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BOGOTÁ GENERAL INFORMATION

Welcome to Bogotá! Located in the Andean region of Colombia (at 2,600 meters of altitude!), Bogotá offers a particular combination of mountainous green landscapes, old colonial neighbourhoods and high-rise modern and contemporary architecture. Bogota is the capital of Colombia and a dynamic city of 9 million people with a thriving food, art and music scene.

The conference will take place at Universidad de los Andes, a private university located in the heart of the city. Universidad de los Andes, or short “Uniandes”, is one of the best universities in Colombia and ranks among the top ten universities in Latin America. It has a beautiful campus spread across the Andes mountains with great views of both the mountain and Bogotá’s city center. Near the university, you will find La Candelaria, one of the most popular places for visitors for its colourful colonial houses and cultural offer (museums, libraries, colonial heritage buildings, etc.).

The climate in Bogota is rather unpredictable, so you best bring sunscreen together with a rain-jacket and an umbrella so that you can enjoy the radiant sun care-free, because when you least expect it, it may start raining.

For more information please visit:

<https://www.bogotadc.travel/es/guia-viajeros/informacion-al-turista>

<http://www.colombia.travel/en/where-to-go/andean/bogota>

<http://www.lurebogota.com/en/>

Videos

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fsrpymfZTrs> (2min) Bogotá Tourist Highlights - Drone View

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8SjtISOQi34> (60sec) Bogotá in 60 seconds

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8JyWjeXjyZo> (5min) Local Tourism Agency video

36 hours in Bogotá – The New York Times (Dec 2018):

<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/12/27/travel/what-to-do-in-bogota.html>

TRAVEL AND SAFETY INFORMATION

You will most likely be arriving to Bogotá via El Dorado, Bogotá's international airport. After you arrive, head straight to the arrival gates where you will find a line of official yellow taxis ("taxis autorizados"). Look out for the line and a person organizing the line. Taking a taxi here is safe as the taxis go through controls to get into the airport. You might want to get some Colombian pesos in cash in some of the airport ATMs before getting into the taxi as you will only be able to pay cash to your taxi driver.

1 EURO is approximately 3,600 Colombian pesos (COP)

1 USD is approx. 3,200 COP

1GBP is approx. 4,000 COP

Your taxi ride from the airport to Bogotá downtown should take about 20 minutes and will cost around 25,000 COP (8 USD approx.).

Once in Bogotá however we do not recommend taking taxis in the street. Rather, ask in your hotel to call an official taxi. You can also use your Uber or Cabify. If any of these applications also operate in your home country, we recommend you download the application before coming to Colombia and then use it here as you would do in your home city.

Bogotá has a bad reputation in terms of safety. While the city had a terrible wave of violence and crime in the 1980s and 1990s, things have improved in recent decades. However, as in any city, if you take some simple precautions you will be completely fine. One of our key recommendations is to always call taxis or Uber and not take them in the street (except at the airport). Also, be careful of not showing/looking at your phone while walking in crowded streets. Finally, avoid walking at night in certain neighborhoods (especially in La Candelaria). Remember the sun sets at 6.30pm in Bogotá.

ACCOMMODATION

Since the conference will take place at the University of Los Andes, for time saving and better enjoyment of your visit, we suggest that you stay Downtown. This is a good location that allows you to be at walking distance from the university and also in a vibrant and central location. We recommend staying at Hotel Ibis Bogotá Museo. The price range is between 130,000 and 190,000 COP per night (between 40 – 60 USD). If you book early you can get the best rates via booking.com:

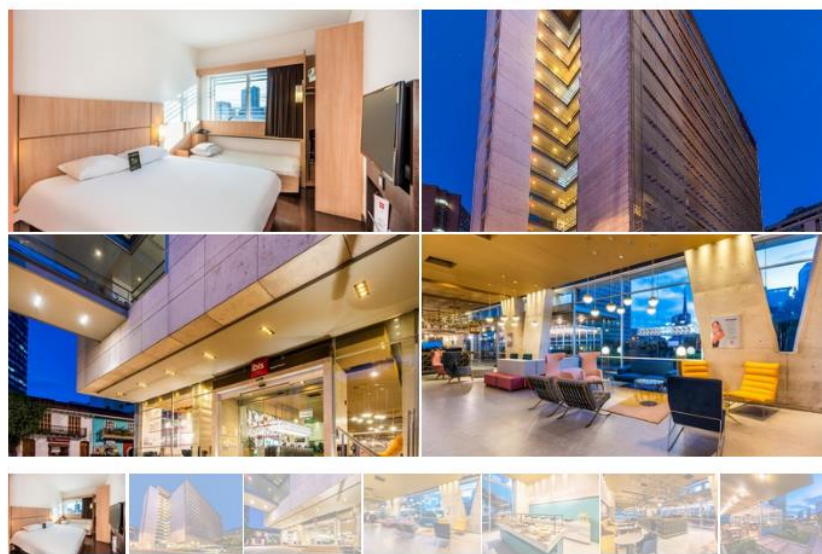
<https://www.booking.com/hotel/co/ibis-bogota-museo.es.html>

However, if you are only able to book later and prices at booking.com are already high, we have made an agreement with the hotel for people attending the conference. This special price for conference attendees is 168,000 COP (breakfast included). If you want a double room add \$21,000 COP to that price. To book using this rate you will have to send an email to h7318-re@accor.com and mention in the email subject “Conferencia latinoamericana de la Regional Studies Association 2019 (RSA 2019).” You can send your email in either English or Spanish.

