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BOGOTÁ: A CITY OF ENCOUNTERS, MEMORIES AND DIVERSITY

Bogotá: a city of encounters, memories and diversity

Bogotá : une ville de rencontres, de mémoires et de diversités

Welcome to Bogotá

Bogotá, the capital of Colombia, is a city shaped by encounters.

Its history is deeply connected to Indigenous peoples, Black, Afro-Colombian, Raizal and Palenquero communities, rural populations, migrants and diverse cultural expressions that continue to shape contemporary life in the city.



(BOGOTÁ.GOV.CO)

An ancestral territory



Before Spanish colonization, the Bogotá savanna was primarily inhabited by the **Muisca people**. The territory now occupied by Bogotá was connected to **Bacatá**, one of the main political centers of Muisca society.

The traditional date of the Spanish foundation of Bogotá is **August 6, 1538**, although there is no surviving formal founding document. The colonial settlement was established east of the savanna, at the foot of the mountains, in a territory that was already inhabited and organized by Indigenous peoples.

Bogotá should therefore be understood not simply as a colonial city, but as a territory with a much older history, where Indigenous peoples continue to live, organize and strengthen their cultural identities.

Indigenous peoples in contemporary Bogotá

Today, **more than twenty Indigenous peoples** live in Bogotá, including Muisca, Kichwa, Nasa, Inga, Yanacona, Kamëntsá, Ambiká Pijao, Wounaan, Eperara Siapidara, Pastos, Uitoto, Misak Misak, Wayúu, Kankuamo, Zenú, Kubeo and Coreguaje peoples, among others.

These communities maintain processes of cultural organization, knowledge transmission, language revitalization and rights advocacy.

Bogotá also has spaces such as the **Casa del Pensamiento Indígena**, dedicated to knowledge transmission and culturally differentiated social, cultural and legal support.

Black, Afro-Colombian, Raizal and Palenquero communities



Communities in Bogotá

Bogotá's diversity is also profoundly shaped by the presence and contributions of Black, Afro-Colombian, Raizal and Palenquero communities.

These communities contribute to the city's cultural, political and social life through community organization, cultural production, memory, education, entrepreneurship and rights advocacy.



*Percentage of Census
Self-Identification (2018)*

According to Bogotá's public policy diagnostic, the 2018 National Population and Housing Census recorded 66,934 people in Bogotá who self-identified as belonging to Black, Afro-Colombian, Raizal or Palenquero communities. The same document notes that these figures have been questioned by Afro-descendant organizations and academic sectors because of under-registration and difficulties related to ethnic-racial self-identification in urban settings. The city has spaces that support these communities.

BOGOTÁ'S CLIMATE

Bogotá is located at approximately **2,600 metres above sea level** and has a cool highland climate.

The annual average temperature is approximately **13.1 °C**. Average daytime maximum temperatures generally range between **18 and 20 °C**, while nighttime and early-morning temperatures commonly fall to **8–10 °C**.

Because the Congress takes place on **November 24–26, 2026**, visitors should expect relatively cool weather and a significant possibility of rain. November falls within Bogotá's second rainy season, which generally extends from late September to early December.



*Bogotá Skyline with
the Bacatá Tower*

What should you bring?

- Warm or waterproof jacket.
- Umbrella.
- Comfortable waterproof shoes.
- Extra layer for evenings.

- Sunglasses.
- Sunscreen.
- Small backpack.
- Reusable water bottle.



