Welcome!

Preparing for your trip

As you prepare for your trip, some key points:

- There is no visa required in Colombia for most European countries, for stays shorter than 6 months. (you can double check if this applies to you here: https://www.cancilleria.gov.co/tramites_servicios/visa/requisitos)
- Please make sure you have health insurance coverage for the duration of your trip
- In order to have access to working spaces at PUJ, please fill out this form well in advance: https://encuestas.javeriana.edu.co/422167 *(have at hand your passport copy, health insurance card or equivalent, and invitation letter)*
- + as soon as you arrive send a picture of proof of entry into the country (in your passport) to international@javeriana.edu.co



Arriving to Bogotá

The airport has free WiFi. You can also buy a SIM card upon your arrival.

Plan to have at least a little bit of cash with you in order to pay for a taxi from the airport to your lodging place (it can cost between 50.000 - 100.000 COP).

Take a taxi from a taxi pick-up point at the airport (please do not take a taxi outside of these official points). You can find them in lane 1, between entry doors 8 and 10. For more information, see here: https://eldorado.aero/en/servicios/taxis

At the airport you can exchange EUR to COP

(*the rates tend to be the highest, so we recommend exchanging only a few euros, as there are better options in the city, for example at the mall Avenida Chile, Calle 72 No. 10 - 34, 3rd floor*)

The city

Bogotá is a lively and diverse city, with a vibrant urban and rural life.

It is 2640 meters above sea level. Upon your arrival, you might feel out of breath, fatigued or a little bit dizzy. Take time to adjust to the height.

The weather in Bogotá can be unpredictable: we have rainy and dry seasons, but any day of the year can have moments of intense sun or heavy rains. The temperature can range between 10-20°C. Make sure you pack sunblock, an umbrella, and clothes to wear in layers: rain coat, sweater, t-shirts.

For your stay, we recommend the following neighborhoods: "Chapinero Alto" and "Quinta Camacho". *Feel free to check with us to make sure the specific area of your lodging place is accessible and safe.*



Transportation

You can easily get around the city using the UBER application (for taxis or uber cars). There are other applications available such as Cabify and Didi.

Public transportation functions through regular buses (SITP) and articulated buses (TransMilenio), which require a card called *TuLlave*. You can buy these cards in TransMilenio stations (this system can be a bit tricky to figure out, but we can show you how it works if you are interested!)

Walking: it can be lovely to walk around the city. However, let us know where you are staying and we will suggest the safest routes to take.

Preparing for fieldwork

We will organize all collective field visits. Let us know if you plan to conduct field visits by yourself or in group without researchers associated to PAGENS working in Colombia, to guide you through your travel arrangements and to consider the articulation of your individual fieldwork with the PAGENS Project.

Check with your institution if you have any mobility restrictions within the country -some institutions monitor the social and political situation abroad and have guidelines for travel that might be more strict than those we work with locally. Let us know if this is the case.

Practice your Spanish! Most people in Colombia are not fluent in English or French.

Bon voyage!

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