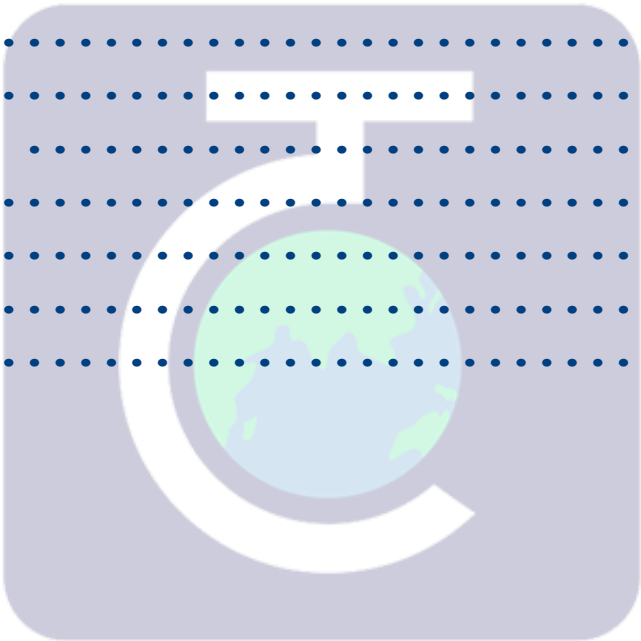


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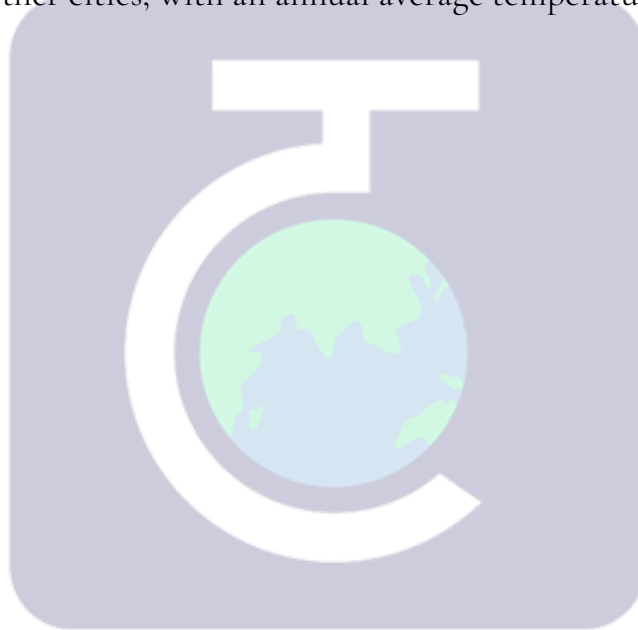
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1. Geographical location

The second biggest city in the Country, with about 2.5 million inhabitants, Medellín is a modern city that lies within the Aburrá valley at a height of about 4921ft . The city is divided into 16 districts with 25 townships and is divided by The Medellín river, which makes it unique in its own way. Surrounded by green mountains, the city is situated on a valley, which makes up for beautiful scenic views. Located at a higher altitude than other cities in Colombia, the weather is not as hot as other cities, with an annual average temperature of 22 °C.



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2. Neighbouring cities/countries

Medellín, Is Slowly Tuning Into A Cosmopolitan, However The Cities Its Neighbors With Are The Most Beautiful Towns In Colombia And Are A Perfect Getaway When Tired From The Hassle-tassle Of The City. On The Northern Front Medellín Is Neighbors3 With The Towns Of Girardota Copacabana, Bello , And Barbosa. And To The South, To The South Of Lie, Sabaneta, La ,Estrella, Envigado, Caldas And Itagüí.



3. Significance

The City That Prospers, Motivates And Transforms Itself Everyday. Medellín Is The Fashion Capital And One Of The Emerging Industrial Cities Of Colombia. Known For Its Hospitality, Kindness In People And As A Very Friendly City, Medellín Boasts Of The Paisa Culture, Who Are The Original Descendants Of The City. Medellín Is Known To Be The Second City For Foreign Direct Investment Making It An Economy Center And A Solid Business Network. With The Title Of The World's Most Innovative City, The City's Backdrop Will Be Seen, Covered In Graffiti. The Architecture In The City Showcases The Traditional Spanish Culture, From Museum To Art Centers To Libraries, Medellín Is Popular For Its Neo Classical Architecture. Medellín Is Slowly Making Its Mark Among The Tourists And Is Becoming A Popular Destination Due To Its Textile Industries And Its Widely Acknowledged Carnivals. One Thing That Is Not To Be Missed In Medellín Is Christmas. The Whole City Is Decorated With Amazing Lights Which Is Definitely A Sight For The Travelers.

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4. History

It is said that Spaniards first arrived in around the 1540s, however Medellín was discovered in the year 1616 by Francisco Herrera y Campuzano, who settled with his troops at Poblado de San Lorenzo which is popularly known as El Poblado today. As the city started to develop, Spanish and Jews started to settle in the city. However, the condition of the city was poor as there was no source of income in the initial stage, but soon gold mines were discovered and then started the development of Medellín. In the 16th century new buildings and churches were made by the traders and foreigners and Medellín had around the population of 3000 people. 17th century saw more development and the city was flourishing with traders and new settlers started to come in. Medellín became independent in the 18th century and the most prominent and prestigious university of Colombia was founded in the year 1803. In the year 1826, Medellín was named the capital of the Antioquia Department, however the 90s saw the city's rapid growth and Medellín became the first Colombian city to participate in the industrial revolution, although 90s wasn't the most brightest for the city, since Medellín became 'the Drug Capital' under the influence of the most notorious criminals 'Pablo Escobar' during which the city was known for its crime and violence. It all ended in the year 1993 with Pablo's death and the city slowly started reviving its lost glory. 20th century saw the city redefining itself and indulging into modern art, thus giving birth to theatres, and many art centers. The industry sector boomed with new industries and the introduction of the metro made Medellín the only city in Colombia to have this quick transportation system. Today, Medellín stands as one of the most peaceful cities in all of Colombia, and has been named the most innovative city in the past. The city has been ever developing and growing in the industrial and textile sector making Medellín the second largest city of Colombia.

5. Cultural identity

The people of Colombia are as lively as its countless landscapes. The country's descendants majorly come from three ethnic groups – Africans, Indians and European settlers. The rich culture of Colombia is as eccentric and as varied as these ethnic groups, whose traditional art, cuisines and ceremonies highlights the country to its travellers, making Colombia one the tourist's favourite, today. The people of Medellín are referred to as Paisas, a name that is suggested to have come from the people who grew coffees. The Paisa culture is traditionally Catholic, hardworking, hospitable and comes from a Spanish background. Although there are other cultures present in the city, Medellín is highly dominated by the Paisa Culture. Paisa culture is traditionally seen through the artwork, handicrafts and the museums. The city is home to many exhibitions and festivals which attract a lot of tourists due to its ethnicity and representation of the multi-lingual cultures that exist in the city. Medellín is religiously dominated by Catholics, which shows in its several religious activities and Churches of the city, one will find prominent artwork of the greatest regional and international artists on the streets.

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6. Natural resources

Medellín is home to two natural reserves namely, Arví Park and Colibri del Sol Bird Reserve. Arví Park is both an archeological site and ecological natural preserve whereas Colibri del Sol Bird Reserve is solely dedicated to Birds. This nature reserve is home to various exotic and unique species of birds.



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7. Key site seeing places (paid and free)

7.1. Paid

7.1.1. Explora Park

Fostering a creative environment through its hands-on experiences, Explora Park is a magnificent science center that captivates little minds with its educational based scientific exhibits and an amazing aquarium. An icon of transformation of the city, this museum houses a 3-D cinema to give you a deeper insight into the modern world of science and technology along with interactive exhibits on subjects like biology, technology and physics to extend and deepen your knowledge on the subjects. For all the animal lovers, this massive space is also home to a magnificent indoor aquarium filled with species from Colombian waterways. With over 300 activities to participate in, this place provides an active and fun learning environment to both adults and kids.

Address : Carrera 52 No 73-75, Medellín 050010, Colombia

Zipcode : 050010

Location : 6.270802999999999, -75.565697

Contact : +57 4 516 8300

Website : <http://www.parqueexplora.org/>

Nearest Public Transport : Cra. 53 con Cll. 73 Bus station, Universidad Metro station

Entry Fee : General Admission: COP \$24,500; Students with ID: COP \$22,500; Free for children less than 1.10m and people with disabilities.

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday-Friday 08:30hrs-17:30hrs, Saturday-Monday 10:00hrs-18:30hrs.

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.2. Museo de Antioquia

The cultural health of the city's art scene, Museo de Antioquia is an art museum, which spotlights the works of renowned artists like Pedro Nel Gómez and Fernando Botero. Get a glimpse into the life of these Antioquian artists as you stroll through the 17 rooms with comprehensive collections ranging from Pre-

Colombian artworks and 19th-century abstract art, photographs, to native Colombian art, sculptures and contemporary art. After stumbling upon these fascinating artworks, do purchase traditional artefacts from the trade shops or participate in various workshops that are held here.