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GENERAL MAP OF BOGOTÁ

From the airport by public transportation

CONVENCIONES / LEGEND / LÉGENDE

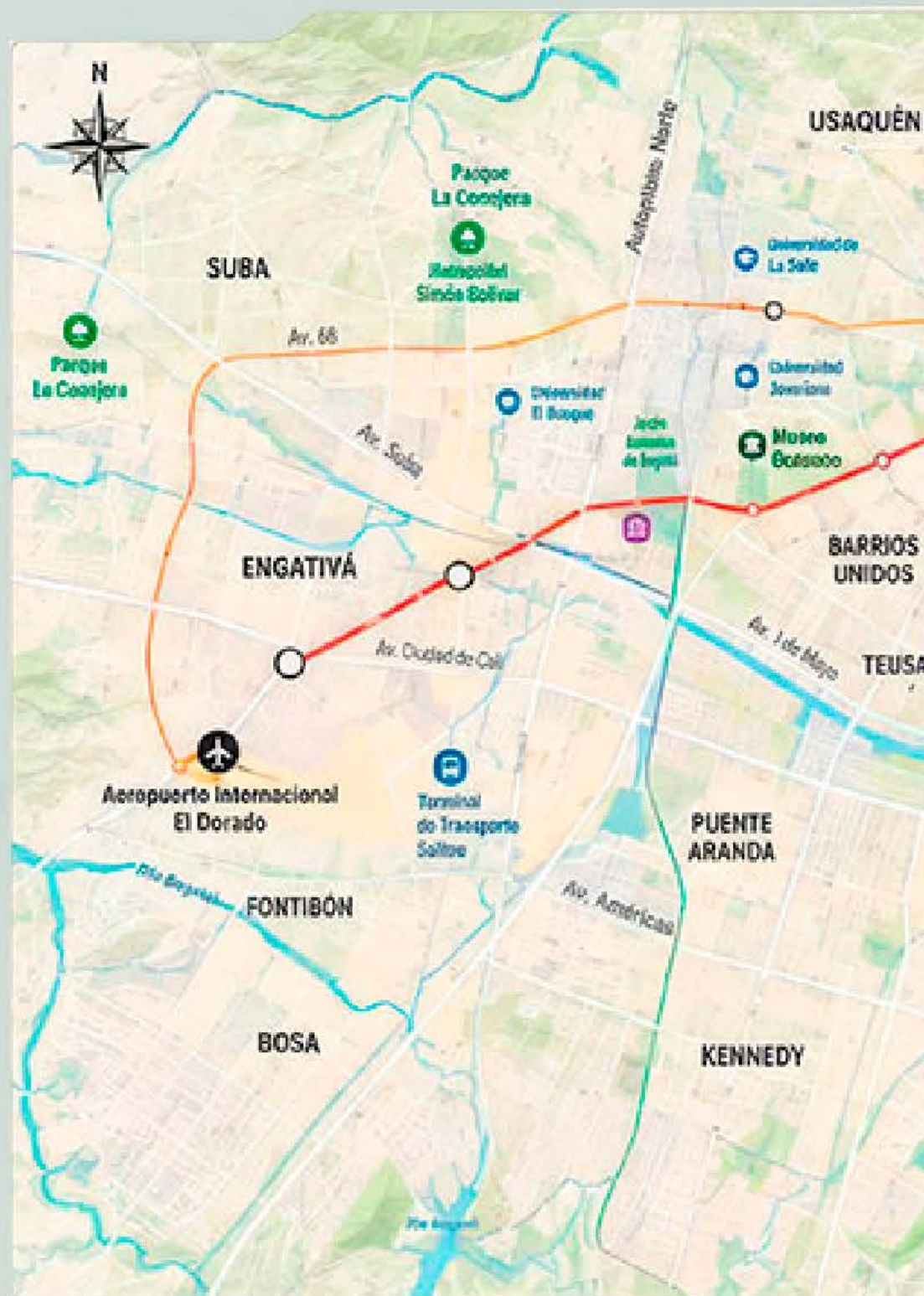
- TransMilenio - Troncal / Main trunk route / Troncales Transmilenio
- TransMilenio - Ruta Alimentadora / Feeder Route / Ligne alimentatrice
-  Estación TransMilenio / TransMilenio Station / Station TransMilenio
-  Sitios de interés turístico / Tourist Sites / Sites touristiques
-  Museos / Museums / Musées
-  Parques / Parks / Parcs
-  Universidades / Universities / Universités
-  Centro histórico / Historic Center / Centre historique
-  Aeropuerto / Airport / Aéroport
-  Terminal de transporte / Bus Terminal / Terminal de transport
-  Vías principales / Main Roads / Routes principales
-  Límites localidades / Locality Boundaries / Limites des localités

