

Colombia – A Moment of a Lifetime

Colombia is one of those places you never forget. All its Biodiversity, its different environments, and all the things you can do – No limit whatsoever! I'm going to share my Experiences with you, even only as a Child; there is so much to see. So read along this road of events!

First of all, Colombia is located in Latin/South America, and like most of South America, they speak Spanish. It has borders with Panama, Venezuela, Peru, Brazil and Ecuador, this being said it is Above *and* Below the Equator, a part of the Region Amazonas being below.

Although, as with most countries, the people have accents depending on where they originate from in Colombia, it is said that Bogota, Colombia's Capital, has the most perfect Spanish as it has no accent, making it a good place to learn Spanish.

Colombia is the second most bio-diverse country after Brazil, meaning it has many species of animals, over 1876 species of only birds and this being only birds, there must be many more.



Bogota, the heart of Colombia. The view from Monserrate, one of the mountains surrounding the Capital. This is one of the most common places for Tourists to visit as you can see all of the beautiful landscape of Bogota.

As with any place we have celebrations, but the ones in Colombia are magical, from the Carnival of Barranquilla to the Day of Candles.

Celebrations

This day is in Honour to The Virgin Of Carmen, and people have Parades with Her Statue and at the Evening every one puts candles and Lights out side on the Street, even for Atheists or any religion, like me will have a Fantastic Time.



The Carnival of Barranquilla is one, if not the most striking celebration in this Country, with extravagant dresses with lots of embroidery and details and a Giant Parade, what could you expect? You will not have any disappointment whatsoever at this Glorious Party. Dance the Cumbia while you can!



Locations You Must Visit

Excluding Barranquilla, There are other places you must visit, Such as:

Cartagena - Caribe

The most colourful and relaxing place you will find!



Leticia - Amazonas

The 3 borders will amaze you. Visit 3 countries in one, Peru, Brazil and of Course Colombia.





Bogota – Andina

The heart of Colombia.





Colombia isn't only just the country, it Governs two Islands, San Andres and Providencia.

San Andres has clear waters and a big aquarium, which is over water connected by a bridge to the island, they include dolphin shows and all types of animals, from bats to lizards, there is everything you want to see. I guarantee that you will enjoy this if you like animals.



Providencia

Living in Bogota, the Capital

In Bogota, or well Colombia in general there are “estates” considered by where you live, in Fatima you would be Estate 3, meanwhile up North where it is more expensive, like Chapinero you would be considered 5 or 6 one of the highest ones, Suba being one of the lowest by estate 1. But that is only the Neighbourhood, as your house is also categorised by these estates in the same order, 1 being the lowest and 6 being the highest.

For example if you have a big house in Venecia, your Neighbourhood would be estate 3 and your house 5 to 6, but If you have a Small Apartment in Chapinero, your Neighbourhood would be 6 and your house about 2 or 3. This being said, it isn't really important to them, as there are more in the south than up north.

It is Illegal to own and use Fireworks, but many people do it anyway to celebrate. It is common to see stray cats on the roof houses and dogs on the streets. Many don't buy cats or dogs because they can adopt one straight away, and besides, they are saving the animal's life. This is how I have my very first cat, we found him stuck and we decided to adopt him, although he was an adult cat and ran away after a bit less than a year; he did show us gratitude for helping him.

Contrary to the UK, taxis aren't expensive. It could cost you about 3500 to 4000 Colombian pesos to go to the most known Mall (Centro/Villa Mayor), which is about £0.77p to £0.88p. On the other hand, buses cost about £0.27p (1200 Colombian pesos) and are PACKED, yes, just like sardines. There are bus stops but you can stop a bus without having to wait at a bus stop, which they do NOT do in the UK.

Food

As a wide Variety of other things, Food can't be left out! Fruits, Meat and things in general are still bought at local shops and most are grown by the sellers themselves.



So, What are you waiting for?

Book your next flight, We will be pleased to receive you! And just remember to have a Bandeja Paisa, when will we see you next?

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