Address : Carrera 52 No 52-43, Medellín 050010, Colombia

Zipcode : 050010

Location : 6.2523907, -75.5689108

Contact : +57 4 251 3636

Website : <http://www.museodeantioquia.co/>

Nearest Public Transport : Parque Berrio Train Station

Entry Fee : Nationals- Adults: COP\$12000, Students & Senior Citizens over 60years: COP \$6000; Foreigners- Adults: COP \$18000, Students & Senior Citizens over 60years: COP \$9000; Free for children under 12years.

Open & Close Timing : Monday-Saturday 10:00hrs-17:30hrs, Sunday 10:00hrs-16:30hrs.

Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 10-15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.3. Planetarium of Medellín

With an intention to promote scientific research and culture in the city as well as the country, Planetarium of Medellín or Planetarium Jesus Emilio Ramirez Medellin is the premier computer operated Planetarium. The planetarium plays host to one of the biggest exhibitions that is held in the country in which scholars from the science field come together. The structure looks like a parked space craft which is a dedication to astronomy.

Address : CRA 52 #71-117 Medellín 050010, Antioquia, Colombia.

Zipcode : 050010

Location : 6.268942, -75.565928999999

Contact : +57 4 5168300

Website : <http://www.planetariomedellin.org/>

Nearest Public Transport : Cra. 53 con Cll. 73 Bus station, Universidad Metro Station

Entry Fee : Adults: COP\$25000, Seniors (over 60 years) and Students both with a

valid ID Proof: COP \$13,000, Free for children under 2years and people with disabilities. Tour Prices- COP\$15,000. Combo Ticket (Planetarium + Explora Park): COP\$37,500.

Open & Close Timing : Planetarium Timings- Tuesday-Wednesday 08:30hrs-17:00hrs, Thursday-Friday 08:30hrs-18:00hrs, Saturday-Sunday 10:00hrs-18:00hrs, Monday Closed. Tour timings- Tuesday-Friday 09:30hrs, 11:00hrs and 15:05hrs; Saturday and Sunday 11:00hrs, 14:00hrs, 16:30hrs and 17:30hrs.

Time Required : 3

Expected Wait Time : 20 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.4. Museo del agua

Representing facts regarding the importance of water to sustain life on earth, Museo del Agua showcases various ecosystems through interactive elements and interesting effects in 9 rooms that ensure an exciting and engaging experience. Learn more about how the water is brought to the citizens of the city as you stroll through the rooms that revolve around 3 thematic subjects namely water and civilizations, uses and scenarios of the future and GAIA: the living planet. The museum is also home to a planetarium that invites you to discover everything about the universe and evolution of life on it, of course focusing on the water and the importance of conserving natural resources.

Address : Cra. 58 #42-125, Medellín 050015, Antioquia, Colombia

Zipcode : 050015

Location : 6.2450378, -75.5763931

Contact : +57 4 3806954

Website : <http://www.grupo-epm.com/fundacionepm/Qu%C3%A9hacemos/MuseodelAguaEPM.aspx>

Nearest Public Transport : Albujarra Train Station, Cisneros Metro station

Entry Fee : COP\$6,000

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday-Friday 08:00hrs-18:00hrs, Saturday-Sunday 10:00hrs-19:00hrs, Monday closed.

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.5. El Castillo Museo y Jardines

An artist's retreat, El Castillo Museo y Jardines is an early 20th-century castle featuring Gobelins and porcelain objects, antique glass and stained glass, canvases and sculptures. Built in around 1930, the Gothic style mansion surrounded by a magnificent garden once served as a home to a remarkable Antioquian landowner, Diego Echavarria Misas and his family and today is a significant cultural landmark of the city. Divided into 9 rooms each depicting different artefacts from the family and some also from local artists, the museum captivates you with its diverse art manifestations.

Address : Calle 9S #32-269, Medellín 050022, Antioquia, Colombia

Zipcode : 050022

Location : 6.19010369999999, -75.569457599999

Contact : +57 4 2660900

Website : <http://www.museoelcastillo.org/>

Nearest Public Transport : Aguacatala Train Station (Not Recommended)

Entry Fee : Museum- Adults: COP \$12,000; Children & Students: COP\$7,000;

Gardens: COP \$10,000

Open & Close Timing : Monday-Friday 09:00hrs-12:00hrs & 14:00hrs-18:00hrs, Saturday and Sunday 10:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.6. Parque Norte

A traditional theme park in the city, Parque Norte Medellin is a sprawling area of 160,000 square meters in the northern sector of Medellin. It offers various amusement rides like traditional roller coasters, the bumping cars, water slides and more. However, the spotlight of the park is the full-size Boeing 727 airplane that is on a display. Whether you choose to fuel your adrenaline by zip-lining over the lake or catch a fascinating 7-D show at one of the 3 multi-D simulators or spend some time relaxing by the lake as you grab a bite from the nearby eatery, the park ensures a fun experience for all ages. The park is also utilized for various

special events, festivals and concerts. Note: The cost of every attraction inside the park is different. However, there are various combination tickets available.

Address : Con calle 77, Cra. 53, Medellín 050010, Antioquia, Colombia

Zipcode : 050010

Location : 6.2718476, -75.566142099999

Contact : +57 4 3401210

Website : <http://www.parquenorte.gov.co/web/>

Nearest Public Transport : Universidad Metro Station

Entry Fee : Admission: COP \$5500.

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday- Saturday 10:30hrs-18:00hrs; Sunday 09:30hrs-17:00hrs, Closed on Monday.

Time Required : 8

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.7. Santa Fe Zoo

Indulge in an experience of being up close and personal with over 250 exotic fauna species in the heart of the city. The recreational Santa Fe Zoological park is home to biological treasures including around 1,000 wildlife animals with the main objective being to preserve the wide variety of fauna that are on the verge of extinction. Spot some of the unique creatures across 5 continents like harpy eagles, spectacled bears, orices, a copy of giant tortoise, and more at this animal kingdom and watch them perform their daily routine in their natural habitat.

Address : Cra. 52 #20-63, Medellín 050024, Antioquia, Colombia

Zipcode : 050024

Location : 6.2222205, -75.5798922

Contact : +57 4 444 77 87

Website : <http://www.zoologicosantafe.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Industriales Bus station

Entry Fee : Adults: COP \$12000; Children from 2-12 years: COP \$7000, Free for children under 2 years.

Open & Close Timing : Daily 09:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 20 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.8. Aeroparque Juan Pablo II

The only aquatic themed park in the city, Aeroparque Juan Pablo II is one of the best places to escape the scorching heat of the city. Unleash the child in you enjoy a day of fun and frolic in the 6 pools or glide down one of those huge water slides at this water park. If you are an adrenaline junkie, try their zip-line that will land you deep into the semi-Olympic pool. Apart from all these heart-pumping options, the theme park also offers numerous biking trails, courts for practicing different athletic disciplines and a sauna.

Address : Cra. 70 #16 - 04, Medellín, Antioquia, Colombia

Zipcode : 050010

Location : 6.2214291, -75.5923007

Contact : +57 4 3401210

Website : <https://www.facebook.com/pg/aeroparque.juanpabloii/about/>

Nearest Public Transport : Cra. 70 con Cll. 12 Salsamentaria el Asilo Bus Station

Entry Fee : General Admission: COP \$9,900

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday-Friday 09:30hrs-16:00hrs, Saturday-Sunday 09:30hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 6

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

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7.2. Free

7.2.1. Plaza Mayor

A major convention center in Medellín with 16 exhibition halls, Plaza Mayor hosts the most popular and large-scale fashion event in Latin America, Colombiamoda – where aspiring fashion artists come together and display the best of the fashion industry. It is also important for a lot of trade events and commercial activities.

Address : Medellín 050015, Antioquia, Colombia

Zipcode : 050015

Location : 6.242602, -75.576082999999

Contact : +57 4 2617200

Website : <http://www.plazamayor.com.co/>

Nearest Public Transport : Plaza Mayor Bus Station

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.2. Plaza Cisneros

Named after the Cuban engineer, Francisco Javier Cisneros, this public plaza is a forest of poles that proudly displays around 300 illuminated slim structures that point towards the sky in the rich historical area of the city. Also known as the Lights Park, Plaza Cisneros additionally features around 120 ground lights and 2,100 spotlights that illuminate the square at night making it a sight to behold.

Address : Cl. 44 #52-50, Medellín 050015, Antioquia, Colombia

Zipcode : 050015

Location : 6.245914999999999, -75.572382

Nearest Public Transport : San Antonio Train Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 Hours

Time Required : 0.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.3. Parque Pies Descalzos

A verdant shade-card of green right in the middle of the concrete jungle, Parque Pies Descalzos or Barefoot Park is your place to unwind, kick off your shoes and

soak up the feeling of nature right under your bare feet. Designed by Architect Felipe Uribe de Bedout, the park features numerous shallow water pools to wade through. Surrounded by a zen garden, various bamboos, a sound area, magazine kiosks and cozy cafés and restaurants, the park makes up for a perfect family outing. For the little ones, this oasis of mental and physical relaxation also houses an interactive science museum.