ALTITUD / ALTITUDE / ALTITUDE

Bogotá: 2.600 m s. n. m. / 8.530 ft

ESCALA / SCALE / ÉCHELLE

0 - 2.5 - 5 - 7.5 - 10 km



TRANSMILENIO ROUTES FROM EL DORADO AIRPORT

A ESTACIONES CLAVE DEL CENTRO / TRANSMILENIO ROUTES FROM THE AIRPORT TO KEY CENTRAL STATIONS

Option A FROM THE AIRPORT BY PUBLIC TRANSPORT

M86:

Airport - Portal El Dorado - National Museum - connection to Downtown

Option B UNIVERSITIES-CITYU

Airport - trunk system connection - Universities - CityU.



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LUGARES CLAVE / KEY PLACES / LIEUX CLÉS

1. Estación Universidades / Universidades Station / Station Universités (Chapinero)
2. Museo del Oro / Gold Museum / Musée de l'Or (La Candelaria)
3. Plaza de Bolívar / Bolívar Square / Place de Bolívar (La Candelaria)
4. Monserrate / Monserrate Mountain / Mont Monserrate (Santa Fe)
5. Jardín Botánico José Celestino Mutis / Botanical Garden / Jardin botanique (Engativá)
6. Aeropuerto Internacional El Dorado / El Dorado International Airport / Aéroport international El Dorado (Fontibón)

LUGARES CLAVE / KEY PLACES / LIEUX CLÉS



BOGOTÁ EN UNA MIRADA / AT A GLANCE / À UN COUP D'ŒIL

- Capital de Colombia / Capital of Colombia / Capitale de la Colombie
- Población / Population / Population: ~8 millones / million / millions
- Altitud / Altitude / Altitude: 2.600 m s. n. m. / 8.530 ft
- Clima / Climate / Climat: Templado frío / Cool temperate / Tempéré frais
- Idioma / Language / Langue: Español / Spanish / Espagnol
- Moneda / Currency / Monnaie: Peso colombiano (COP)
- Fundación / Founded / Fondation: 6 de agosto de 1538

ITINERARIOS / ITINÉRAIRES TRANSMILENIO DEPUIS L'AÉROPORT VERS LES STATIONS CLÉS DU CENTRE

Option C HISTORIC CENTER:

Historic Center: Airport - TransMilenio connection-Universities-CityU - walk to Gold Museum / La Candelaria.

NOTE:

Routes may change. Check TransMiApp and official TransMilenio channels before traveling TransMilenio.



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3. AIRPORT-DOWNTOWN TRANSPORT MAP

El Dorado Airport.



OFFICIAL TAXI

- Historic Center
- approx. 25-45 min depending on traffic.



TRANSMILENIO

- Portal El Dorado
- M86/connection
- National Museum / Universities-CityU.

Transmilenio



MOBILITY APPS

- authorized pickup point-verify license plate and driver.



The airport recommends using official taxi services. (*Hotel Opera*)



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4. ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation	Accommodation – Area	Category	Category	Link
CityU	Centro / Universidades	Económico–medio	Apartamentos amoblados	Enlace
Hotel Regina	Centro	Económico–medio	Muy céntrico	Enlace
Hotel Muisca	La Candelaria	Medio	Experiencia histórica y cultural	Enlace
Hotel de la Ópera	La Candelaria	Superior	Frente al Teatro Colón	Enlace
ibis Bogotá Museo	Centro Internacional	Económico–medio	Hotel de cadena	Enlace
Tequendama Suites	Centro Internacional	Medio	Habitaciones tipo suite	Enlace
Hotel Tequendama	Centro Internacional	Medio superior	Hotel tradicional	Enlace

CityU: Furnished apartments near Universities–CityU station. Contact Angélica Matos Vides, +57 3204248793, hospitality@cityu.com.co for special event rates.



