



UNIVERSAL WHITE BROTHERHOOD OF COLOMBIA

NEWSLETTER

**Eighth International Christmas Congress
from 19th December 2024 to 5th January 2025**

**Zafiro Domain
in the countryside to practice the teaching of
Master Omraam Mikhaël Aïvanhov**

**Dear brothers and sisters, below you will find important information to
take into account during your stay in the fraternal centre.**

The total cost of your stay in Zafiro includes the following:

- **Catering expenses:** Thursday (fast day) and three meals (whether taken or not).
- **Accommodation expenses:** Blankets, pillows and/or sheets are included only for the rooms, dormitory, and tents booked by brothers and sisters travelling long distances.
- **Congress expenses:** The fees are per person and per day.
- Each stay must be booked. Every booking will be held with a deposit equivalent to 30% of the total of the stay. In case of cancellation, this amount is non-refundable, unless the booking is cancelled 8 days before the first day of the stay.

BANK INFORMATION

BENEFICIARY BANK

- **BANK NAME:** BANCOLOMBIA
- **SWIFT CODE:** COLOCOBM

BENEFICIARY

- **NAME:** ASOCIACIÓN FRATERNIDAD BLANCA UNIVERSAL
- **NIT:** 800193370-1 (identification number)
- **ACCOUNT NUMBER:** 05280970834

Brothers and sisters who are in financial difficulty are invited to contact us by e-mail at kalagiya@hotmail.com before the beginning of the congress.

As life in the Brotherhood centres relies entirely on selfless actions, we appreciate the participation of all brothers and sisters in the different activities to ensure the good development of the congress.

THINGS TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION

- Slippers (to use inside the fraternal houses)
- Shoes to walk
- Towels
- Cloth napkins for the table
- Sunglasses – Sunscreen
- Appropriate clothing for the conference room and Paneurhythmy
- Warm clothing for the sunrise or when the day is cloudy and cold
- Hat
- Flashlight (for the dark nights)

Artistic participation is most welcome. In case you wish to present an artistic event, please contact us at kalagiya@hotmail.com.

The trip from El Dorado International Airport in Bogotá to the Zafiro Domain (door to door service):

- Distance: 190Km
- Duration: 3 hours 30 minutes approximately.

PRICES

Prices per day and per person - Accommodation and meals included				
Category	Tent Capacity: 40	Dormitory Capacity: 10	Room Capacity: 8	Comfort Room Capacity: 6
Child 3 to 10 years	15 euros		40 euros	50 euros
11 to 27 years	20 euros	25 euros		
> 27 years	25 euros	30 euros		
Transport from El Dorado International Airport in Bogotá to Zafiro by car. An authorised person will be waiting for you at the airport.			For this price, please send an e-mail to kalagiya@hotmail.com as of 1st November 2024	

Given the capacity of the car (4 people), it would be ideal to share the transport fee.

Anyone who would like to stay one day in Bogotá and travel to Zafiro on the next day, there are several hotels near the airport such as Ibis hotel www.ibis.com/Bogota. Nevertheless, we recommend arriving the earliest possible to Bogotá to be able to reach Zafiro on the same day.

Upon arriving in Bogotá, an authorised person will be waiting for the brother(s) or sister(s), holding a sign with the name of the traveller. The trip to Zafiro can be done immediately after arriving to Bogotá.

TOURISTIC VISITS

Due to the current world situation, there will most likely be changes to the various scheduled tours. Therefore, brothers and sisters who register for the congress and who are interested in sightseeing tours afterwards will receive the corresponding information in due course. This information will depend on the regulations issued by the Colombian authorities. Thank you for your understanding.

For those interested, we propose visits to two small towns close to Zafiro.

- The cost of the transport from Zafiro to Ráquira is \$240.000 Colombian pesos (meals not included). This price can be divided between everyone.
- The cost of the transport from Zafiro to Villa de Leyva is \$200.000 Colombian pesos (meals not included). This price can be divided between everyone.
- The price to enter the national reserve and visit the Iguaque lagoon is \$17.000 Colombian pesos (children) and \$72.000 Colombian pesos (adults).