Address : Cra. 58 #42-125, Medellín 050015, Antioquia, Colombia

Zipcode : 050015

Location : 6.2446509, -75.5772046

Contact : +57 4 3806977

Website : <https://www.facebook.com/pages/parque-de-los-deseos/266081363550657>

Nearest Public Transport : Plaza Mayor Bus Station, Cisneros Metro station

Open & Close Timing : Monday-Saturday 07:30hrs-17:00hrs, Sunday closed

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.4. Cementerio Museo San Pedro

An unusual museum and a cemetery at the same site, Medellín's San Pedro Cemetery Museum will give you the living experience with its uniqueness. It is an open-air museum, flooded with beautiful monuments, mausoleums, and sculptures in marble and bronze. The cemetery is home to politicians, artists and businessmen.

Address : San Pedro, Medellín 050010, Antioquia, Colombia

Zipcode : 050010

Location : 6.265658999999999, -75.5611850999999

Contact : +57 4 2120951

Website : <http://www.cementeriosanpedro.org.co/>

Nearest Public Transport : Hospital Metro Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 07:30hrs-17:30hrs

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 5 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.5. Casa Museo Pedro Nel Gómez

Besides the Paisa culture, the city also celebrates the Tango Culture, hence Casa Museo Pedro Nel Gómez or House Gardelina Museum is a museum that is dedicated to the Carlos Gardel's personal belongings. The site is a cultural heritage site and a historical monument. The museum contains a wide range of objects for tango lovers.

Address : CARERRA 51B #85-24, Medellín 050006, Colombia

Zipcode : 050006

Location : 6.278486099999999, -75.5625311999999

Contact : +574 233-2633

Website : <http://www.iemaestropedronelgomez.edu.co/>

Nearest Public Transport : Universidad Metro Station

Open & Close Timing : Monday-Friday 09:00hrs-12:00hrs & 14:00hrs-17:00hrs, Saturday 09:00hrs-12:00hrs, Sundays Closed.

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.6. Parque Bolívar

The park which is full of history is home to the Metropolitan Cathedral or the Basilica. Donated by Tyrrel Stuart Moore to Medellín in the year 1844, the park is surrounded by some of the cultural centers of the city. Each year for the first 3 months a traditional open air concert is held by the Banda Sinfónica Universidad de Antioquia, and on the first Saturday of every month, the park hosts the traditional San Alejo market.

Address : Calle 53A, Antioquia, Medellín 050012, Colombia

Zipcode : 050012

Location : 6.253074299999999, -75.5646914

Contact : +57 4 2324022

Nearest Public Transport : Berrio Metro Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.7. Pueblito Paisa

A small replicated Antioquian township based on the top of Nutibarra Hill, this place is perfect for a panoramic view of the city and has certain attractions in the town itself displaying the traditional cultures of Colombia. The town features a plaza, house of intriguing colors, traditional gardens, an auditorium and a small chapel. Explore this quaint little town and take back home a memento from one of the traditional handicraft shops.

Address : Medellin 050030, Antioquia, Colombia

Zipcode : 050030

Location : 6.2363819, -75.5804104

Nearest Public Transport : Cll 30 con Cra 65 Integración Nutibara Bus Station (Not Recommended)

Open & Close Timing : Daily 07:00hrs-19:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.8. Nutibara Hill

Often referred to as the Guardian Hill of Medellin, Nutibara Hill is one of the unspoiled ecosystems in the city known for its unparalleled mountain scenery from the top. Right in the middle of Aburra Valley, this 82-acre park features a winding path that takes you to the mountain peak and the Pueblito Paisa, a replicated native Antioquian township. The 20th-century colonial themed town is home to a Sculpture Park and the open-air Carlos Vieco Auditorium, which depicts the traditional township of Colombia.

Address : Fatima, Medellín, Medellin, Antioquia, Colombia

Zipcode : 050030

Location : 6.236525899999999, -75.5807954

Nearest Public Transport : Nutibara Bus Station (Not Recommended)

Open & Close Timing : Daily 06:00hrs-00:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.9. El Volador

Surround yourself with the beauty of nature at El Volador, the largest national park in the city. Considered to be one of the guardian hills, the towering jagged

peak features a large open space on the top, which attracts people during full moon nights to participate in different cultural activities that take place under the dark sky pinpricked with stars. One of the most important archaeological sites, the park is also home to a museum that showcases the evidence of the different cultural communities that inhabited the land in the past. Indulge in various activities like hiking, biking kite flying and bird watching at this park or reach the peak and be treated with the alluring vistas of the city.

Address : CARERRA 65 #67-5, Medellin 050034, Colombia

Zipcode : 050034

Location : 6.268888899999999, -75.5816667

Contact : +574 260-2416

Website : <http://parquenaturalcerroelvolador.blogspot.in/>

Nearest Public Transport : Cll 67 con Cra 64B Bus station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 08:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 6

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.10. Basilica of Our Lady of Candelaria

Visit the oldest church in Medellin that is dedicated to Our Lady of Candelaria. Gaze at the fully white-washed interiors embellished with golden trims as you admire the artworks that adorn the walls. This neo-classical structure welcomes the worshippers from all over to pray at the main alter that is made of wood painted in gold.

Address : Carrera 49A #50-85, Centro, Medellin 050012, Colombia

Zipcode : 050012

Location : 6.2499975, -75.5674956

Contact : +57 4 2314907

Nearest Public Transport : Parque Berrio Metro Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 06:00hrs-18:30hrs

Time Required : 0.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.11. Botanical Garden of Medellin

A 14-hectare lush green space smack in the middle of the city, the Joaquín Antonio Uribe Botanical Garden of Medellín or the Botanical Garden of Medellín boasts of more than 1,000 wildlife creatures and around 4,500 plant species. This greenbelt was a former private farm by Don Víctor Arango and his sisters and was renamed as a tribute to a reputed writer, educator, naturalist as well as botanist of the early 1800's. Enchanting adventure enthusiasts with a variety of recreational activities like biking, rowing and canoeing, this garden reflects a confluence between man, nature, science and education. Explore the garden and the Quideorama, a giant structure resembling wooden flowers that stretches for more than 50 feet in the air forming a large canopy-like structure for visitors to gaze at.

Address : Cl. 73 #51d14, Medellín 050010, Antioquia, Colombia

Zipcode : 050010

Location : 6.2696065, -75.564659

Contact : +57 4 444 55 00

Website : <http://www.botanicomedellin.org/>

Nearest Public Transport : Parque Berrio Metro Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 09:00hrs-16:30hrs

Time Required : 2.5

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.12. Palacio de la Cultura Rafael Uribe Uribe

Dominating the historic Botero Plaza, Palacio de la Cultura Rafael Uribe Uribe is a center dedicated to the cultural integration of all the regions of the state of Antioquia. This Gothic architectural landmark served as a seat of the government for several years. Today, this cultural hotbed showcases an encyclopedic and photographic collection that narrates the stories of the city's past, the art and culture of Antioquia in its galleries, a documentation center and a music library. The building's dome is used for various artistic activities and film projections.

Address : Cra. 51 #521, Medellín 050010, Antioquia, Colombia

Zipcode : 050010

Location : 6.251635, -75.568174

Contact : +57 4 320 97 80

Website : <http://www.culturantioquia.gov.co/index.php>

Nearest Public Transport : Parque Berrio Metro Station

Open & Close Timing : Monday-Friday 08:00hrs-12:00hrs & 14:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.13. Deseos Park

An open-air public space dedicated to science, Parque de Los Deseos or The Park of Wishes reflects the passion of the people of Medellin towards learning. Explore the scientific elements like acoustic moon halves, the solar clock and more at the park or experience the different music manifestations at Music Museum of Medellin as you embrace the many forms of this center. Let the little ones be fascinated by the series of sandpits, wade pools and different water jets shooting upwards from the ground. The park is also known for open-air exercise classes for people and occasional cultural displays, events and concerts.

Address : Cl. 71 #52-30, Medellín 050010, Antioquia, Colombia

Zipcode : 050010

Location : 6.268409999999999, -75.566

Contact : +57 7 3806960

Nearest Public Transport : Universidad Metro Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 06:00hrs-23:30hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.14. Museo Historia del Ferrocarril de Antioquia

Known to be the patrimonial pride of the city, the Ferrocarril de Antioquia is a former railroad station that presently houses a museum which preserves the memories of an ornate station, institutions, auditoriums, banks and news stalls. Declared as a national monument for its historical value, this architectural wonder is influenced by French Renaissance style and is considered to be one of the most significant projects in the history of Colombia. The museum's antique locomotives and pictures will take you back to when the only means of transport from one place to another was by train.

Address : Cra. 52 #43-31, Medellín 050015, Antioquia, Colombia

Zipcode : 050015

Location : 6.24438, -75.57186

Contact : +57 4 3810733

Nearest Public Transport : Alpujarra Train Station

Open & Close Timing : Monday-Friday 08:00hrs-17:30hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.15. Plazuela San Ignacio

A park that allows you to endure the historical spirit of the city in a blend of old pools and gardens, Parquadero Plazuela San Ignacio is a heritage oasis dotted with palm trees away from the chaotic life of Medellin. Home to the national monument of San Ignacio, a structure that once served as an educational and training place that is etched in the minds of Antioquians as a part of urban memory. Sit on the benches and enjoy some time out, play a game of chess, tap to the tunes of local musicians or just grab a cup of coffee and watch the people pass by.