Acomodación	2026
Cuádruple	\$120.000
Doble	\$140.000
Individual	\$180.000



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5. GASTRONOMY

Dining in Bogotá:



Restaurante	Zona	Tipo	Presupuesto aproximado
La Puerta Falsa Restaurante	Centro Histórico	Tradicional bogotana	\$
La Puerta se La Catedral	La Candelaria	Colombiana	\$-\$\$
Sitio Casa Candelaria	La Candelaria	Colombiana	\$\$
Casa Vieja	Centro	Colombiana tradicional	\$\$
La Cucharita Colombiana	Centro Internacional	Colombiana	\$
La tierrita del Berriondo	La Candelaria	Colombiana	\$\$
El Mejor Ajiaco del Mundo	Centro Histórico	Ajiaco / colombiana	\$\$

\$ Economical
 \$\$ Medium
 \$\$\$ Superior

La Puerta Falsa deserves a small highlight: the Archivo de Bogotá identifies it as one of the oldest traditional businesses in the city, with a history dating back to 1816 and traditional preparations such as tamales, chocolate and changua. (*Archivo Bogotá*).

Casa Vieja is another good option for a more complete Colombian gastronomic experience, with traditional preparations such as sancocho, sobrecarriga and tamales (*Casa Vieja*)



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6. WHAT TO EAT?



Ajiaco santafereño



Tamal



Hot Chocolate with Cheese



Changua



Arepa



Empanada

Colombian Fruits

Lulo, passion fruit, soursop, feijoa, sweet granadilla, tree tomato, banana passion fruit, and many more.

7. FREE MUSEUMS AND EXPERIENCES



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Botero Museum:

Free admission. No prior reservation required. It is open Monday and Wednesday–Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.; Tuesday closed. (*Banrep Cultural*)



MAMU - Museo de Arte Miguel Urrutia:

Free admission, inside the Cultural Block of the Banco de la República. (*Banrep Cultural*)

Casa de Moneda Museum:

Part of the Cultural Block.



Bogotá Museum:

Its educational services and activities are free of charge. (*IDPC*)
La Candelaria - Plaza de Bolívar - Historic Center - Chorro de Quevedo.



8. MUSEUMS WITH ADMISSION FEES



Gold Museum:

COP \$21.000

for foreign visitors. Free on Sundays.

This is particularly interesting for the Congress because the museum allows us to approach the pre-Hispanic indigenous societies of Colombia and systems of thought related to territory, body, spirituality and transformation. (*Banrep Cultural*)



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Monserrate

Funicular fare **COP 30,000 round trip** (subject to verification). *(Cerro de Monserrate)*

9. Suggested Tourist Agenda Around the Congress

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Monday

Arrival:

- Arrival in Bogotá.
- Check-in.
- Short tour of the surrounding area.
- Early dinner.
- Rest.

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NOVEMBER

Tuesday

Congress

After the day

- Free Option: La Candelaria + Plaza de Bolívar + Chorro de Quevedo.

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NOVEMBER

Wednesday

Congress

After the day:

- Botero Museum / MAMU, if the Congress schedules allow it.

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NOVEMBER

Thursday

Congress

After the day:

- Farewell dinner / Colombian gastronomic experience.

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Friday

Recommended tourist day

Complete route:

- Gold Museum - La Candelaria - traditional lunch - Monserrate - International Center

10. VISAS

Step 1.

Check whether your nationality requires a visa.

Participants who require a visa must obtain it before traveling to Colombia.

