



## Country Profile: Colombia

Colombia is a medium-income nation of some 44 million inhabitants. Its geography is very diverse, ranging from tropical coastal areas and rainforests to rugged mountainous terrain. Tourist facilities in Colombia vary in quality and safety, according to price and location. Security is a significant concern for travelers, as described in the Department of State's Travel Warning for Colombia. Read the Department of State [Background Notes](#) on Colombia for additional information.

### COUNTRY OVERVIEW



Country Name:	Colombia
Continent:	South America
Capital City:	Bogotá
Boundary Countries:	Brazil, Ecuador, Panama, Peru, Venezuela
Recommended Hospitals in Capital:	Bogotá: Fundación Cardio Infantil, Clinica Del Country Medellín: Clinica Las Americas Barranquilla: Colombia Medical Center, Laboratorios Clinicos Pasteur Bogotá: Fundación Clinica Shaio Caldas: Hospital Departamental Santa Sofia de Caldas Cali: Fundación Valle del Lili Cartagena de Indias: Hospital Bocagrande Medellín: Hospital Pablo Tobon Uribe, Hospital Universitario San Vicente de Paul
Main Cities:	Bogotá, Barranquilla, Cartagena, Medellín, Cali, Bucaramanga, Puerto Bolivar
Country Size:	1,138,910 sq km
Population:	44,379,598

### COUNTRY GENERAL INFORMATION

Language:	Spanish
Currency:	Colombian Peso (COP)
Predominant Religions:	Roman Catholic 90%, other 10%
National Holidays:	Independence Day, 20 July (1810)
Economic Status:	Colombia's economy has experienced positive growth over the past three years despite a serious armed conflict.
Security:	Army (Ejercito Nacional), National Navy (Armada Nacional, includes naval aviation, naval infantry, and coast guard), Colombian Air Force (Fuerza Aerea de Colombia, FAC)
US Presence:	<a href="#">U.S. Embassy in Bogota</a> Carrera 45 No. 24B-27 Bogotá, D.C. Colombia Phone: (+57) (1) 275-2000 Fax: (+57) (1) 275-4600

<b>Major Airports:</b>	<p>Airports: 984, Airports w/paved runways: 101</p> <p>Bogotá – El Dorado International Airport (BOG/SKBO)  Bogotá Airport, Colombia, Aeronautica Civil, Apartado Aéreo: 151755, Bogotá, COLOMBIA  Tel: +57 (09)1 425 1000, +57 (09)1 413 8702, +57 (09)1 413 8284  Fax: +57 (09)1 413 8586</p> <p>Cartagena – Rafael Nunez Airport (CTG/SKCG)  Cartagena Airport, Colombia, Cartagena de Indias, COLOMBIA  Tel: +57 (09)53 596273, +57 (09)53 666 6610, +57 (09)53 60036  Fax: +57 (09)53 665796, +57 (09)53 656 2921  E-mail: <a href="mailto:airportctg@sacsa.com.co">airportctg@sacsa.com.co</a>  Customs, hours: 24 hours  Tel: +57 (09)53 666 6610 ext. 2597</p>
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