Medellín
The City of Eternal Spring
Medellín is the “Capital of the Mountain” is a city settled in a valley, protected by imposing mountain chains.

Founded in 1675 as the Villa de Nuestra Señora de la Candelaria de Medellín (Town of Our Lady of La Candelaria of Medellín), Medellín was declared a city in 1813 and was elevated to the position of capital of the Department of Antioquia in 1816.

Medellín is a beautiful metropolis that preserves appropriately restored 19th century buildings that contrast with the modern buildings that give the city an appearance of modernity and dynamism, framed by the generous landscape that surrounds it.

Medellín is a Green City, with well-designed streets and avenues adorned with many kinds of trees, including fruit trees, which give shelter to more than 150 different species of birds. It possesses a rail-based mass transit system. El Metro, that crosses the city from north to south and from downtown to the west, and a line in the northwest (Metro Cable). This modern means of transportation is, at present, unique in Colombia and an example for the entire world as regards order, cleanliness and safety. Public utilities are the best in South America, with a coverage of 98%, which Ned to the Empresas Publicas de Medellín (the municipally-owned multiple utility company) which stands out as one of the best in the Americas, Being declared the company of the century in Colombia.

Medellín is considered a business center of the first order. In both its stores and shopping centers and in its factory outlets it is possible to purchase, at reasonable prices, textiles and clothing of varied design, as well as shoes and other garments of excellent quality. For this reason, Medellín is considered the Fashion Capital of Colombia.

Antioquians are hospitable by nature - this is the great quality perceived by those who enjoy the privilege of visiting the city.

So when you come to Medellín, let yourself be infected by the generous “PAISA spirit” expressed in smiles, affection, spontaneity, friendship and understanding. This is the most important memory treasured by our visitors.

(Taken of Medellín Phone Book 2005)
**Population**

The Metropolitan Area has 3,204,471 inhabitants, of whom 2,071,379 live in the city proper.

**Weather**

Medellín is world renowned for being known as the “City of Eternal Spring”.

Most of the time, the climate is sunny and warm with temperatures ranging from 18°C to 25 °Celsius. Since it is located so near to the Ecuador, Medellín does not experience the traditional seasonal effect of most other countries (no winter or fall) and it’s given weather status can be divided into two categories: the rainy season and the dry season, often with humidity levels of 40-50%.

The weather is very unpredictable – it can rain and be cold in Summer and you can get nice days after weeks of rain (only rarely though!!). In the last few years it seems that the Summers have got very hot (25 Celsius +) so be aware of this. If you are here near the end of the year it does get very cold and wet, so bring some warm clothing and an umbrella.

**Electricity**

Most of our electronic circuits work within a continuous current system, so we normally connect all our electronics to a 110 Volt outlet, or simply buy batteries for those that can function with both.

**Music**

Good radio stations for contemporary and popular international music are: “La Mega” (107.9 FM), “La Súper Estación” (92.9 FM), “Veracruz” (98.9 FM)

For music traditional to the region: “La Vallenata” (94.9 FM), “Rumba Estereo” (93.9 FM), “Tropicana” (102.9 FM)

For people who prefer played back tunes or energetic dance, house and trans beats, listen to: “La X” (103.9 FM).

If you want to buy music, the shops to visit are Tower Records and Prodiscos, both of which are conveniently located in the most visited malls, such as El Tesoro, Oviedo, Unicentro or Monterrey.
Living in Medellín

One of the most important things you have to consider when visiting a foreign country is housing and living arrangements, which is why we’ve designed this section to give you accurate information about your options when visiting Medellín. So, here goes; you have 3 options: living alone, living with a family, or living with friends or roommates.

Living Alone

Things to consider:

First of all, you have to pay rent for an apartment that is either “furnished” (the basics: bed, closet and night table) or otherwise, in which case the responsibility of coming up with furniture is entirely up to you.

