

## Bogota: Travel Guide

### Vacations in the Cosmopolitan and Surprising City



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#### Bogotá City

Bogotá, the capital of Colombia, located in the center of the country on a vast plain at 2,600 meters above sea level and with a moderate temperature has a population of eight million people from all corners of Colombia; a city as diverse as the entire country.

Declared World Book Capital by UNESCO and Iberoamerican Capital of Culture by the UCCI, Bogotá has become one of the most important cities of the continent, with public spaces such as plazas, streets and modern avenues. Its Mass Transit System is considered one of the most important in Latin America and a model for transportation systems in the country and the continent. The city has the world's largest bicycling network –the Ciclovía, which covers close to 300 kilometers.

Bogotá has a varied nightlife offering domestic and foreign tourists alike different options and styles; a permanent cultural agenda that is reflected in its more than 60 museums and art galleries; the most famous Rock Festival of the continent and the most important theater festival in the world, the Iberoamerican Theater Festival; 29 religious temples that are part of its heritage; 4,500 parks; close to 50 shopping malls and outlets where visitors can purchase the latest fashion and creations by haute couture Colombian designers.



Bogota: travel to a city full of culture and nightlife.

Bogotá has earned a place among the major gastronomic capitals of Latin America. Its six dining areas with world-class restaurants offer local and international cuisine. The many accommodation options with over 300 hotels of international and national chains make of

Bogotá the main destination of foreign tourists arriving in the country. Its venues for business, events and conventions consolidate it as one of the favorite destinations for executives worldwide.

The city, which was declared by the prestigious New York Times as one of the 31 destinations to visit in 2010 is an inspiring city with millions of amazing stories that surprise visitors every day.

## **Essential tourism and travel information for your Bogota vacations:**

### **Climate**

Temperature ranges from 12º C (54º F) to 18º C (64º F)

### **Altitude**

2,640 meters above sea level

### **Location**

Bogotá is situated in the center of the country, on the western part of the Bogotá savanna. To the south, the Bogotá river forms the falls of Salto de Tequendama. Its tributaries shape valleys with thriving towns whose habitants make a living from agriculture, cattle ranching, and the manufacture of handicrafts.

### **Airport**

El Dorado International Airport + 57 (1) 425-1000 concentrates 65% of the aerial operations in the country. All procedures related to entering or exiting Colombia, as well as connections to the rest of the country, can be made from this airport.

Ticket, reservation, and check-in counters for national and international flights, as well as

immigration and customs, are on the first floor. Departure and arrival gates, information services, travel agencies, drugstores, restaurants, and book and handicraft stores are located on the second floor.

Passengers can easily find taxi stations and tourist information and hotel reservation booths in the international and national arrival areas.

## **How to get there?**

By land, from the north coast, by the Troncal del Magdalena highway; from the western part of the country, by the Panamerican Highway; from the Llanos to the east, by the road that connects Villavicencio and Bogotá.

## **Inter-city transportation**

**Transmilenio:** (buses on exclusive lanes) costs \$1,400 Colombian pesos (about US\$0.80)

**Ordinary buses:** tickets are \$1,100 Colombian pesos (about US\$0.60)

### **Public and tourist taxi phone numbers:**

- Radio Taxi: + 57 (1) 288-8888
- Taxi Real: + 57 (1) 333-3333
- Taxi Estrella: + 57 (1) 212-1212
- Taxi Elite: + 57 (1) 222-2222
- Taxis Libres: + 57 (1) 311-1111
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## When in Bogota, enjoy:

- [Rural tourism](#)
- [Ráquira ceramics](#)
- [The Muisca Raft: Symbol of El Dorado](#)
- [Iguaque Natural Park](#)
- [Facatativá Archaeological Park](#)
- [Birdwatching](#)

## Bogota recommended events and places:

- [Bogota Culture: Ibero-American Theater Festival of Bogota](#)
- Bogota Culture: [International Book Fair](#)
- Bogota Culture: [Jazz in the Park Festival in Bogota](#)
- [Bogota Culture: The Gold Museum, a magic treasure in the center of Bogota](#)

## Map of Bogota