Address : Cra. 45 #47-66, Medellín 050010, Antioquia, Colombia

Zipcode : 050010

Location : 6.2464246, -75.564505

Nearest Public Transport : San José Lightrail Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 Hours

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.16. Torre Coltejer

When in Medellin, you definitely cannot miss the place that treasures the city's strength, development and the resolve of the people. The Coltejer building is an architectural marvel that has served as Medellin's emblem for over decades. Once upon a time the tallest building of Colombia, the edifice symbolizes the booming textile industry in the city. This magnificent skyscraper has 36 floors and is built in the shape of the needle that can be seen from every corner of the city.

Address : Cl. 52 #47-42, Medellín 050012, Antioquia, Colombia

Zipcode : 050012

Location : 6.249884, -75.56612

Contact : +57 4 4444977

Nearest Public Transport : San José Lightrail Station

Open & Close Timing : Monday-Friday 08:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.17. Plaza Botero

An open-air public space, Plaza Botero or commonly metonymized as the Sculpture Park spotlights the artistic structures made by the world-famous Colombian artist, Fernando Botero. Stroll through this magnificent plaza right in the heart of the city and be fascinated by 23 monumental bronze statues that are gifted to the city by the sculptor. This cultural hub of the locals features four lush green spaces with wrought iron and wooden benches distributed across the park.

Address : Carabobo, Medellín, Antioquia, Colombia

Zipcode : 050010

Location : 6.2520361, -75.568447399999

Nearest Public Transport : Parque Berrío Train Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 Hours

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.18. Centro Comercial Palacio Nacional

With around 200 shops, this shopping mall is one of the most famous in the city. One is likely to find the best clothing and footwear in this mall. The shopping mall which was once a palatial building stands right in the centre of the city.

Zipcode : 0

Location : 6.248964599999999, -75.5704437

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.19. Centro Comercial Santa Fe

Opened in 2010, Centro Comercial Santa Fe is the largest mall in all of Medellín with a retractable roof. To offer you with one of the best shopping experiences,

the mall is home to the largest departmental store, international brands like Victoria's Secret and many others. The theme park in the mall is an added bonus.
Address : Av. El Poblado #7, Medellín, Antioquia, Colombia

Zipcode : 050010

Location : 6.1966335, -75.5740794

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.20. El Tesoro Parque Comercial

A toast to the elite of the city, El Tesoro Parque Comercial is home to boutiques of local Colombian designers as well as upscale international labels. A major attraction for the little ones, the mall comprises of 2 amusement parks with a variety of activities like zip lining, laser tag, indoor surfing and more to give you an enthralling experience.

Address : Carrera 25A No. 1A Sur 45, Medellín, Antioquia, Colombia

Zipcode : 050010

Location : 6.197312, -75.558936

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.21. Plaza Minorista José María Villa

One of the best places in the city for some street shopping, Plaza Minorista José María Villa is known for an array of around 2,500 stalls attracting shoppers with everything from clothes, footwear, books, junk jewelry and traditional artefacts to electronics and household goods.

Address : Calle 55a #57-80, Medellín, Antioquia, Colombia

Zipcode : 050010

Location : 6.25757, -75.573499999999

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.22. Centro Comercial Oviedo

Being one of the oldest shopping malls in the city, Centro Comercial Oviedo is a great place to pickup some souvenirs. Apart from featuring over 280 shops selling

everything from fashion apparels and jewelry to home furnishings and mattresses, this shopping center also delights its visitors with a big 7-screen cinema and one of the largest departmental store chains in the country.

Address : Cr 43A 6S-15, Av El Poblado, Medellín, Antioquia, Colombia

Zipcode : 050010

Location : 6.19925699999999, -75.5753302

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.23. Los Molinos Mall

Zipcode : 0

Location : 6.23317, -75.6041799999999

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.24. Premium Plaza Shopping Center

A magnificent center with over 350 shops anchored by some of the major international, traditional as well as regional brands, Premium Plaza Shopping Center is an ideal shopping destination to satisfy your shopping needs. One of the largest malls in the city, it comprises of over 45 options that pander to your food cravings and a complete floor dedicated to entertainment.

Address : Carrera 43A Calle 30, Medellín, Antioquia, Colombia

Zipcode : 050010

Location : 6.2292368, -75.5705413

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.25. San Diego Mall

Recognized as the first Paisa landmark in the city by the locals, San Diego Mall is the premier shopping center to be built in Colombia. Offering you a galvanizing shopping experience with more than 230 stores, this retail hub is your one-stop destination for buying traditional goods. Before your shopping spree, do not forget to grab a quick bite at one of the many restaurants serving delicious meals.

Address : Cl. 34 #43-66, Medellín, Antioquia, Colombia

Zipcode : 050010

Location : 6.2355987, -75.569575999999

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.26. Parque Comercial Florida

Zipcode : 0

Location : 6.2708318, -75.577241299999

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.27. Centro Artesanal Mi Viejo Pueblo

Zipcode : 0

Location : 6.25185409999999, -75.565266299999

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.28. Arví Park

Perched on the eastern edge of Medellín, Parque Arví is an ecotourism destination featuring trails, picnic spots, market and recreational areas to practice sports like boating and more. A natural preserve of the native flora and fauna, this lush green space is brimming with archaeological remains of indigenous communities that settled here. Comprising of 2 major parks including Comfama Arví and Piedras Blancas, it is protects the flowing waters of Aburra valley and is one of the significant natural wealth of Antioquia. Wander through the well-maintained historical stone roads that were hand made by the inhabitants during the pre-Hispanic times and witness the beauty of relationship between nature and history in this park. Note: Though the admission is free for Arví Park, the Comfama Arví and Piedras Blancas parks might charge a nominal entrance fee. The guided tour of Arví Park however, costs COP \$5000 to COP \$7000

Address : Via a Piedras Blancas, Medellín, Antioquia, Colombia

Zipcode : 050007

Location : 6.28910789999999, -75.5093481

Contact : +57 4 4442979

Website : <https://parquearvi.org/>

Nearest Public Transport : Estación Arví Metro Station

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday-Sunday 09:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 2.5

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : No



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8. Adventure sports, Local sports, stadiums

Like All The Cities In Colombia, Medellín's Favorite Sport Is Football Which Is Widely Played And Acknowledged By The City's Inhabitants. Medellín Boasts Of Two Of Two Professional Clubs, Namely, Atlético Nacional And Independiente Medellín. The City's Favorite Local Sport Is Horseback Riding And Has Two Professional Basketball Teams, The Arrieros Of And The Mountain Academy. Medellín Has A Huge Sports Complex Which Includes Alfonso Galvis Duque Stadium, Atanasio Girardot Stadium, Luis Alberto Villegas Stadium And Medellín Sports Coliseum.

- **Atanasio Girardot Stadium:**

Address : Entre carreras 70 y 73 y las calles 48 y 50, Medellín 050034, Colombia

Location : 6.256863999999998,-75.59012999999999

Contact No : +57 304 3757149

9. Spas and relaxation

- **Flying Tree Yoga Studio:**

Address : Transversal 39a #71-85 | Laureles, Medellín, Colombia

Location : 6.241212,-75.592513

Contact No : +(57)3142393499

Website : <https://flyingtreeyoga.com/>

- **Brassia Spa Y Estetica IPS:**

Address : Circular 3 74 49, Medellín 050031, Colombia

Location : 6.243342,-75.592562

Contact No : +(57)44165929

Website : <http://www.spabrassia.com/>

- **AKZARA Thematic Spa:**

Address : Carrera 36 # 10-34 piso 2 | Sector Parque Lleras,barrio El Poblado, Medellín 050021, Colombia

Location : 6.209076,-75.565491

Contact No : +(57)(4) 5886767

Website : <http://www.akzaraspas.com/>

- **Viva Spa:**

Address : calle 36 No.82A-16, Medellín 05001000, Colombia

Location : 6.244820,-75.605054

Contact No : +(57)45858972

Website : <http://www.vivaspaMedellín.com/>

- **Nirvana Spa:**

Address : Cra 36 B # 11 - 12 | Hotel Park10, Medellín No Aplica, Colombia

Location : 6.208864,-75.565000

Contact No : +57 4442505

Website : <http://www.nirvanaspacolombia.com/>



10. Events calendar

Month

Events

Feria Taurina de la Macarena (BULL FIGHTS)

The Spanish bullfighting tradition surprisingly also takes place in Medellín with people from all over the world participating.

COLOMBIATEX

This is a perfect festival for all the shopaholics out there. The event hosts some of the best vendors from all of America during this time and one gets to purchase apparels from a wide variety. From clothes, textile, machinery, home furnishing to technological items, everything is on display for you to grab and take it home.

Medellín is a bargain! (Medellín es una ganga!)

This festival is dedicated to Sales, Sales and more sales. Another festival for the shopaholics, held during the whole month of February. Throughout the city, big labels

open their doors to high discounts on various stuff like jewelry, household items, furniture etc.

Colombia MODA

One of the biggest fashion events to take place in the country, is held in the city of Medellín. Held for a week the city turns into a fashion ground bringing people together for fashion shows and exhibitions.

Flower Festival (Feria de Los Flores)

The biggest festival that takes place in the city is the Flower Festival. A multi day event, featuring Parades, shows, concerts and celebrations. It is the biggest tourist magnet to Medellín, people from Latin America display a wide range of flowers from their regions making the city blooming and just beautiful.