Living with a family

Things to consider:

There is a monthly payment involved, but it usually includes commodities such as food, room, laundry service, and utilities, as well as any additional services the house/apartment may provide (pool access, sauna, etc...). Cultural differences may be an issue here, since most depending on what you want done and how often. Here, it is common to hire a female cleaning assistant for cooking, cleaning and laundry arrangements, and she will come in as often as you want (or need) her to, assuming you can pay the 25,000 peso daily fee. Sundays are "rest days, so don’t expect to get anyone to clean your house in that time. If you have some clothes that you want to have dry-cleaned, there are many establishments that can help you, but fees may vary, so its better to ask and find which is the best company for you.

*Also, now there is the new option of staying in a youth hostel during the transitional phase between living quarters, and this guide provides the link to an AIESEC approved facility in its links page.

Living with friends//roommates/Flat mates

Things to consider:

There is a monthly payment involved, and this includes not only rent, but also the compounded utilities of the house (divided by the number of people that are staying with you). It is a must to agree on hiring someone to clean your house (for more information, please look briefly at the section titled “living alone”). Grocery arrangements vary, since you can agree to pay only for yourself, or to share all the food in the house.

Colombian families are quite conservative and often have rules on how to behave within the household. This is why it is important to be clear on the terms of the living arrangements before committing to any contract.
What can I do with my salary?

The salary you receive will be enough to cover your accommodation and food here, probably around 800,000 pesos a month. However, you will only be paid after the first month, so make sure you have enough to survive until then!

It is up to you to decide how much money you think that you need, but we’ll give you an idea of how much things generally cost here so you can work it out:

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You can find low prices in:

**EXITO**  (There is one near the University that can be arrived in the bus circular 303 or others) there are in : Bello, Guayaquil, San Antonio, Poblado, Envigado, Laureles, Colombia.

**Ley**    There are in Envigado, La 70, La 33, Unicentro, La America, Belen, Colombia, San Diego, Maracaibo.

**Carrefour**  (There is one back the University), there are in La 65, Las Vegas.

Other that can be more expensive but you can find things of other countries are: Pomona and Carulla.

Meetings
A normal lunch will cost you about $6.000

Beer
$1000 - $3000

Chocolate
From $2.000 of 40 Gr
What about transportation systems?

El Metro

This is one of the most modern and comfortable mass transportation systems in the Americas en the first to be built in Colombia.

Inaugurated on November 30, 1995, it possesses two lines, the line A that crosses the Aburra valley from north to south and the B Line that goes west from downtown. There are 25 stations.

El MetroCable

MetroCable is seen as the first system operated by aerial cable all around the world.

It is connected to a kind of metro massive transportation system and it is presented as a development clean and sustainable option, in order to improve the scope area of the Medellín Metro System. It count with 92 cabins with a capacity to carry 10 passengers.

South: “Alberto Díaz Muñoz Terminal”

This terminal was inaugurated in 1995 to handle the bus routes for the southwest, eastern Antioquia and the south of the country. It also possesses a large shopping center. The terminal is located close to the El Poblado Metro Station and the Olaya Herrera Airport.

North: “Mariano Ospina Pérez Terminal”

In addition to being one of the city’s important shopping centers, this was the first terminal designed as a joint terminal for train and bus passengers.

Jose Maria Cordova Airport

The landing strip is 3,500 meters (11,482 ft, 2.17 miles) long, can handle ten planes at a time the gates and has spacious waiting rooms. It possesses commercial space, a chapel, an auditorium, bars and restaurants, and branch offices of banks.

South: “Alberto Díaz Muñoz Terminal”

Enrique Olaya Herrera Airport

This airport is considered one of the most important regional airports in Colombia, and with the Pope John Paul II Park forms one of the most important recreational complexes in the city. This Airport handles regional flights in small planes, and the park offers a great variety of attractions and swimming pools for the entertainment of young and old at low prices.
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How is the Colombian money?

The Colombian money is the Peso (in march of 2005 Col $2300 = U.S. $1). Normally the payments must be in Pesos; nevertheless, some hotels accept dollars. The credit cards (cartões) international and the traveler’s checks also are common, but it is advised to avoid his use.
What can I do in Medellín?

