

COLOMBIA

ESSENTIAL TRAVEL INFORMATION

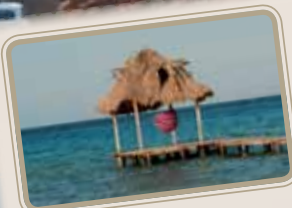
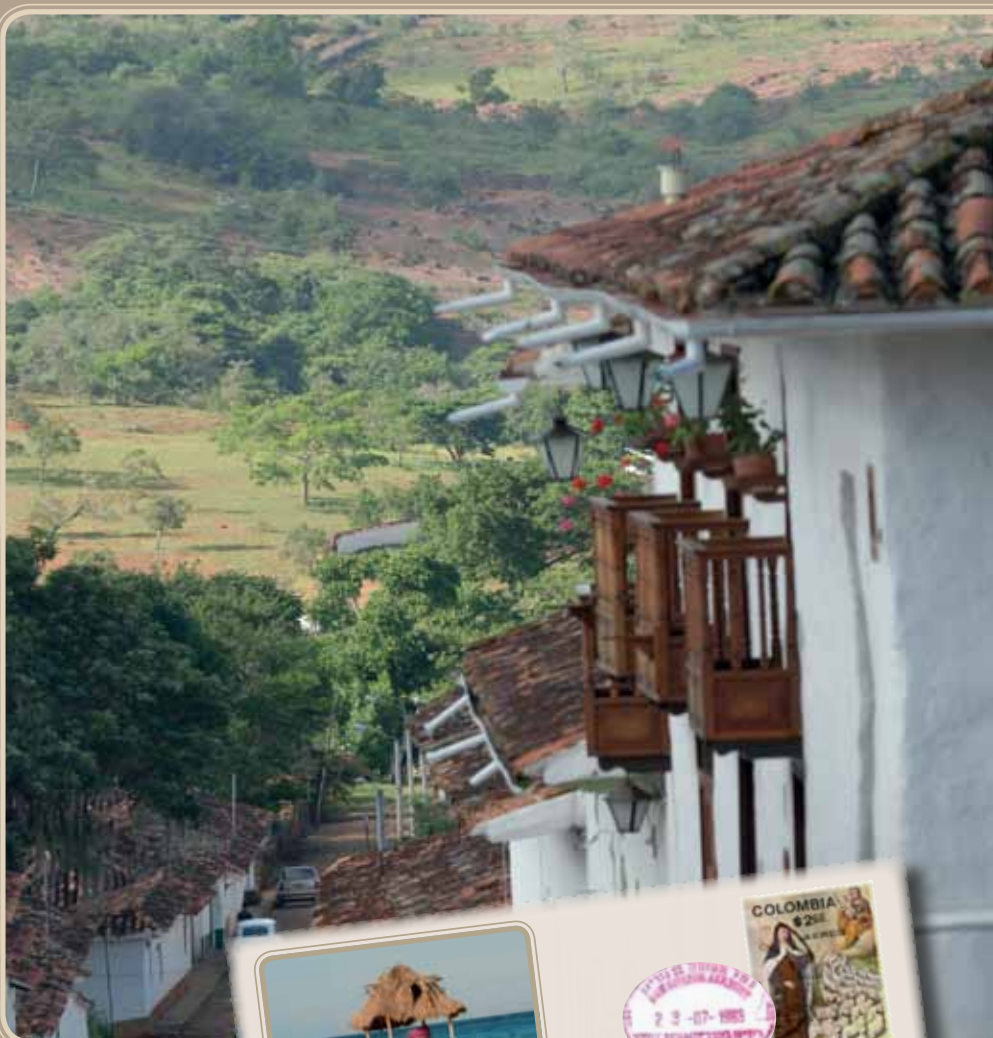


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This brochure gives a first overview about Colombia. Its intention is to assist planning trips to Colombia. For more details you may contact us at any time.



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DESTINATIONS

► BOGOTÁ



Colombia's capital is the economic heart of Colombia. The gold museum features Latin America's most impressive collection of pre-Columbian jewellery. Also called the Athens of South America, Bogotá boasts an wide selection of cultural events and activities ranging from art galleries to open air rock concerts. A wide selection of excellent restaurants and night clubs is available after sightseeing.



► MEDELLIN AND ANTIOQUIA



With its mild climate and friendly people Medellín, the city of flowers, is one of the most livable cities in South America. Visitors enjoy the botanical garden and the relaxed atmosphere with excellent restaurants, cafés and bars. Neat little villages in the surroundings are located between fields of a variety of crops ranging from coffee to exotic cardamom. The artisans shops are a souvenir collector's paradise.



► CARTAGENA



A UNESCO world heritage site, Cartagena offers a fascinating mix of relaxed caribbean atmosphere and cultural sophistication. Excellent hotels in the historic city cater to the luxury minded travellers while families stay at the beaches. Explore the huge fortress built to guard the rich city against pirate attacks and enjoy a sundowner on the city walls before dining in one of the many excellent restaurants.

