



Bogota 101: When to Go, Where to Stay and Where to Eat in Bogota, Colombia



Why Go Now

In 2017, the president of Colombia received the Nobel Peace Prize, and the country has suddenly gone from one of the most dangerous places on the planet to a nation on the verge of discovery. The tourists have not yet arrived en masse, and the guarded optimism of the Colombian people who have long hoped for peace is palpable, so a visit is exciting for adventurous travelers. Bogotá doesn't have the beach appeal of [Cartagena](#) or the financial might of Medellín, but it has been home to artists and creative sorts for decades. While the city doesn't have a pretty central area, its population of 8 million exude a spirit for celebrating life. You see it in the street art, the weekend cycling parades and frequent family celebrations. Come to get a taste of Colombian history, culture and enthusiasm while staying in comfort and eating some of the best food on the continent.

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Street art in Candelaria, Bogotá

When to Go

The best time to travel to Bogotá is in the period between December and March, because these months are the least likely to have rain, though it is always possible. Locals tend to be prepared with an umbrella all year round. Bogotá is in a tropical zone and at a high elevation, so the weather ranges from highs in 60s to lows in the 40s.

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Four Seasons Casa Medina

Where to Stay

The two top properties in Bogotá are both Four Seasons hotels. Our preferred one is the **Four Seasons Casa Medina**, which is located in a charming historic building designed by Santiago Medina Mejia that feels more like a quirky residence with fireplaces and beamed ceilings than a traditional hotel. The streets surrounding the hotel are home to some of the city's top restaurants. The **Four Seasons Bogotá** is also in a prime area with some excellent shopping and dining nearby, but the property feels more corporate and generic and attracts more business travelers.

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Where to Eat

Bogotá is one of the most exciting culinary destinations in South America with innovative local chefs as well as influences from abroad like Peruvian Rafael Osterling. For a big night out, reserve at **Rafael**, **Leo**, **Criterion** or **Harry Sasson**. For great food and a more casual atmosphere, choose **El Bandido**, **Café Amarti** or **Agodon**. For an unforgettable lunch, don't miss **Mini-mal**, where you will be sure to experience flavors that are new and unexpected.

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- Melissa Biggs Bradley on July 18, 2018