Touristic Places

Monument To Life

Calle Colombia and carrera 64B. Suramericana center

Is the sculpture to life created by Rodrigo Arenas Betabcur in the 1970’s, and described by the artist himself as follows: “at water level is the indian skull, grinning and erotic, then a woman who lifts a child in her arms; the ear of corn is then seen near the womb of the second woman, who turns into flames; at the top is the man who catches the stars.”

Atanasio Girardot Sports Complex

Calle 48 # 77-120

The sports complex is composed of the following: soccer stadium, softball diamond, baseball diamond, large and small coliseums, bicycle race track, tennis club, olympic swimming pool, jockey and skating arena, and ceremonial flan plaza.

Santa Fe Zoological Park

Carrera 52 # 20-63
Tel: 2351326
Hours: Monday through Sunday, 9:00 a.m to 5:00 p.m.

The zoo houses 1350 animals that represents 230 species, 14 of them exotic species and the rest native fauna.

Cerro Nutibara, Pueblito Paisa

Calle 30A # 55-64
Tel: 2358370

There are restaurants with local and internacional cuisine and shops selling handicrafts and souvenirs.

Ecoparque Cerro El Volador

The ecoparque cerro el volador has the following components: Camellon de los cotidiano, time spiral, mirador ride, hill garden.

Botanical Gardens

Carrera 52 # 73-298
Tel: 2118281
Hours: Monday through Sunday, 8:00 a.m to 5:00

the gardens include the orquideorama, a greenhouse of gigantic size where world exhibitions of orchids are held.

North Park
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Carrera 53 # 76-115
Pbx.: 2115560- fax: 2118248

The park includes a lake, mechanical attractions.

Las Aguas Park

Km. 23, Barbosa highway
Tel: 4071515

Considered the largests in South America, this park provides a water slide area, a slow river and several artificial wave pools.

Parque de los Pies Descalzos

The park is located in downtown Medellin, between calles 44 (San Juan) and 46 (Maturín), and between carreras 46 (Avenida Oriental) and 49 (Junín).

Saint Antony Park

You can enjoy from: Medellin sunlight, eclipse, solar clock, voices at distance, celestial sphere, wind world, observatory, music and heliostat.

Wishes Park

Calle 41 # 55-35
Tel: 2324522-2321112

The center is an area roofed whit a three-dimensional structure that gives it the flexibility to be used for expositions, conventions, parties, congresses, meetings and shows, both enclosed and in the open air.

Medellin Exposition and Convention Center

This is a place for recreation and sports.

Pope John Paul park

CARRERA 70 # 16-04
TEL: 3417366

To a different kind of place, where nature and man join their energies to create an environment of tranquility and peace. It’s very beautiful.

The Major Plaza

The Medellin major plaza is the most ambitious urban-development project of the city. It will be stand in an area of 311.000 squared meters and it’s main focus will be the international conventions center will be one of the most architecturally and technologically modern and best-endowed convention centers in Latin America, and it seeks for the changing of the city’s economic vocation.

Saint Antony Park
Museums

Sala-Museo Historia del Ferrocarril de Antioquia

Address: Carrera 52 Nº 43-31
Founded in: 1.993.
Contact number: (94) 3810733 - 3810790
Fax: (94) 3810790
Theme: History, science and technology.

Casa Museo Maestro Pedro Nel Gómez

Open Hours: Monday thru Thursday: 9:00 a. m. to 12:00 m. and 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.
Saturdays: Guided tours 10: 00 a. m.
Dirección: Carrera 51 B Nº 85-24
Año de Fundación: 15 de Noviembre de 1975
Contact numbers: (94) 2332633 - 2440725
Theme: Art

Information: This is the house where renowned artist Pedro Nel Gomez lived, and shortly after his death it was converted into a museum thanks to the generous contribution made by his family. Inside there is an impressive collection of more than 1924 original works of art, as well as a handsome library with approximately 500 volumes of art literature.