**THREE DAYS AFTER THE CONGRESS HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED FOR
THESE VISITS.**

**IT WOULD BE GREAT TO HAVE MORE AVAILABLE DAYS AFTER THE
CONGRESS TO ENJOY OF THESE VISITS!**

Villa de Leyva

The municipality of Villa de Leyva is located in the department of Boyacá in the oriental Colombian mountain chain at 2.149 meters above the sea level. October is the rainiest month and the first months of the year are the driest.



Visitors are enchanted with every corner in Villa de Leyva. It is enough to walk along its streets of stone in any direction to see churches, convents, monasteries and, suddenly, to find an enormous square where people fly kites and Christmas lights are lightened. Here, visitors are astonished with the houses with white fronts, large windows and doors of wood built in colonial style.

There are many shops that sell great variety of products from crafts to jewellery of great quality. The gastronomic offer is incredible and broad for all tastes and to please the most demanding palates.

Nearby Villa de Leyva are the Desert of the Candelaria and the monastery. To the North, visitors can find the beautiful Iguaque's Sanctuary.

Ráquira

One of many enchanting places that we can visit in Colombia is Ráquira, a colourful artisan town, located close to Villa de Leyva. Unlike the colonial style of Villa de Leyva, Ráquira is characterised by the terracotta colour of the houses and shops.



This tiny and picturesque town is considered to be the capital of the crafts in Colombia as clay pots were made even before the Spanish conquest. As a matter of fact, the name of the town in Muisca language means city of pots. The visit focuses on the main street and the square, so it is possible to dedicate the time to buy crafts or to go for a walk through its streets, which can be done in less than an hour.

Iguaque Fauna and Flora Sanctuary

Iguaque Fauna and Flora Sanctuary is located in the department of Boyacá, between the municipalities of Villa de Leyva, Arcabuco, Chíquiza, and Sáchica. Iguaque's park is a small area of forest and paramo in the oriental Colombian mountain chain. It extends over 6,750 hectares with mountains between 2,400 and 3,800 metres above sea level.



This location is an ideal place to rest the soul and, therefore, it has transformed into a place of spiritual retreat for many people. In the Iguaque Sanctuary, visitors can admire the Sacred Lagoon of Iguaque that, according to Muisca mythology, is the cradle of humanity. For the Muiscas, it was a symbol of the culture of water and, nowadays, this thought is still present, as it is said that going to this lagoon cleanses the soul and purifies the spirit. The sanctuary is very rich in flora and fauna, and animals such as horses, squirrels, some species of deer, and a great variety of birds can be found.

CONDITIONS FOR ADMISSION TO THE CONGRESS

- To be a member of the Universal White Brotherhood. *
- To be registered and to have a reservation.
- To respect the safety and security instructions, and to comply with the internal regulations of the Association.
- It is absolutely forbidden to light candles, fires or any other flammable material inside the houses, tents and/or in any area of the Association due to the risk of fire.
- It is forbidden to smoke as well as the consumption and possession of drugs and/or any illegal substances. Alcohol is completely prohibited.
- In the context of the association's activities, all audio or photographic recording **must be authorised beforehand**.
- Fasting for more than 24 hours is not authorised. If this is not respected, the Association will not be held responsible for any consequences.
- No trade is allowed inside the fraternal centre.
- If anyone develops health issues during their stay in the fraternal centre, he/she must be taken to the nearest medical centre. **ALL BROTHERS AND SISTERS MUST HAVE A HEALTH INSURANCE.**
- Likewise, it is necessary to have a work accident insurance.
- Any person who does not respect the internal regulations and whose attitude and behaviour are not in accordance with the spirit of the Teaching shall be excluded from the fraternal centre.
- Every child must be under the responsibility of the parents or a duly authorised adult.
- A child cannot stay in the fraternal centre, unless at least one of the parents is a member of the Association.

*If you are not a member of the Association but you are interested in participating in the congress, please contact us at kalagiya@hotmail.com.

The responsibility of the association does not extend to the individual actions of the participants.

For any question or doubts, please contact us by e-mail at kalagiya@hotmail.com, by Skype at Colombiacolombe and/or by phone at (+57) 311 810 25 42 – (+57) 313 412 10 80.

We look forward to seeing you in the light and happiness!