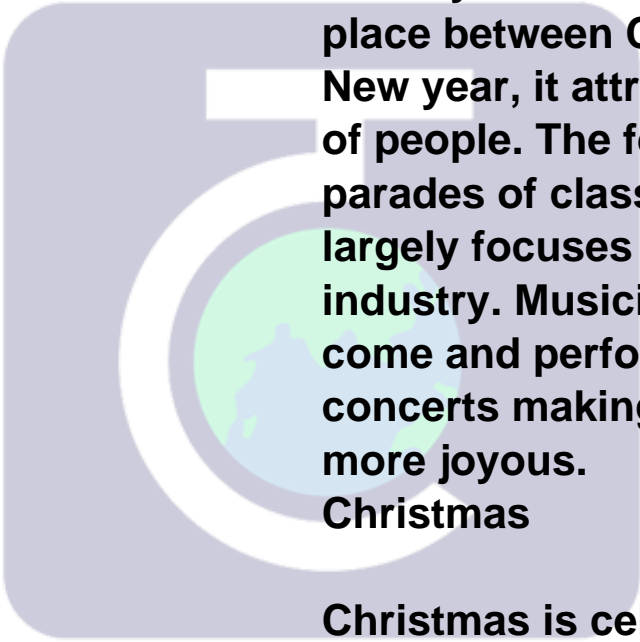
Medellín International Jazz Festival

For all the Jazz music lovers, this festival features some of the best jazz artists and classic musicians.

Medellín Feria Nacional de Artesanias

This is a craft fair which features the best artifacts and artworks of Colombia.

Festival of Cali



A 5 day festival which takes place between Christmas and New year, it attracts thousands of people. The festival holds parades of classic cars and largely focuses on the music industry. Musicians from all over come and perform in the concerts making this month more joyous.

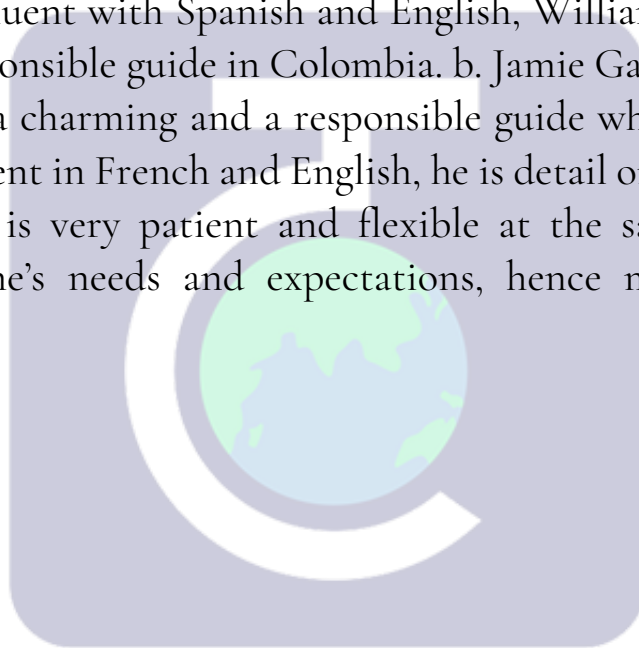
Christmas

Christmas is celebrated with very high spirits, the city is decorated with beautiful lights which attract the tourist to the city especially during the time of Christmas.

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11. Key local guides and tours

The top local guides who will help your trip make successful are : a. William: William's 21 years of experience makes him one of the best guide to explore Medellín. Born and brought up in Medellín itself, William knows the city in and out. Services are exclusively tailor made. The services include translation, transportation, logical agreements, counselling etc. All the travel needs are covered from A-Z. Fluent with Spanish and English, William is considered to be most honest and responsible guide in Colombia. b. Jamie Gaitan: With 10 years of experience, Jamie is a charming and a responsible guide who offers both private and public tours. Fluent in French and English, he is detail oriented, punctual and very friendly. Jaime is very patient and flexible at the same time. He works according to the one's needs and expectations, hence making your journey worthwhile.



12. Transportation hubs

Airports Olaya Herrera Airport – This Is A Domestic And Regional Airport Located In The City. The Second Busiest Airport In The Country, It Doesn't Adhere To International Flights. The Airport Was Called Medellín International Airport, Formerly. This Airport Is Considered As The Regional Airport Of The Country. The Domestic Airport Is 45 Minutes Away From The Main City José María Córdova International Airport – Second Largest International Airport In The Country, This Airport Is Located 45 Minutes Away From Medellín. The Airport Serves To All The Major International And National Flights. The International Airport Is Located 40 Miles Away From The Main City. Metro The Most Reliable Mode Of Commuting, Metro Extends Itself To MetroCable And MetroPlus. It Has About 6 Lines, From North To South, Center To East, North To Northeast And West To Northwest. The Main Stations Of Medellín Include, San Javier Station, San Antonio Station And Acevedo Buses – Like All The Other Regions Of The Country, Medellín Is Home To Public Buses Which Have An Extensive Network. The Buses Are Privately Owned By A Certain Company And Each Bus Is Dedicated To A Specific Region. There Are Two Main Bus Terminals In The City, Namely Terminal Del Sur And Terminal Del Norte Respectively. The Bus Terminal Is Open 24 Hours And One Can Just Reach A Company's Office To Enquire About The Buses.

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13. Transportation cost

Roaming Around In Medellín Is The Easiest With Metro, Although There Are Public Buses And Taxis Through Which One Can Commute Around The City. The Fare For The Respective Transportation Are – Metro – Medellín Boasts Of The Most Efficient Metro System In Colombia. Quick, Accessible And Reliable, Metro Is The Cleanest, With Around 28 Stations, It Connects The Whole Of City Together. Metro In The City Has Been Further Extended To MetroCable And MetroPlus. However, Metroplus Is A Bus Rapid System Which Connects To The Metro And MetroCable. It Is Affordable, And Charges \$1500 COP (0.51USD), For Commuting In Any Part Of The City. Buses – Buses Are The Cheapest Mode Of Transportation In The City. The Fare Is Around \$1200 COP (0.41USD). One Advantage Of Commuting Through Bus Is That It Connects To The Smallest Neighborhood In The City. Taxis- If One Wants To Avoid The Rush Hour In Metros Or Buses, Travelling Is By Far The Most Convenient Option Available. Just Write The Destination For Your Driver And You Are On The Go. No Journey Will Be Over \$10000 COP (\$3.41USD) However The Minimum Fare Is \$2800 COP(\$0.95USD) And After Every 1 Km \$1575 COP (\$0.54USD)

Index**14. Baggage allowance**

It Is Not Suggested To Carry Heavy Amount Of Luggage In The Buses Or Cable Cars Since It Can Cause Inconvenience To The Travelers And People Around Them. One Can Travel With A Small And Light Bag While Commuting Within, Although Carrying Expensive Items Should Be Avoided.



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15. Must try food and local savouries

You'll Find Yourself In Dilemma, In Choosing What To Eat. The Traditional Dishes Of Colombia Are Mouthwatering, Make Sure To Work Up Your Appetite. When In Colombia, Do Try The Following Dishes – A. Bandeja Paisa – Served On A Very Large Tray, This Dish Is Colombia's Favourite And If You Want To Eat The Best Of It, Then Medellín Is Just Place For You. Served At Almost Every Restaurant, Bandeja Paisa Is A Platter That Contains Fried Plantain, Ground Beef, Rice, Chichaarron, Avocado, Red Beans, Arepa And Blood Sausage, All Seasoned And Topped With Fried Egg. B. Lechona – This Dish Served In All Of Colombia, From Restaurants, Streets To Fairs This Is One Of The Favourites For Lunch And Dinner. Basically, The Dish Is A Baby Pork With A Crispy Outer Skin And Soft Meat On The Inside. It Is Either Served As A Sandwich Or In Small Plates With Potatoes Or Arepa. C. Chicharron – One Dish That You Are Sure To Find Everywhere, Is Chicharron. This Dish Is Inexpensive And Readily Available. The Pork Rinds Are Deeply Fried, Then Cut Into Small Pieces And Served With Fried Plantain, Potatoes Or Arepa. One Can Just Pick Up This Side Dish From Any Street Vendors And Enjoy It Throughout The Day. D. Sancocho De Gallina – If You Are Travelling To Medellín In Winters, Make Sure To Try Sancocho De Gallina. It Is A Soup Made With Yucca, Hen, Cilantro, Plantain, Carrots And Other Fresh Vegetables, Later Served In A Large Portion. E. Pan De Bono – Puffy And Small Cheese Breads, Made Of Queso Costeño (hard White Cheese) And Yucca Flour, Pan De Bono Is A Perfect Meal For Breakfast Or For An Afternoon Coffee. F. Empanadas: Empanadas Comes In One Of The Most Authentic Dishes Of Chile. It Basically Is A Stuffed Bread Sometimes Sweet, But Rich In Taste. There Are Three Basic Types: Del Horno (baked), De Hoja (baked As Well, But With A Flakey Dough), Andfrita (deep-fried). The Most Popular Filling Is Pino, Which Is A Juicy Mix Of Beef And Onion, Featuring One Olive And A Piece Of Hard-boiled Egg. Other Popular Fillings Include Ham And Cheese.