Museo de Antioquia

Open Hours: Tuesday to Friday: 9:30 a. m. to 5:30 p. m. Saturday: 9:00 a. m. to 2:00 p. m.
Address: Pasaje Veracruz, Carrera 52 A Nº 51 A-29, A. A. 12256
Founded in: 1.881.
Contact number: (94) 2513636 - 2519008
Fax: (94) 2510874

Museo El Castillo Diego Echavarria

Open Hours: Monday to Friday: 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. y 2.00 to 5:30 p.m.
Address: Dirección: Calle 9 Sur Nº 32-269, Loma Los Balsos, El Poblado
Founded in: 1.972.
Contact number: (94) 2660900
Fax:(94) 2686040
Theme: Decorative and historic art.
Information: An old manor that was formerly inhabited by one of the most prominent families in Medellín. You can explore its rooms and delight in seeing turn of the century furniture and artifacts, all the while learning about its delightful family heritage.

Museo de Arte Moderno de Medellín

Open Hours: Monday to Friday: 10:30 a. m. to 7:00 p. m. Saturday: 10:00 a. m. to 5:00 p. m.
Address: Carrera 64 B Nº 51-64
Founded in: August 24, 1978
Contact number: (94) 2302622 - 2302723

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**Fax. (94) 2302723**
Theme: Contemporary art.
Information: A museum specializing in the creative works of well-known national artists.

**Museo Universitario - Universidad de Antioquia**

Open Hours: Monday, Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 m. and 2: 00 to 6:00 p.m. Wednesday: 8:00 a. m. to 6:00 p.m. Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 4: 00 p.m. Saturday: 9: 00 a.m. to 2: 00 p.m.
Address: Calle 67 Nº 53-108, Calle Barranquilla, Ciudad Universitaria, Bloque 15
Founded in: 1942.
Contact number: (94) 2105180
Fax: (94) 2638282
Theme: Archeology, indigenous ethnography, afro-colombian ethnography, natural sciences, zoology, art and history.

**Museo Histórico de Antioquia**

Open Hours: Monday to Friday 8:00 to 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 to 5: 00 p.m.
Address: Palacio de la Cultura "Rafael Uribe Uribe", Carrera 51 Nº 52-03.
Founded in: 1.986.
Contact number: (94) 2513654 - 2510064
Fax: (94) 2518461
Theme: History and art.

**Teatro Pablo Tobón Uribe**
Contact number: 239 26 74 - 239 75 00

**Teatro Metropolitano de Medellín**
Contact number: 232 85 84 - 232 28 58

**Teatro Universidad de Medellín**
Contact number: 256 91 53

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**Casa Museo Fernando González "Otraparte"**

Open Hours: Monday to Sunday: 8: 30 a. m. to 12: 00 m. and 2: 00 to 6: 00 p.m.
Address: Carrera 43 A Nº 27 Sur-63
Founded in: Nov. 29, 1979
Contact number: (94) 2761415
Fax: (94) 3321755
Theme: History and Literature.

**Instituto de Bellas Artes**

Contact number: 239 26 74 - 239 75 00
E-mail: belartes@md.impsat.net.co
Webpage: www.bellasartesmed.edu.co

**Palacio de Bellas Artes**
Address: Cr. 42 No 52 – 33 (La Playa)
Sede Ayacucho con Cervantes Cr. 42 A No 48 – 86
Contact number: 239 10 00 - 239 42 35 - 239 48 20
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E-mail: belartes@md.impsat.net.co
Contact number: 232 45 22 - 232 11 12
E-mail: palacio@epm.net.co
www.mundopaisa.com
Trips Near Medellín

Rionegro

It is located 45 kilometres from Medellín. You have the option of using bus services from regular bus ticket is priced at $2000 pesos. Any route you might take (including Las palmas, Santa Elena or the Autopista) have quick and efficient means of traveling through Rionegro.

