

BOGOTÁ

COLOMBIA

The capital. Altitude, culture, sophistication, and a dating scene that rewards effort.

Region

South America

Climate

55–65°F / 13–18°C — always bring a jacket

Language

Spanish — more important here than in Medellín

Currency

Colombian Peso (COP) — \$1 USD ≈ 4,000 COP

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CITY GUIDE

Bogotá

Bogotá is Colombia's intellectual and business capital. Zona Rosa and Chapinero are the neighborhoods for expats, and Sunday Ciclovía turns 75 miles of city streets into the best organic social event in the country.

8,600 ft

ELEVATION

75 mi

CICLOVÍA ROAD CLOSURES

48 hrs

TYPICAL ALTITUDE ADJUSTMENT

7.4M

METRO POPULATION

— WHERE TO LIVE

- ♦ **Zona Rosa** — Upscale restaurants and bars, near the Gold Museum.
- ♦ **Chapinero** — Artsy, younger, alternative social scene.
- ♦ **Usaquén** — Colonial charm, weekend antique markets, excellent restaurants.

— GETTING AROUND

- ♦ **TransMilenio & taxis** — Bus rapid transit covers most of the city; apps are the safer choice at night.
- ♦ **Ciclovía** — Every Sunday, 75 miles of roads close to cars — the single best social institution in the city.

— SAFETY NOTES

- ♦ **La Candelaria** — Historic center, universities — worth visiting by day, avoid alone at night.
- ♦ **Altitude & alcohol** — Altitude significantly affects tolerance — drink slowly on arrival.

NOMADBOLD INSIDER TIP

Give yourself 48 hours before any serious physical activity or heavy drinking — altitude sickness at 8,600 feet is real and catches most first-timers off guard.

COST OF LIVING

Bogotá

Bogotá is slightly more expensive than Medellín but still dramatically cheaper than any major Western city.

THREE REAL BUDGETS

BARE-BONES

\$1,000-\$1,300/mo

Chapinero studio, cooking most meals, TransMilenio.

COMFORTABLE

\$1,600-\$2,200/mo

Zona Rosa 1BR, eating out regularly, active social life.

PREMIUM

\$2,800-\$3,800/mo

Usaquén or Zona Rosa high-rise, private drivers, fine dining.

LINE-ITEM BREAKDOWN

ITEM	TYPICAL COST
1BR apartment (Zona Rosa)	\$450-\$750/mo
1BR apartment (Chapinero)	\$350-\$600/mo
Local meal	\$3-\$7
Restaurant meal	\$10-\$22
Gym membership	\$25-\$55/mo
Coworking (monthly)	\$100-\$200/mo
Taxi/app (10 min)	\$3-\$5
Monthly utilities	\$35-\$70

NOMADBOLD INSIDER TIP

Chapinero rents run noticeably softer than Zona Rosa for near-identical proximity to the same nightlife — worth a direct comparison before signing in Zona Rosa by default.

DATING GUIDE

Bogotá

Rolas (Bogotá women) are more reserved than Paisas but extraordinarily intelligent and elegant. Spanish fluency matters significantly more here.

— CULTURE & ETIQUETTE

- ♦ **Pace** — Slower and more deliberate than Medellín — match rates on apps are lower but quality is high.
- ♦ **Language** — Intermediate Spanish changes how Bogotá women respond, far more than in Medellín.

— WHERE TO MEET PEOPLE

- ♦ **Ciclovía** — One of the best organic social events in the Americas, every Sunday.
- ♦ **Zona Rosa bars** — Reliable for social connection on weekend nights.

— APPS THAT WORK HERE

Tinder — widely used

Bumble — professional women

Hinge — growing rapidly

Colombia Cupid

NOMADBOLD INSIDER TIP

Show up to Ciclovía on a bike, not on foot — it's the single easiest way to naturally fall into conversation with the same crowd of active, social Bogotanos every Sunday.

VISA GUIDE

Bogotá

Bogotá follows the identical Colombia visa framework as every other city in the country.

— THE PATH, STEP BY STEP

1

Tourist entry

90 days on arrival for US, EU, UK, Canada.

2

Extension

Extendable to 180 days at the Migración Colombia office.

3

Digital Nomad Visa

\$684/month remote income required, 2-year validity.

4

Residency via investment

\$170K+ property purchase qualifies.

NOMADBOLD INSIDER TIP

Migración Colombia's Bogotá office is the busiest in the country — book your extension appointment online well before your 90 days run out, not the week of.

MEDICAL TOURISM

Bogotá

Bogotá has some of Colombia’s top hospitals with international-standard facilities.

COST COMPARISON

PROCEDURE	BOGOTÁ	US TYPICAL
Dental implant	\$600–\$1,200	\$3,000–\$5,000
Rhinoplasty	\$2,000–\$4,500	\$8,000–\$15,000
Body contouring	\$2,500–\$6,000	\$8,000–\$20,000

FACILITIES & RECOMMENDATIONS

- Fundación Santa Fe de Bogotá — JCI accredited, internationally renowned
- Clínica del Country — top choice for cosmetic surgery

NOMADBOLD INSIDER TIP

Bogotá’s top surgeons book out weeks in advance for cosmetic procedures — confirm your date before booking flights, not after.

DIGITAL INCOME

Bogotá

Bogotá is Colombia’s business capital with excellent digital infrastructure and a growing startup ecosystem.

Fast fiber WIDELY AVAILABLE	GMT-5 SAME AS US EASTERN	Largest STARTUP ECOSYSTEM IN COLOMBIA	0% TAX ON FOREIGN INCOME*
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— COWORKING

- ♦ **Selina / WeWork** — Both have multiple Bogotá locations.
- ♦ **Atom House** — Popular local alternative.

NOMADBOLD INSIDER TIP

*Same 183-day foreign income rule applies nationally — Bogotá doesn't change the calculation.

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