16. Restaurant & Nightlife

Food -

- **Malevo:**

Address : Calle 11A #43 East 32 |Barrio Manila, Medellín, Colombia

Location : 6.213507,-75.572486

Contact No : +574 5802150

Open / Close Time : 12:00-22:00 (Monday-Wednesday), 12:00-23:00 (Thursday-Saturday), 12:00-17:00 (Sunday)

- **La Provincia:**

Address : Carrera 42 No. 3 Sur 81, Centro Empresarial Milla de OroLocal 303

Location : 6.200155,-75.571441

Contact No : +574 3220192

Open / Close Time : 12:00-15:00, 19:00 -00:00 (Monday-Saturday)

- **Restaurante Barcale:**

Address : Calle 7D #43A – 70, Medellín, Colombia

Location : 6.20855,-75.571049

Contact No : +574 268-8714

Open / Close Time : 12:00-15:00, 19:00-22:00 (Monday-Saturday, Sunday closed)

- **Toscano:**

Address : 8A#34-20|Poblado-Provenza, Medellín 057, Colombia

Location : 6.207888,-75.565129

Contact No : +574 3113094

Open / Close Time : 12:00-22:30 (Monday-Saturday, Sunday closed)

- **La PAMpa Parrilla Argentina:**

Address : Cra. 75 #4010, Medellín, Antioquia, Colombia.

Location : 6.247158,-75.594754

Contact No : 572669663

Open / Close Time : 12:00-15:00, 18:00-22:00 (Monday-Friday), 12:00-23:00 (Saturday), 12:00-17:00 (Sunday)

- **Salon Versailles:**

Address : Carrera 49 #53-39 Paseo Junin, Medellín, Colombia

Location : 6.252055,-75.564635

Contact No : +574 5119148

Open / Close Time : 07:00-21:00 (Monday-Saturday), 08:00-18:00(Sunday)

- **Restaurante In Situ:**

Address : Jardin Botanico, near The OrquideorAMa|Street 73 #51D 14. Botanical Garden, Medellín, Colombia

Location : 6.271912,-75.56354

Contact No : +574 3208507

- **Mondogo's:**

Address : El Poblado Calle 10 38-38 | Carrera 70 #C3-43, Medellín, Colombia

Location : 6.209702,-75.567436

Contact No : +574 4113434

Open / Close Time : 11:30-21:30 (Monday-Wednesday), 11:30-22:00 (Thursday-Saturday), 11:00-20:00 (Sunday)

- **Dulce Jesús Mío:**

Address : Carrera 38 #19 255, Medellín, Antioquia, Colombia

Location : 6.223156,-75.564619

Contact No : +57 4 4446022

Open / Close Time : 20:00-04:00 (Tuesday-Saturday), Closed on Sundays and Mondays

- **El Blue:**

Address : Cl. 10, Medellín, Antioquia, Colombia

Location : 6.209749,-75.567767

- **Kukaramakara Medellín:**

Address : L723, Av. El Poblado #6S-26, Medellín, Antioquia, Colombia

Location : 6.198945,-75.573181

Contact No : +57 4 3122527

Open / Close Time : 22:00-02:00 (Friday-Saturday), Closed from Sunday-Thursday

- **Trilogia Live Bar:**

Address : Cra 43G #248, Medellín, Antioquia, Colombia

Location : 6.225553,-75.571837

Contact No : +57 4 2040562

Open / Close Time : 19:30-02:00 (Thursday), 20:30-04:30 (Friday and Saturday), Closed from Sundays-Wednesdays.



Index**17. Average meal cost**

Economical Meal: R\$ 5 – R\$ 10 Mid – Segment Restaurant: R\$ 15 – R\$ 30 Luxury Dining: R\$ 50 And Above



18. Shopping

Medellín Is Known For Its Fashion Industry, The City Is Flooded With Options To Shop. You May Get Tired, But The Shops Just Won't End. From Branded Shops To Street Shops, Medellín Offers Variety In Both Prices And Goods. Textiles And Clothing Is The Biggest Forte Of The City And Has Been Emerging For Over 100 Years For Now. The Network Of Shopping Centers Start From Highly Posh Neighborhood To The Most Commercial Centers, To Streets. Medellín Is Also Very Well Acknowledged For Its Leather Goods, Furniture And Lamps. The Best Time To Visit Medellín For Shopping Is In The Month Of February As The Place Is Flooding With Sales. Some Of The Best Shopping Centers Include – A. Centro Comercial Palacio Nacional – With Around 200 Shops, This Shopping Mall Is One Of The Most Famous In The City. One Is Likely To Find The Best Clothing And Footwear In This Mall. The Shopping Mall Which Was Once A Palatial Building Stands Right In The Center Of The City. B. Centro Commercial Santa Fe – Opened In The Year 2010, This Is The Largest Mall In All Of Medellín, With A Retractable Roof. This Mall Is Home To The Largest Departmental Store, Theme Park, Victoria's Secret And Many Other Brands. C. El Tesoro Parque Comercial – Just Like Any Other Mall, This Mall Is Known For Its Shopping Centres. An Attraction To The Kids, Since The Mall Has 2 Amusement Parks, With A Variety Of Activities Like Zip Lining, Laster Tag, Indoor Surfing Etc. It Is Not Only Home To Up Scale Brands But Also To Local Colombian Designers. D. Plaza Minorista José María Villa – This Is One Of The Street Shopping Centers Which Is Known For Its 2500 Stalls, Offering Everything From Clothes, Footwear, Books, Junk Jewellery, Traditional Artifacts To Electronics And Household Goods.

Index**19. Tourist benefits**

The Value Added Tax (VAT) In Colombia Is Charged At 16%, Although There Are A Few Options When It Comes To Duty Free Shops Within In The City. The Most Convenient Option For Travelers Is To Get Their Refund Back Is At The Airport, Although One Is Limited With The Choices, Since The Refund Is Available Only On Luxury Goods, Electronics And Jewelry Etc. Note: The Refund Will Be Given Only If The Purchase Has Been Made From Credit Cards.



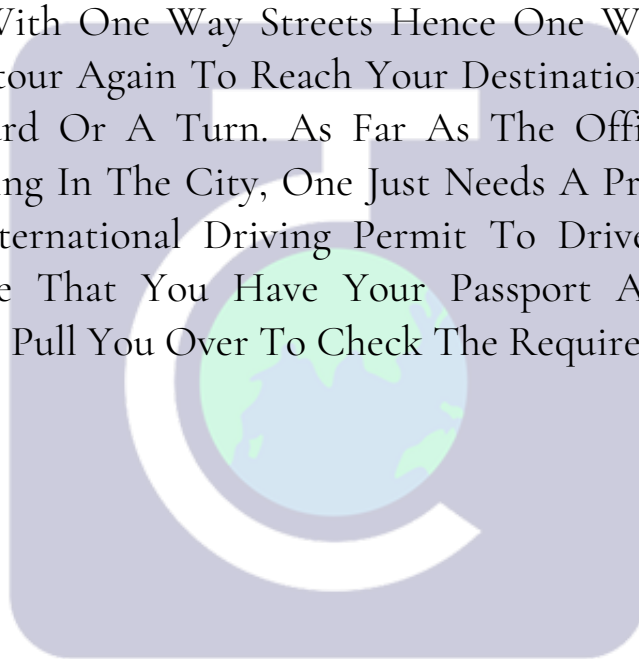
20. Essential local apps

“Travelling Made Better” – That Is The Motto Of Local Applications That Guide You Through The City. Some Of The Popular Applications That Will Make Staying Medellín Easy For You – A. Tappsi: The Most Popular Application In Colombia, This App Allows You To Grab A Taxi Whenever You Want And Wherever You Want. The High Tech Ability Has Access To The GPS, Through Which The Taxi Driver Reaches Right At Your Doorstep. B. Wikibanco - Want To Withdraw Money, This App Is Perfect As It Allows You To Locate The Nearest ATMs In The City. It Is The Most Useful App For The Travelers.



21. Driving

Driving In This City Is A Hassle, If You Think That The Side Mirrors Are Going To Be Of Any Help, Then Think Twice, Since Motorbikes Just Rush Through Your Sides, Without Even Seeing The Traffic Light, Or The Roads, Hence It Is Recommended To Stay In Your Own Lane. Buses And Taxis Generally Try To Block You Which Really Makes You Question Your Life Decisions At That Time. The City Is Filled With One Way Streets Hence One Wrong Turn And You Have To Take A Detour Again To Reach Your Destination, So Make Sure You Don't Miss The Board Or A Turn. As Far As The Official Documents Are Concerned For Driving In The City, One Just Needs A Proper US/UK Driving License And An International Driving Permit To Drive Around The City. However Make Sure That You Have Your Passport All The Time, Since Sometimes The Cops Pull You Over To Check The Required Documents.



22. Travel essentials

When Travelling Abroad, It Is A Must To Check Certain Things Off Your List In Order To Have A Pleasant Stay. Hence Make Sure To Carry The Following Things – A. Adapter/Plug – The Standard Voltage In Colombia Is 110 V, Followed By The Standard Frequency, Which Is 60 Hz. The Adapters/plugs Used In The Country Are Of Type A/B. B. Sun Screen And Mosquito Repellents Are Highly Recommended. C. One Can Also Carry A Money Belt In Order To Avoid Theft, Or Carrying A Big Bag.



