

National Geographic Traveler reports that [Cartagena's](#) amenities are “colonial chic,” with new boutique hotels transforming the Old City. USA Today says, “Strange and wonderful things are afoot in [Bogota].” Now, getting to these hot destinations from the United States has never been easier with dozens of direct, non-stop flights from major American cities, such as Miami, New York, and Houston.



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### Colombia

One of the newest routes, from JFK to Bogota on the Colombian airline, Aires, opened on June 25, with a Monday, Wednesday and Friday flight. Aires is now the second Colombian airline – along with Avianca - that flies directly to the Big Apple. Passengers on this new route will travel in one of the new Next Generation Boeing 737/700 planes purchased recently by Aires. The aircraft has 148 seats and is one of the most modern and reliable aircraft on the market. Another new route is Spirit Airlines’ nonstop flight from Fort Lauderdale to [Barranquilla](#) . It’s the fifth Colombian destination that the low-fare carrier has added to its list.



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### Connectivity

According to an article in Colombian paper El Tiempo, Bogota’s Eldorado airport is one of the fastest growing airports in the region. This year, the airport had more than 13,000 new flights, representing a 16 percent increase over 2009. Eldorado has the world’s second largest landing

field and is the second busiest airport in Latin America in terms of the number of flights taking off, surpassed only by Mexico City International Airport.

Within Latin America, the Bogota airport is also the sixth largest in terms of numbers of new international flights. This year, Eldorado added more than 1,000 international flights. The top international route is Bogota to Miami, which moved nearly 340,000 travelers in 2009. The route from Bogota to Lima is the busiest in the region, transporting roughly 325,000 passengers in 2009. Many of Colombia's airlines have upgraded their fleets, investing \$5.8 million USD in new planes, which has helped the air terminal in [Bogota](#) flourish.