

Traveling to Colombia



Safety advises

Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade: Exercise a high degree of caution

More details: <http://www.smarttraveller.gov.au/zw-cgi/view/Advice/Colombia>

U.S. Department of State: Warning

More details: <http://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/alertswarnings/colombia-travel-warning.html>

Global Affairs Canada: Exercise a high degree of caution (with regional advisories)

More details: <http://travel.gc.ca/destinations/colombia>



About your destination

Colombia (/klmbi/ k-LUM-bi or /klmbi/ k-LOM-bi; Spanish: [kolombja]), officially the Republic of Colombia (Spanish: República de Colombia), is a transcontinental country largely situated in the northwest of South America, with territories in North America. Colombia is bordered to the northwest by Panama; to the east by Venezuela and Brazil; to the south by Ecuador and Peru; and it shares maritime limits with Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Honduras, Jamaica, the Dominican Republic, and Haiti. It is a unitary, constitutional republic comprising thirty-two departments. The territory of what is now Colombia was originally inhabited by indigenous peoples including the Muisca, Quimbaya, and Tairona. The Spanish arrived in 1499 and initiated a period of conquest and colonization ultimately creating the Viceroyalty of New Granada, with its capital at Bogotá. Independence from Spain was won in 1819, but by 1830 the "Gran Colombia" Federation was dissolved. What is now Colombia and Panama emerged as the Republic of New Granada. The new nation experimented with federalism as the Granadine Confederation (1858), and then the United States of Colombia (1863), before the Republic of Colombia was finally declared in 1886. Panama seceded in 1903. Since the 1960s, the country has suffered from an asymmetric low-intensity armed conflict, which escalated in the 1990s, but then decreased from 2005 onward.



Good to know

Language Spanish (official)

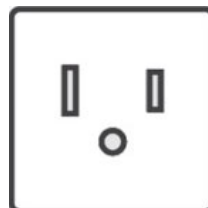
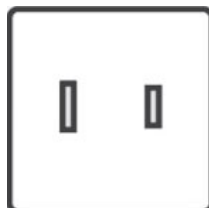
Timezone America/Bogota

Currency Colombian Peso

Rates	Canadian Dollar	Euro	Pound Sterling	US Dollar	Yen
	1,27	0,88	0,69	1,00	107,05

Electricity

110 Volt
60 Herz



Health and risks

Water Drinking tap water in Colombia is not safe

Vaccinations

Malaria

Malaria occurs in some areas. Protect yourself from mosquito bites. Precautions are personal. Consult a qualified medical professional to determine the right actions

Hepatitis A

Vaccination is recommended for all travelers to this country

Hepatitis B

The vaccination advice is personal. Consult a qualified medical professional to determine whether vaccination is useful for you

Yellow fever

Vaccination is recommended for all travelers to this country

Tyoid

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DTP

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