23. Essential clothes

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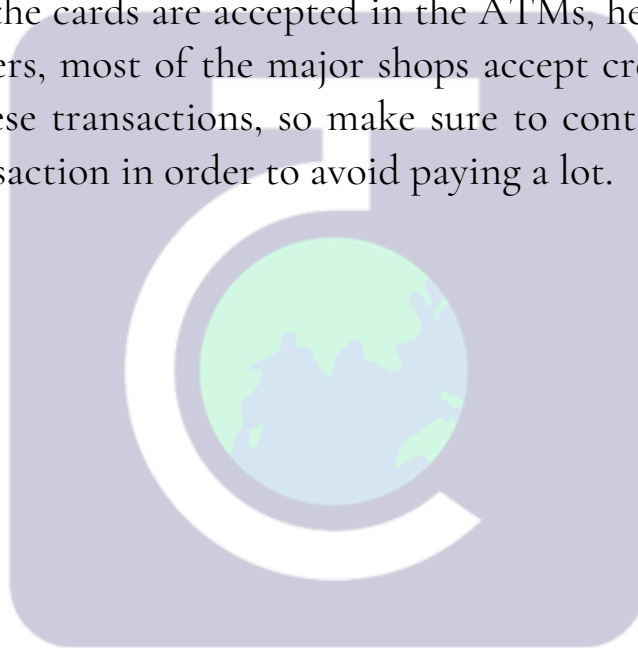
Index**24. Local currency**

Colombia's National Currency Is PESO, Where In 1 USD = 2916.00 COP.



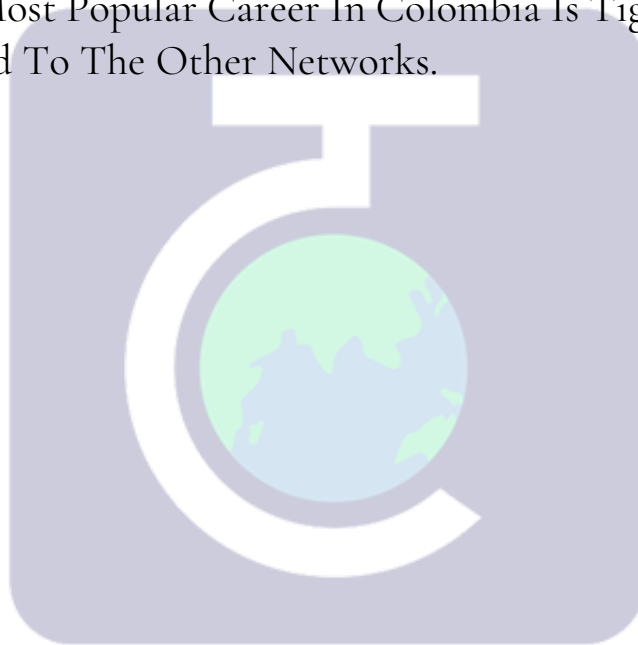
Index**25. Change vendor's commission, ATM charges**

Make sure you exchange the money pre hand, since higher charges are likely to apply in the country or upon arrival at the airport. Medellín is not a small city; hence ATMs can be found almost everywhere around the place. Most banks are likely to charge you with a foreign transaction fee whether in an ATM or in a shop, hence make sure to confirm with your bank about the fee charges prior to your travel. Most of the cards are accepted in the ATMs, hence it is not an issue. For credit card holders, most of the major shops accept credit cards, however a fee is charged on these transactions, so make sure to contact your bank before committing any transaction in order to avoid paying a lot.



26. Staying connected

The Three Major Networks In Colombia Are Claro, Tigo And Movistar. Being Connected Through Your Smartphone In Colombia Is Rather Inexpensive Than Most Of The Cities Or Countries In The World For The Travellers. Getting A Sim Card Is Very Easy, One Can Either Visit Supermarkets, Phone Shops Or To Street Vendors. Just Make Sure That You Have Proper Documents For Identification. The Most Popular Career In Colombia Is Tigo As It Offers Cheap Data Plans Compared To The Other Networks.



27. Time Zone

Colombia time zone: COT (UTC -5), which is 5 hours behind the coordinated Universal time.



Index**28. Languages**

More Than 98% Of The City Communicates In Spanish, However Colombian Spanish Differs From The Traditional Spanish-originated Countries. Within The Country There Are A Number Of Regional Dialects, Which Makes This Spoken Language A Little Distinctive From One Area To Another. The Slang Speech Of Colombia Is Famous For Its Spanish Slang Speeches, Which Is Often Used By The People Of The City. The Most Common Slang In Medellín Is Termed As “Parlache”



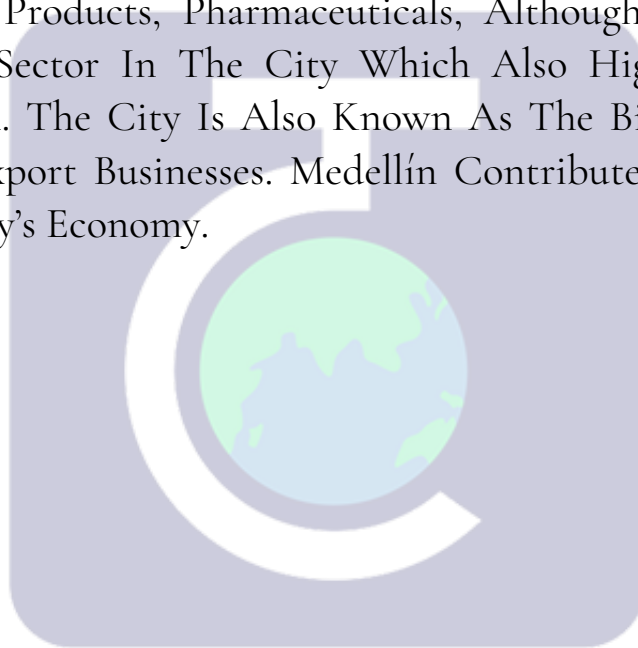
Index**29. Political Scenario**

The Political State Of The Medellín Is Like Any Other City Of Colombia. The Government Is Divided Into Legislative And Executive Branches. The City Is Governed By A Mayor Who Is Publicly Selected Once In Every Four Years. The City's Administration Is Responsible For Handling Social And Economic Welfares Of The City. The Administration Has Introduced More Than 100 Social Programs For The Interests Of The Inhabitants Of The City.



30. Economic Scenario

Medellín Is One Of The Major Economic Hubs Of Colombia, Which Is Led By A Powerful Organization Known As Antioquian Enterprises Group. The Group Is One Of The Most Influential Traders In Colombian Stock Exchange. Medellín Is A Home To Many National And International Companies. The Main Sectors Dominating That Contributes To The Economy Are Textiles, Steel, Food & Beverage, Chemical Products, Pharmaceuticals, Although Fashion Being The Most Domineering Sector In The City Which Also Highly Represents The Culture Of Medellín. The City Is Also Known As The Biggest Export Region With About 1500 Export Businesses. Medellín Contributes About 11% Of The GDP To The Country's Economy.



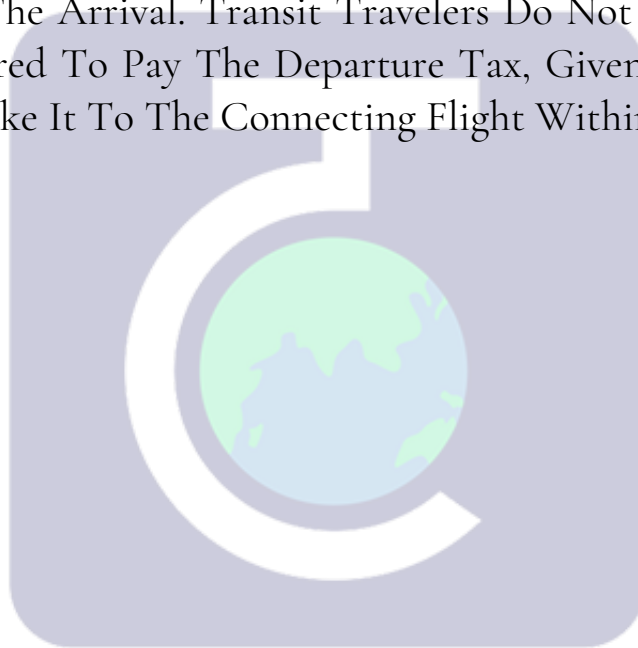
Index**31. Religious belief**

Catholicism Is Followed By Most Of The Population In Colombia, Followed By Protestantism. Other Part Of The Population Adheres To Different Religions Like Islam, Buddhism, Mormonism, Judaism And Other Indigenous Religions.



Index**32. Visa requirements**

United States, Australia, United Kingdom, Canada And Other European Countries Do Not Require A Visa To Travel To Colombia, However They Just Need A Passport With A Minimum Six-month Validity. Residents Of The Other Countries Do Require A Visa To Visit Colombia; If The Validity Of The Visa Is More Than Three Months Then One Has To Register With Migración Colombia Within 15 Days Of The Arrival. Transit Travelers Do Not Require A Visa And Are Also Not Required To Pay The Departure Tax, Given They Do Not Leave The Airport And Make It To The Connecting Flight Within 24 Hours.