Places of interest for the average tourist:

- Museo de Arte religioso (Museum of Religious Art).
- Cripta de Juan del Corral (Juan del Corral’s Cript): located in the Catedral de San Nicolás.
- Casa de la Convención architecture
- Casa de la Maestranza
- Casa de la Cultura (House Of Culture).
- Museo del Banco Santander: Here you can find information about the Church fathers, the first accounting books, documents and antique furniture from the Banco del Oriente (Rionegro’s first financial institution).
- Parque de los Mártires, where you can find the statue of the “Libertador Simón Bolívar”.
- The monument to Córdova.
- The statue of General Córdova, located in the Park of Libertad.
- La Colina del Cementerio (cemetery hill), there are the graves of José María Córdova, the Coronel Botero Villegas and other patriots.
- Cerro el Capiro (veredas Santa Teresa and the Capiro).
- Ecological zone el Cerro Verde (veredas yarumal, el Progreso and the Cerro (the Peak).
- Los baños de la quebrada (the baths)

Bed and Boarding: Here you can find a wide variety of hotels and hostels available for your stay, including: Hostería Llanogrande, Recinto Quirama, Hotel Las Lomas Forum, Hostal Santiago de Arma, Hotel Oasis Aymarca, Hotel Casa Loma and Hotel Dinastía.

Santa Fe de Antioquia

Santa Fe de Antioquia is located 79 kms from Medellín. Here there are several transportation companies that you have at you disposal: Cootransuroccidente, Transporte Gómez Hernández, Transporte Urabá, and Rápido Ochoa. A standard bus ticket to Santa Fe is priced at $6.500 pesos.

In order to get to Santa Fe de Antioquia, the bus has to travel through the San Cristobal neighborhood via a route called the “carretera al mar” (road to the sea) and passing through Boquerón and San Jerónimo.

Places of Interest:

- La Catedral Basílica Metropolitana.
- La Ermita de los Mártires or the Iglesia de Chiquinquirá.
- Situated in fron of the Hotel Mariscal Robledo.
• El Museo Juan del Corral.
• Located on "Calle de la Amargura" (Bitterness Street).
• El Palacio Consistorial Mon y Velarde.
• La Iglesia de Mi Padre Jesús.
• El Museo de Arte Religioso Francisco Cristóbal Toro
• El Viejo Seminario (Seminario Mayor Santo Tomás de Aquino)
• La Iglesia de Santa Bárbara
• La Casa Negra (The Black House)
• El Puente de Occidente José María Vil

**Bed and Boarding:**

There are many places to stay in this municipal area. Among them are: El Mesón de la Abuela, Hostería El Village, Hostería La Casona, Hostería Los Virreyes, Hostería Mis Ancestros, Hostería Paso Real, Hostería Real, Hostería Rincón de Antaño, Hotel Caserón Plaza, Hotel Lago Antioquia, Hotel mariscal Robledo. Prices in these hotels can vary, but the price ranges usually span from $15,000 pesos per person (during low season), to $40,000 pesos on high season.

**Jardín**

One of the prettiest towns in Antioquia, it’s plazas and parks are a faithful representation of paisa architecture.

Jardín can be found 134 kms from Medellín. To get there, you can use transportation services from: Transporte Suroeste or Rápido Ochoa. Bus fare for this trip is usually $10,000 pesos.

**Bed and Boarding:**

There are many hotels to choose from for the length of your stay, among which are: Hotel Hacienda Balandú, Hotel Jardín, Hotel La Casona, Los Guayacanes, Los Balcones and the Hotel Diana. A standard room usually goes for $8000 pesos a night.

**Amagá**

Coming out of Medellín, you take the “autopista Sur” (south highway) and the Caldas variante until you reach a fork in the road. Go right and then you’ll be on the route to Amagá. For those of you little traveling devils taking a car there, there’s a toll to pay before you get there, so have some cash handy (at least 10,000 pesos). Among the must-see places to visit are the: Túneles del Ferrocarril and the Viaducto en la vereda La Delgadita; the rustic guadua built bridge by the quebrada (stream) de Amagá.