From the Hotel Ibis Bogotá Museo to the University it is a 20-minute walk or a 7-minute taxi ride. If you choose to walk, we recommend that you walk on 7th Avenue (Carrera 7) and then turn left on to 22nd Street (Calle 22).

Hotel Ibis Bogota Museo ****

Transversal 6 No 27 - 85, Bogotá 110010, Cundinamarca (Colombia) [Ver mapa](#) [Genial ubicación 10](#)



DESCRIPTION
Standard Room with 1 double bed
INCLUDED SERVICES
RJ 11 Outlet, Wireless internet in your room, Tv Facilities, Satellite/cable colour TV
PRICE (1 night - 1 person)
130.000 - 160.000 COP (40-50 USD) - with no breakfast
140.000 - 170.000 COP (45-55 USD) - with breakfast
LOCATION - CONTACT
Transversal 6 # 27 - 85. Bogotá, Colombia https://www.accorhotels.com/gb/hotel-7318-ibis-bogota-museo/index.shtml#origin=accorhotels



CONFERENCE LOCATION

The conference will take place at the Universidad de los Andes campus. However, the campus is big, so take into account that the conference will take place mainly in the Santo Domingo (SD) building which is located at: Calle 21 # 1-20 (if you want to tell your taxi driver in Spanish: Calle Veintiuno, Número 1, Veinte).

On the first day (September 30), the registration desk will be located on the 7th floor of the SD building. Please allow time since you will require to register twice, first at the university building entrance and afterwards with RSA. Once you enter the SD building, turn left to find the elevators and go up to the 7th floor, where the RSA registration desk will be located. The conference will start with a plenary session in room SD-805 (8th floor) and there will be signs leading the way.

RECOMMENDED RESTAURANTS

The food scene in Bogotá has been booming in recent years. It includes an interesting mix of traditional restaurants and others aiming to reinvent Colombian food. Below are some recommendations, enjoy!

In La Candelaria (not far from the University)

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- **La Puerta Falsa.** One of the oldest restaurants in Bogotá. It serves traditional Colombian dishes. Famous among tourists to try *ajíaco* soup.
https://www.tripadvisor.co/Restaurant_Review-g294074-d1085726-Reviews-La_Puerta_Falsa-Bogota.html
- **María Tomasa.** Colombian–Caribbean restaurant. Culinary speciality is fish. Calle 12 #3-83.
https://www.tripadvisor.co/Restaurant_Review-g294074-d8298006-Reviews-Maria_Tomasa-Bogota.html

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- **Prudencia.** Contemporary cuisine. Located in a beautifully renovated colonial house. Highly recommended.

https://www.tripadvisor.co/Restaurant_Review-g294074-d9758969-Reviews-Prudencia-Bogota.html

In the Downtown Area (near Hotel Ibis Bogotá Museo)

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- **Home Burger.** Right in front of the Ibis hotel, this small and minimalist store claims to have one of the best burgers in Bogotá. It might be true.

<https://www.homeburgers.com/museo-nacional>

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- **Restaurante Wok - Museo Nacional.** Asian-Colombian fusion restaurant with a great variety of Colombian juices. Its sustainability and labor practices are recognized among the best in Colombian restaurants. We highly recommend it.

<http://www.wok.com.co/wps/portal/wok/restaurantes/detalle/Museo%20Nacional>

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- **Céntrico.** Colombian food. Great views of Bogotá downtown (located on the 41st floor of a building).

<http://www.centrico.co/>

- **Donostia.** Spanish-style tapas bar. You might need to book in advance.

https://www.tripadvisor.co/Restaurant_Review-g294074-d788130-Reviews-Donostia-Bogota.html

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- **Restaurante Leo** – Sophisticated experimental Colombian cuisine. Named one of the world's best 50 restaurants. You would need to reserve a table in advance:

<http://www.restauranteleo.com/>

In Chapinero

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- **Minimal.** This restaurant specializes in food and drinks from the Colombian Pacific, especially fish. Great atmosphere. Highly recommended.

- **Mesa Franca.** Hip Colombian fusion restaurant with great cocktails. Chapinero hipster scene. Book in advance.

- **Casa Lelyté.** Veggie/Vegan restaurant with a Latin American twist.

In El Retiro (North)

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- **Cevichería Central.** One of the best Colombian ceviches in town. Often crowded.

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- **Restaurante Club Colombia.** Colombian food in an old elegant house in the North of Bogotá. Book in advance

https://www.tripadvisor.co/Restaurant_Review-g294074-d806964-Reviews-Club_Colombia-Bogota.html