Index**33. Essential vaccination**

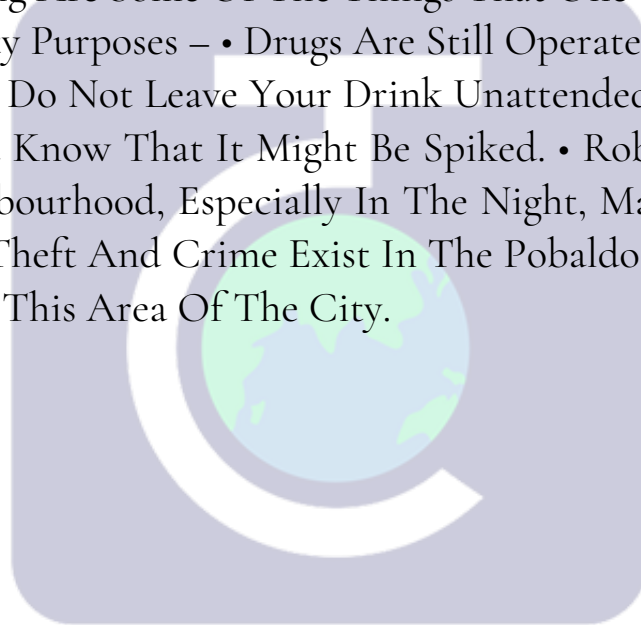
It Is Suggested That Prior To Your Travel To Another Country, Get A Routine Checkup Done For Yourself From Your General Doctor, However Some Of The Most Basic Vaccinations That Are Suggested Include – • Hepatitis A • Tetanus • Hepatitis B



34. Theft and Safety

One Of The Most Dangerous City Back Then, The City Was Known For Its Violence, Drug Cartels And Pablo Escobar, Who Was Indeed One Of The Most Notorious Criminals Of All Time. But Medellín Has Reinvented Itself To Be One Of The Peaceful Cities In Colombia. However That Does Not Mean That Crime Has Totally Been Eradicated From The City. Some Of The Neighborhoods Are Still Unsafe. Following Are Some Of The Things That One Should Keep In Mind For Travel And Safety Purposes –

- Drugs Are Still Operated In The City, Hence Make Sure That You Do Not Leave Your Drink Unattended Even For A Minute, The Next Thing You Know That It Might Be Spiked.
- Robberies Are Common In Unfamiliar Neighbourhood, Especially In The Night, Make Sure You Take A Taxi For Yourself.
- Theft And Crime Exist In The Poblado Region Of The City, Thieves Descend On This Area Of The City.



Index**35. Embassy/Consulate**

Below Is The Link That Provides The List Of Embassies And Consulates In Colombia : [Http://embassy.goabroad.com/embassies-of/colombia](http://embassy.goabroad.com/embassies-of/colombia)



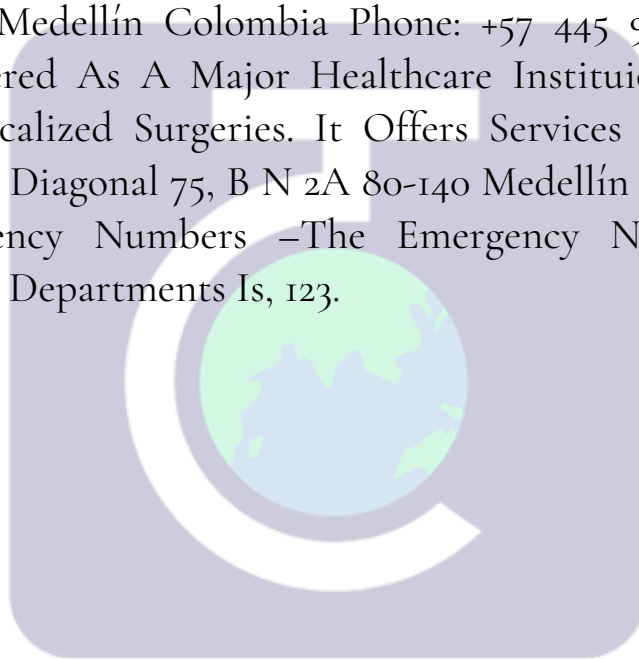
36. Accessibility

In terms of accessibility for the disabled, the city is a disappointment. Travelers with reduced mobility will have a lot of trouble since only a few International and National hotels offer services for the disabled. Even the Public transport in the city is pretty bad since not many seats have been dedicated for the disabled.



Index**37. Emergencies**

A. Hospital Pablo Tabon Uribe – Known As One Of The Best Hospitals In All Of Colombia, This Is A Non-profit Hospital Which Was Founded In The Year 1970, The Hospital Specializes In Cancer Care, Peadiatrics, Renal And Bariatic Surguries. With A Special Department That Only Attends To The Foreign Travellers, This Hospital Is Filled With The Most Efficient Doctors. Address : Calle 78 B, 69-240 Medellín Colombia Phone: +57 445 93 48 B. Clínica Las Américas – Considered As A Major Healthcare Instituion, This Hospital Is Popular For Its Specalized Surgeries. It Offers Services In Over 70 Medical Specialities. Address: Diagonal 75, B N 2A 80-140 Medellín Colombia Phone: +57 4 342 1010 Emergency Numbers –The Emergency Numbers For Police, Ambulance And Fire Departments Is, 123.



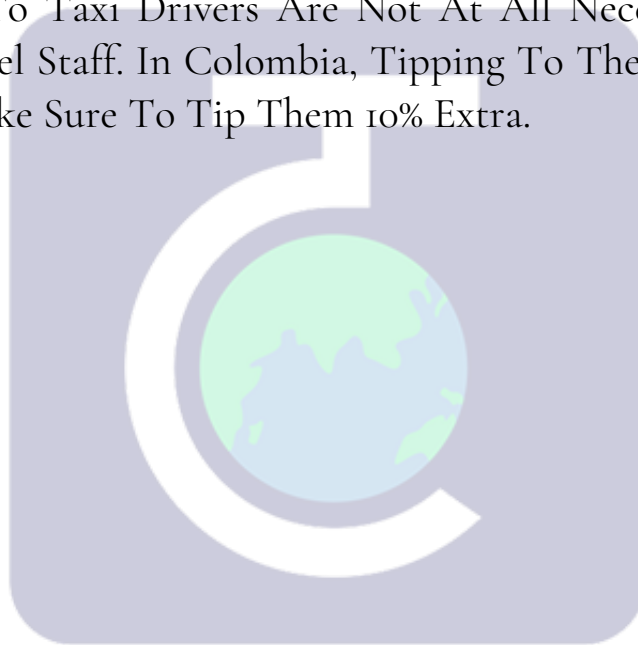
Index**38. Do's and Don'ts**

Do's • Try The Local Cuisines • Avoid Travelling Late At Night, Since The City Was Once Considered To Be The Most Violent. • Shop In Medellin, As The City Is Famous For Its Textiles And Other Furnishing And Household Goods. • Try Go To The Emerging Night Clubs In The City • Attend The Flower Festival • Celebrate Christmas In Medellin Don't's • Accept Anything From A Stranger As It Might Be Spiked. • Don't Expect Everywhere To Be Hot Since The Temperature Might Vary From Region To Region.



Index**39.Tipping basics**

It Is Not Compulsory To Tip In Medellín, Since A Service Charge Of 10% Is Normally Charged In The Bill, But If You Are Happy With The Services At A Restaurant, You Can Tip How Much Ever You Want And Further The Tip Is Shared By The Staff Members. A More Exquisite Restaurant Is Likely To Charge You With A 15% Service Tax, Hence It Is Suggested That You Double Check And Pay The Bill. Tips To Taxi Drivers Are Not At All Necessary, But One Can Always Tip The Hotel Staff. In Colombia, Tipping To The Hairdressers Is Very Common; Hence Make Sure To Tip Them 10% Extra.



Index**40.Pet info**

If One Is Willing To Travel With Their Pets To Colombia, One Must Make Sure That Their Pets Have Been Properly Vaccinated Against Leptospirosis, Hepatitis, Distemper, Rabies And Parvovirus. A Licensed Certificate Provided By The Vet's Assuring The Proper Health Of The Pet Is Mandatory. However When Travelling It Is Suggested That One Leaves Their Pets At Home.



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Conclusion – Why to select this destination

As Mentioned, Medellín Has Really Re-invented Itself As A Whole City, From Being Called A Drug Capital To Now One Of The Safest City In Colombia, The City Has Come A Long Way And Has Made Its Mark In The Eyes Of The Travelers. Famous For Its Industrial Sector And Fashion Industry, Medellín Is Rapidly Growing To Be One Of The Biggest Metropolis In The Country. Medellín Is Filled With Parks, Museums, Libraries And Many Cultural Sites Making The City The Second Most Visited After Bogota. Metro Has Made Commuting Within Very Convenient For The Travelers And Locals, Hence One Will Not Find Themselves Restricted To Any Place. Surrounded By Mountains And Bisected By A River, The City Is A Landscapic Metropolis Which Never Ceases To Amaze You. For All The Best Restaurants, Café's And Bars Make Sure To Visit El Poblado Which Is Also The Wealthy Neighborhood In The City. The Nightlife Is Growing In The City And The Whole City Is Seen Crawling Outside On The Weekends. Medellín Hosts Some Great Carnivals, Festivals And Exhibitions Through Which One Comes To Know Of The Traditional Paisa Culture. Friendly And Hospitable, The City Is Progressively Growing And Looking Forward To Some Big Infrastructural Projects In The Future.

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