In between it’s peaks are El Morro de la Paila, el Alto Piedrapelona, Alto La Baja, La Mani, El Cerco, and the aeronáutica focal point known as the Cerro de las Tres Tetas.

Also, you can look for the house where expresident Belisario Betancur was born (a national monument) and the cascada El Salto (El Salto Cascade).

In Amagá traditional farmhouses called “finca” are the norm, though you can also find decent hotels if you know where to look – hotels like La Bonita and La Gabriela, and you can also get a room in El Diamante, El Hotel Central and the Hotel Ensueño for $8,000 pesos a night (per person).
Physical well-being is important here in Medellín, which is why the city offers a wide variety of gyms and sports facilities. No matter what your travel budget may be, there is sure to be a location that satisfies all your specific needs. Here is a list of the available gyms and their addresses within the city:

### Bodytech (Body Tech Gym)
- **Address:** Cr 46 16S-67
- **Telephone:** (57) (4) 3133176

### Santillana Gym
- **Address:** Cl 2 Sur 43C-38
- **Telephone:** (57) (4) 2682328

### Club Monteverde Gym
- **Address:** Dg 40 33S-48 Envigado
- **Telephone:** (57) (4) 3312361

### Athletic People Sports Club
- **Address:** Cr 25A 1A S-45 L-2194
- **Telephone:** (57) (4) 3212313, (57) (4) 3212195

### Ser Activo Gym
- **Address:** Cl 37 Sur 28C-78 Envigado
- **Telephone:** (57) (4) 2705123

### Laureles LTDA Gym
- **Address:** Cl 33A 70A-21
- **Info. Line:** (57) (4) 2504500

### La Mota Gym
- **Address:** Tr 4A 75D-52 B-24 Of 108
- **Telephone:** (57) (4) 2560175

### Power House Gym
- **Address:** Cl 75B Sur 40-319 Sabaneta
- **Telephone:** (57) (4) 2883183

### Tanar Physical Conditioning Center
- **Address:** Centro Comercial Monterrey L-324
- **Telephone:** (57) (4) 3128155

### Cuerpos Gym
- **Address:** Cl 40H Sur 41-42 Envigado
- **Telephone:** (57) (4) 2761308

### En Forma Gym Club
- **Address:** Cr 45 72S-50 Of 301
- **Telephone:** (57) (4) 2882210
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COMCEL offers movil phones from $59.000 to $1.300.000.
Colombia
Other Cities To Visit
There are many sites where to go in Cartagena de Indias. You will find history, recreation, rest, culture, pleasure and more. A variety of places waiting for you to have a pleasant and unforgettable awhile (time).

### Turistic Places

#### Centro Amurallado
- B. de Las Animas
- Muelle de Los Pegasos
- Casa del Marqués de Premio Real
- Casa del Marqués de Valdez hoyos
- Convento de San Agustín
- Iglesia de Santo Domingo
- Iglesia y Monasterio San Pedro Claver
- La Catedral

#### Parte Exterior de las Murallas
- El Reloj Público
- Jardín Botánico
- Las Bóvedas
- Las Murallas
- Convento de San Francisco
- Museo de Arte Moderno
- Museo del Oro
- Museo Naval
- Palacio de Gobierno
- Palacio de La Inquisición
- Palacio de Justicia Plaza de Bolívar
- Plaza de La Aduana - Alcaldía
- Plaza de Los Coches
- Calle del Arsenal
- Casa de Rafael Núñez
- Castillo de San Felipe de Barajas
- Ermita de El Cabrero
- Fuerte del Pastelillo
- La Popa - Convento de La Candelaria
- La India Catalina Las Botas

#### The Environs
- Acuario San Martín
- Playas de Bocachica
- Batería del Angel San Rafael
- Fuerte Batería de San José
- Fuerte San Fernando de Bocachica
- Isla de Barú
- Islas del Rosario

