The capital of Colombia is located in the geographic center of the country, making it a busy hub for tourists, traders and all kinds of goods. Producers and artisans privilege Bogotá as the most important showcase for exhibiting and selling their goods.

An ideal place for shopping

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Bogotá: a great place for shopping

In the different commercial areas in Bogotá, there are high-quality goods, made by local designers, artisans, artists, tailors and carpenters, all at good prices and within your reach. There are bargains waiting for you all over the capital.

In the different shopping areas in Bogotá, you can find goods and souvenirs for any budget.

Shopping malls are popular as they offer clothing and furniture stores, music and artisan specialists, as well as bars restaurants, cinemas, casinos and banks, making your shopping trip quite easier.

There are around 30 large complexes located in the four parts of the city. All are accessible by foot, car and public transport. Some of the shopping centers are near to hotels and therefore ideal for travelers with limited time who don't want to miss out on the opportunity to pick up a made-in-Colombia product.

Shopping by area

Visitors and shoppers can choose from many different options and products to find exactly what they are looking for.

Different areas of the city are known for selling particular items. Visitors and shoppers can find exactly what they are looking for. In street markets, try haggling to get a better price.

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Residents of the city know precisely which areas sell what, and travelers quickly learn. The Restrepo neighborhood, in the south of the city, makes and sells shoes. The city center (carrera 13 between Calle 13 and Calle 17) is good for buying home appliances, and the 12 de Octubre section (Carrera 30 with Calle 72) is renowned for furniture.

Whether in shopping centers or informal shopping places, the city has something for everyone, from exclusive designer brands to more affordable souvenirs and accessories.

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Seasons and place to shop

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Bogotá bustles with shoppers throughout the year, but during special seasons, such as Mothers Day, Valentine's Day and Christmas, trade is especially active.

Often, tourists prefer to go to modern malls in the north of the city, while others are intrigued by

the informality of the San Alejo Flea Market, located in the downtown area (Carrera 7 with Calle 24)

The Flea Market is open on Sundays and public holidays, and is ideal for tourists looking to pick up a second hand bargain. Furniture, clocks, suitcases, handicrafts, antiques and even works of art, are some of the objects on sale in this popular market.

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In response to the high demand, shopping malls like Unicentro, Atlantis Plaza, Centro Andino, Santa Fe, Gran Estación and the chain supermarkets continually restock merchandise for the convenience and benefit of shoppers. They also reward customer loyalty.

Shopping in Bogotá is always fun and exciting, especially because of the range of places and products. Some parts of the city are great for finding a bargain, but equally there are places to buy the best quality goods and souvenirs, not only from the city but from Colombia.

Do you enjoy wandering the streets of a city? It might interest you to know:

- Colombian handicrafts
- The coffee, a reason for visiting Colombia
- Colombian fruit: healthy, colorful and flavorsome
- Bogotá Photo Gallery