



The Roundabout: Medellín

Not a tour. Not a conference. A retreat for people reshaping how cities work.

Tickets & More Details

Medellín is no longer a case study it's a blueprint. From cable cars to civic escalators, social urbanism to digital districts, the city's transformation didn't come from top-down mandates. It came from bold ideas built block by block.

The Roundabout is Urban Spaceship's urbanism retreat series designed for doers, dreamers, and neighborhood futurists ready to get out of the room and into the world. We learn directly from the leaders, residents, and rebels building the next version of their cities.

Trip Highlights:

- Guided visit through Comuna 13, Medellín's most iconic story of reinvention
- Private sessions with local planners, architects, artists, and civic innovators
- Walking tours of key interventions: library parks, metrocables, escalators, and more
- Group workshops, rooftop dinners, and after-hours conversation salons
- Optional day trips to coffee country or natural escapes
- Built-in free time to explore, rest, or go deep on your own connections
- Medellín, Colombia
- December 3rd 7th, 2025
- 2 15 people max (Only 9 spots left)
- Early access pricing is live until Sept 12th

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Spaces are limited. This isn't a passive experience it's a deep dive with people who give a damn. Ask about same doubling up in a room for discounts.



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Wednesday, December 3





The Roundabout: Medellín — An Urbanism Retreat



By Jeremy Fojut,

Step inside Medellín's urban transformation. 5 days. No lectures. Just people, places, and ideas that'll change how you see cities forever.

Date and time



December $3 \cdot 8pm$ - December $7 \cdot 9am$ GMT-5



Hotel Lomas 10 Medellin

31A - 172 Calle 11B Medellín, Antioquia 050021 Colombia

Get directions >

Good to know

Highlights

- 3 days, 13 hours
- In person

Refund Policy

No Refunds

About this event

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🛣 The Roundabout: Medellín

December 3-7, 2025

A 5-day immersive experience in how cities get rebuilt — block by block, story by story.

Note: All experiences, speakers, and venues are confirmed at time of publishing. In the case of last-minute changes, equivalent substitutions will be provided.

Day 1 - December 3: Arrival & Kickoff

Afternoon

Hotel check-in Hotel Lomas 10
Free time to explore or relax beforg

Framing conversation: What brought us here — and what we're here to unpack

Day 2 - December 4: Systems That Move Cities

Morning - Infrastructure in Motion

Breakfast Included

- Ride the Metrocable + civic escalators in Comuna 13
- On-the-ground insights from Casa Kolacho
- Explore how transit infrastructure reshaped access and visibility across Medellín's hillsides

Midday - Street Food & Public Expression Walk

- Hosted by Mateo Pérez, urban designer
- Local flavors + street murals as forms of urban storytelling

Afternoon - Urban Infrastructure Deep Dive

- Private session at Empresas Públicas de Medellín (EPM)
- Hosted by Laura Jaramillo, Social Innovation Lead
- How Medellín's public utilities became catalysts for long-term transformation

Evening - Group Dinner + Night Walk

- Dinner at Carmen Medellin
- Optional after-dinner urban exploration walk through Laureles with urban geographer Juliana Restrepo
- Focus: how Medellín feels, sounds, and flows after dark

O Day 3 - December 5: The Prototype City

Breakfast Included

Morning - Medellín's Future in Beta

- Private visit to C4TA (Center for Advanced Urban Transformation)
- Hosted by **Sebastián Mesa**



Learn how public art shapes policy, identity, and local pride

Afternoon - Choose Your Urban Lens

Urbanism Deep Dive

- Tour of tactical design sites and pop-up infrastructure in Laureles
- Hosted by Medellín Alternativo

Coffee & Coca Country

- Visit working farms in San Sebastián de Palmitas
- Hosted by community partners exploring the future of rural production and land transitions

☐ Big Rock Escape – Guatapé & El Peñol

- Climb La Piedra del Peñol
- Explore the historic lakeside town of Guatapé
- Learn how design and tourism collide in regional development

All tour options are included in the retreat package. Transportation and guides provided.

Evening - Rooftop Dinner + Reflection Circle

- Hosted meal at OCI.Mde or Alambique
- Guided conversation: What challenged your assumptions? What shifted your lens?

Day 4 - December 6: Land, Power & Public Life

Breakfast Included

(Jeremy's Birthday 🥬)

Morning - Housing Without Blueprints

- Tour of Barrio Moravia with Fundación Casa de las Estrategias
- Discussion led by planner Nicolás Orozco on how informal neighborhoods selforganize and evolve

Midday - Market Meal + Resident Roundtable



Afternoon - Public Design Lab at the Library Park

- Workshop at **Parque Biblioteca España** (or León de Greiff, pending availability)
- Co-led by **Urbanismo Vivo**
- Mapping session: how to reclaim land and public space from the ground up

Evening - Closing Celebration at the Ball Pit Bar

- Group outing to Happy City Medellín a playful, immersive venue known for its indoor ball pit
- Celebrate new friendships and Jeremy's birthday with music, local drinks, and city views from a different kind of perch
- Transportation provided

2 Day 5 - December 7: Breakfast & Goodbyes

Early Morning - Authentic Farewell Breakfast

- Traditional Colombian breakfast (think: arepas, calentado, tropical fruit, and strong coffee)
- Final reflections and time to connect before heading home
- Optional map wall: mark the one place or moment that made you see the city differently

Check-out & departure

Frequently asked questions

| Will there be Wi-Fi, Yes. Our hotel and most venues will have strong Wi-Fi. | ~ |
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| Are flights included in the ticket price? | ~ |
| What's the lodging situation? | ~ |