#### Weather
- Temperature average 29°C
- Tropic Humid (+90%)
- **Temporada de invierno:** de mayo a noviembre
- **Temporada de verano:** de diciembre a abril
- **Temporada de fuertes vientos:** de diciembre a marzo

### Transport Prices
- **Airplaine:** $300.000 – $400.000 Pesos
- **Bus:** $80.000 - $100.000 Pesos
**Bogotá D.C.**

It’s the country’s capital, located at an elevation of about 2,650 m. / 8,660 ft. on a mountain rimmed plateau high in the Cordillera Oriental of the Andes Mountains. Today Bogotá is a cosmopolitan city in continuous expansion. A picturesque city, it is known for its colonial architecture, its collection of pre-Colombian gold art, and its bookshops and splendid colonial churches.

**Touristic Places**

- La Candelaria zone, with several museums, cultural scenery and art exhibitions.
- La Plaza de Bolívar, surrounded by government buildings representing several styles and eras.

**The Plaza de Toros de Santamaria**, the bull fighting place.

- La Zona Rosa, for shopping fun, gourmet food and entertainment.
- Maloca, interactive center.
- The Planetarium Botanical Garden
- Cerro de Monserrate

**Parks**: Parque Simón Bolívar, Parque Nacional, Salitre Mágico, Parque de la 93.

**Shopping centers** such as Hacienda Santa Barbara, Centro Comercial Andino and Unicentro.

**Theaters**: Teatro Colon, Colsubsidio, Teatro Popular de Bogotá, Teatro Libre and Teatro Nacional.

**Churches**

Santa Clara, San Francisco, San Ignacio, the Cathedral situated in La Plaza de Bolívar, La Tercera San Diego and the sanctuary of Monserrate.

**Museums**

The famous “Gold Museum” which is a testimony to native Indian culture, the Religious Art Museum where you can see 1,486 emeralds encrusted in gold, the National Museum, the Museum of Modern Art, the Mint and la Quinta de Bolívar.

**Events**

- Bullfighting Season (January-February)
- Ibero-american theatre Festival(March)
- EUROCINE (April)
- Summer Festival (August)
- International Jazz Festival, Ópera al Parque, Jazz al Parque (September)
- Bogotá Cinema Festival (October)

**Wheater**

Temperature avg. 14.4° C (58° F)

All year round dropping to about 9° C at night and rising to around 18° C and higher when sunny. In the rainy season, there is less difference between day and night temperatures. The main dry season lasts from December to March, and the wettest months are April and October.

The Articulated Bus: $1100 Pesos by Person
Bus: $1000 - $1200 Pesos by Person
Cap – Taxi: $2.800 init. 3-4 people
Cali is a very warm city and it is so all year round. Afternoons are really nice since there is a breeze coming from the west where the Pacific Ocean is. People are very friendly and Cali is known for having the most beautiful women in Colombia. There are many things to do in Cali; for example, you can go to night clubs any day of the week, that is when it comes to night life. There are many things to do during the day too.

### Turistic Places

- Zoological Park
- La Tertulia Museum
- Gold Museum at Banco de la Republica.
- Canchas Panamericanas
- San Antonio church
- La Merced church
- La Ermita church
- San Francisco Cathedral.
- Old Town Replica (Pueblito Valluno)
- Parque de la caña de azucar
- Yaku
- Transport Museum
- El Palacio Nacional
- Plaza de Caicedo
- Estatua de La María y Paseo Bolívar
- Mirador de Belalcázar
- Torre Mudéjar y Plazoleta de San Francisco
- Cerro de las Tres Cruces
- Estatua de Cristo Rey

### Transport Prices

- Airplaine: $400.000 - $470.000 Pesos
- Bus: $100.000 - $150.000 Pesos

### Weather

- Temperatura prom. 23°C -28°C
- Tropical Húmedo (+90%)
- **Temporada de invierno:** de mayo a noviembre
- **Temporada de verano:** de diciembre a abril
- **Temporada de fuertes vientos:**