► BOYACÁ/SANTANDER



The mountains between Bogotá and Bucaramanga are Colombia's colonial heartland where indigenous and Spanish heritage can be found side by side. Enjoy strolling through beautiful colonial villages like Villa de Leyva and Barichara or hike along the „caminos reales“ discovering the secrets of Eldorado. A visit to organic coffee plantations and the spectacular view of the Chicamocha Canyon complete the experience.



► COFFEE ZONE



The neat multicoloured houses are a trademark of the coffee zone. Coffee thrives in the mild climate and a visit to a coffee plantation is a must when visiting the area. Hike up to the volcanoes and enjoy a relaxing bath in one of the hot spring in the region. Take a tour with a vintage Willys Jeep through the villages and discover what can be made of coffee.



► SAN AGUSTÍN



The massive statues guarding the tombs of San Agustín and the painted caverns of Tierradentro are Colombia's most attractive places to visit for the archeologically interested travellers. The area is best explored on foot or horseback. Hikes lead to the various archeological sites and up to the source of the Río Magdalena.



ACTIVE RECREATION

Trekking · Hiking · Horseriding · Golf · Diving



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► CALI



The self-proclaimed capital of salsa dancing bristles with a relaxed atmosphere and a warm climate. The historic city center is becoming an attractive place for going out. Cali is an excellent stopover when travelling from San Agustín and Popayán to the Coffee Zone or viceversa.



► CARIBBEAN



Cumbia, Salsa and Vallenato are the rhythms of Colombia's northern coast. Music plays a central role in the very relaxed lifestyle of the region. From spectacular sights of snow covered peaks and the blue ocean to the desert of the Guajira you will find a great variety of fascinating sceneries. And obviously there are plenty of beaches with coconut palms to hang your hammock and enjoy a freshly made juice.

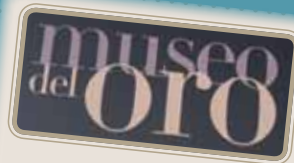


► AMAZON



The Amazon rainforest is one of Colombia's least explored regions. Have a peek by doing day trips Leticia on the Amazon river or immerse yourself in a multiday expedition. You will be rewarded by a plentiful flora and spectacular fauna ranging from pink river dolphins, multicolored parrots to tiny poison dart frogs.

Culture · Nature · Activity



CULTURE & HISTORY

Colonial Villages · Modern Cities · Eldorado · Salsa · Cumbia

COLOMBIA FACTS

Population:	45 Mill.
Capital:	Bogotá
Climate:	tropical, all climate zones
Best time for travel:	all year
Language:	Spanish, English is only spoken in Hotels of the larger cities
Currency:	Colombian Peso, ATMs can be found everywhere, credit cards accepted in most hotels and restaurants

AIR TRAVEL FROM ...

Europe:	direct flights from Frankfurt, Paris, Madrid and Barcelona
North America:	direct flights from New York, Miami, Atlanta, Houston, Los Angeles, Montreal
Latin America:	direct flights from most Latin American capitals

FIVE REASONS FOR TRAVELLING TO COLOMBIA

- **New destination**
- **Latin America in one country**
- **Perfect complement for Ecuador and Peru**
- **Colombians are very warm freindly and hospitable**
- **„The only risk is wanting to stay“**

CLIMATE

Region		Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Bogotá	18 °C												
Medellin	24 °C												
Cartagena	29 °C												
Cali	29 °C												
Coffee Zone	25 °C												
San Agustín	23 °C												
Bucaramanga	26 °C												
Caribbean	30 °C												
Pacific (Nuquí)	30 °C												
Amazon (Leticia)	31 °C												

GEOGRAPHY



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DISTANCES

Region	Amazon			Pacific			Caribbean			Bucaramanga			San Agustín			Coffee Zone			Cali			Cartagena			Medellin		
Bogotá	N/A	2	N/A	N/A	4*	N/A	980	1,5	16	410	0,5	7	520	N/A	9	320	0,8	6	470	1	8,5	1090	1,5	18,5	450	1	8
Medellin	N/A	5*	N/A	N/A	1	N/A	800	1,2	14	400	1	8	780	N/A	14	220	1	4	430	0,8	7	630	1	11,5			
Cartagena	N/A	5*	N/A	N/A	5*	N/A	240	N/A	4	650	1,5	11	1500	N/A	25	850	3,5*	15	1060	1,5	18,5						
Cali	N/A	5*	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1220	3,5*	20	780	3,5*	13	275	N/A	9,5	220	N/A	3,5									
Coffee Zone	N/A	6*	N/A	N/A	4*	N/A	1000	3,5*	16,5*	560	3,5*	9,5	495	N/A	13												
San Agustín	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1400	N/A	22,5*	950	N/A	13															
Bucaramanga	N/A	7*	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	540	1,2	9																		
Caribbean	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A																					
Pacific (Nuquí)	N/A	N/A	N/A																								
Amazon (Leticia)																											

Distance in km

Duration of flight in hours, * connecting flight

Travel time by car in hours

Area: 1.138.910 km²

thereof approx: 350.000 km²

Rainforest

Pacific Coast: 1.450 km

Caribbean Coast: 1.760 km

Highest elevation: Pico Colón 5.775 m