one-off reminder described above.

Status: Scheduled.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2026

38 days left

7 · Medellín free-day decision

Morning, in Medellín — choose the day’s plan: Parque Arví by cable car if rested (go early; park entry free, the Arví cable car charges its own fare), or Jardín Botánico + Mercado del Río if the Dec 22 double-tour day was tiring (garden open Wednesdays 9 AM–4 PM, admission free).

What triggers it: The morning of the Medellín free day, after the Dec 22 double-tour day.

Reminder coverage: **ARMED** — a one-off reminder fires that morning, at about 8:39 AM Colombia time, and includes a live check of whether the Arví cable car line is running that day.

Status: Scheduled.

The Cartagena cutoff and one changed item

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2026

38 days left

8 · Hotel Don Pedro de Heredia — free-cancellation cutoff

The Cartagena stay runs December 24–28 at COP 1,200,000, about CA$517, payable at the hotel. The booking terms showed it fully refundable before December 23, so this is the last day to cancel at no cost.

What triggers it: The end of the hotel's free-cancellation window, the day before check-in.

Reminder coverage: **NONE armed** — the plan is firm; this entry is for awareness only.

Status: Informational.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2026 · CHANGED ITEM

41 days left

9 · Rosario Islands tour deadline — dropped, no longer applies

The Rosario Islands day tour that once sat on this date was dropped on October 18 in favour of a full in-city Cartagena day — San Felipe Castle, the museums, and Getsemaní — so there is no tour booking deadline on December 26. The live open item attached to that evening is the unbooked Celele dinner, which is decided at the November 18 re-check in entry 1.

What changed: The day-trip plan was replaced by an in-city day on October 18; nothing needs booking for the daytime.

Reminder coverage: None needed for the tour. The evening's dinner decision is covered by the armed November 18 reminder in entry 1.

Status: Tour deadline CLOSED; dinner OPEN via November 18.

Reminder coverage in full

COVERAGE	ENTRIES
Armed — one-off	Nov 18 Celele re-check (about 10:39 AM ET) · Dec 3 Check-Mig and entry fee (about 9:39 AM ET) · Dec 5 park the school money (about 9:39 AM ET) · Dec 5 transfer backstop (about 10:39 AM ET) · Dec 23 Medellín free-day decision (about 8:39 AM Colombia time, with a live Arví cable car check)
Armed — watch	Andrés D.C. NYE, checked every 3 days — watch remains armed, but its original trigger, the announcement, already fired on Oct 26 (Bogotá prices confirmed Oct 27); open item is now Dany's decision and booking
Covered indirectly	Dec 4 Spanish Adventure update — silence is caught by the Dec 5 backstop
None armed	Dec 23 Hotel Don Pedro de Heredia cancellation cutoff — awareness only
Nothing to cover	Dec 26 Rosario Islands tour deadline — closed when the tour was dropped on Oct 18

Note: This countdown reflects the trip notes as of November 15, 2026, and open items stay open until confirmed settled.