The current list includes 100 nationalities exempt from short-stay visas, including the United States, Canada, Mexico, Brazil, Argentina, Chile, Peru, Ecuador, virtually all countries in Europe included in the list, Morocco, and several countries in Central America and the Caribbean. *(Cancillería)*



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11. Immigration Table by Country

Region	Country	Short-stay visa	Visa V Events	Transit visa	Observation
Africa	Morocco	NO	NO*	NO	Exempt
Africa	Angola	YES	YES	YES	Processing before the trip
Africa	Cameroon	YES	YES	YES	Processing before the trip
Africa	Egypt	YES	YES	YES	Processing before the trip
Africa	Ethiopia	YES	YES	YES	Processing before the trip
Africa	Ghana	YES	YES	YES	Processing before the trip
Africa	Kenya	YES	YES	YES	Processing before the trip
Africa	Nigeria	YES	YES	YES	Processing before the trip
Africa	Sierra Leone	YES	YES	YES	Processing before the trip
Europa	Spain	NO	NO*	NO	Exempt
Europa	France	NO	NO*	NO	Exempt
North America	Canada	NO	NO*	NO	Exempt
North America	USA	NO	NO*	NO	Exempt
North America	Costa Rica	NO	NO*	NO	Exempt
South America	Argentina	NO	NO*	NO	Exempt
South America	Brazil	NO	NO*	NO	Exempt
South America	Peru	NO	NO*	NO	Exempt

<https://www.cancilleria.gov.co/atencion-y-servicio-al-ciudadano/tramites-y-servicios/visa/abece-de-visas>



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12. V EVENT VISA

The V Event Visa is intended for conventions and academic, cultural, or business events.

Participants who require a visa must obtain it before travelling to Colombia. Colombia does not issue visas on arrival for this purpose.



The Ministry of Foreign Affairs recommends for organizers of international events that the process be initiated at least two months in advance (*Cancillería*)

13. Visa Processing Time



Regular Time

The Visa and Immigration Authority has up to 30 calendar days to issue a decision once the application is complete, the documents have been provided and the study has been paid for.

The period may exceed 30 days when additional verifications or consultations with other entities are necessary. (*Cancillería*)

14. Airport Transit

Check transit visa requirements before booking your flight.
Colombia requires a direct airport transit visa for certain nationalities, including:

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|---------------|----------------|-----------|-----------------------------|
| •Angola. | •Ghana. | •Somalia. | •Iran. |
| •Cameroon. | •Kenya. | •Sudan. | •Pakistán. |
| •Ivory Coast. | •Nigeria. | •Mali. | •Bangladesh. |
| •Egypt. | •Sierra Leone. | •Haiti. | •Afghanistan, among others. |
| •Ethiopia. | | •India. | (Cancillería) |

The transit visa allows you to stay in the international transit zone for up to 24 hours and does not allow you to change airports. (*Cancillería*)

CHECK YOUR TRANSIT VISA REQUIREMENTS BEFORE BOOKING YOUR FLIGHT.



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15. SAFETY

Use official taxis or ride-hailing apps, avoid informal transport, keep valuables out of sight, carry a digital passport copy.

Recommendations:

- Use official taxis or transport applications.
- Do not accept transportation offered informally in or out of the airport.
- Avoid walking alone in unfamiliar areas at night.
- Do not exhibit large amounts of money.
- Keeping phones and valuables out of sight.
- Use ATMs located in banks or shopping centers.
- Keep a digital copy of the passport.
- Share itineraries with someone you trust.
- Check the vehicle before getting in.
- Avoid moving around with the phone visible in congested areas.



16. Emergencies



Emergency Line : 123

Other contacts

Firefighters: 123

Police: 123

Medical Emergencies: 123

Red Cross: 132. (Bogotá.gov.co)

Congress Emergency Contact

Name: _____

WhatsApp: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____



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17. MONEY & PAYMENTS

Currency: Colombian Peso (COP). Visa and Mastercard widely accepted.

18. ESSENTIAL APPS

Antes y durante el viaje



Google Maps



TransMiApp



Waze



WhatsApp



airline app



banking app



mobility app.

19. INVEST IN BOGOTÁ

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*Recommended experiences
by Invest in Bogotá*



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