El Poblado Avenue

Industry and trade capital, fashion center, and the city of never-ending spring. That's Medellín, Colombia's second most important city.

Medellín is the only city in the country with the privilege of being surrounded by mountains that remain green year round and of having a huge variety of flowers, fruit trees, birds, and other animal species.

Museums, theaters, concert halls, art galleries, a botanical garden, two airports, one of the main stadiums in the country, and the first metro transportation system in Colombia make Medellín the location for a truly great experience.

Aside from its tourist attractions, the city is today a business center and is also recognized as the Colombian capital of fashion, with a strong tradition in textiles and clothing manufacturing. Designers and buyers from all over the world meet annually in well known trade fairs like Colombiamoda.

Silletero Parade, Medellín Flower Fair

However, Colombiamoda is not the only world-renowned fair. There is also the Medellín Flower Fair, which brings aromas and colors to the city when hundreds of peasants come down from the nearby mountains with flower-laden silletas on their back. Silletas are the traditional chair-like contraptions for carrying flowers and are profusely decorated for the fair.

Going to Medellín without touring its surroundings means missing out on an important part of the city's charm. Everyone should visit the neighboring towns, the traditional haciendas, and of course, the fondas, the traditional diners where visitors must try the *bandeja paisa*. This is the typical dish of the department of Antioquia that includes beans (its main ingredient), rice, chorizo sausage, avocado, fried egg,
*arepa*
, ripe plantain, and finely ground and condimented beef. Naturally, the dish must be preceded or accompanied by a drink of
*aguardiente*
(sugar cane spirits).

In the evening, nothing is better than a party in the atmosphere of paisa joviality and accompanied by the sounds of a good tango.

That's Medellín, a city of progress, tradition, industry, fashion. Impossible not to visit it.

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