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Steph's Quick Budget Fact Sheet

Colombia - Barranquilla

Quick Facts

- ✓ **Capital:** Bogotá
- ✓ **Language:** Spanish
- ✓ **Sq km:** ± 166
- ✓ **Population:** ± 1,1 mln.
- ✓ **Currency:** Colombian Peso's (COP)
- ✓ **Country code:** +57 (5)
- ✓ **Visa:** Fore some countries, check!
- ✓ **Alarm codes:** 123
- ✓ **Vaccinations:** Hep-A / Hep-B / Typhoid / DTP / Yellow fever / Malaria prevention

Read more about the FARC and their ideals, Plan Colombia and Colombia's drugs war.

History Recap Over 1 Drink

1525: Spain arrives. 1819: Bolivar defeats Spanish →Gran Colombia with Ecuador, Panama & Venezuela. 1829-30: dissolved. 1899-1903: War of the Thousand Days: 120000 die in civil war Liberals&Conservatives. '48-57 - 250000-300000 killed in civil war. '58: Conservatives&Liberals: National Front to end civil war. '65: Leftist ELN&EPL, '66: FARC, '71: M-19 guerrillas. '78: President Turbay: fight drug traffickers. '82: President Betancur grants guerrillas amnesty &frees political prisoners. '85: 101 people killed by M-19 in Palace of Justice→Patriotic UP founded. Nevado del Ruiz volcano erupts: 23000 killed. Right-wing paramilitary: murder campaign against UP / violence by left-wing groups/ death squads by drugs cartels. '93: Pablo Escobar (drug cartel) shot dead. '98: Arango president: Peace talks guerrillas→safe haven in south-east. '99: Earthquake kills 1000 people (Armenia/Pereira). 2000: Plan Colombia from US against drugs. 2001: San Francisco agreement FARC: ceasefire→after 3 years peace talks stop: explosion Bogotá. 2004: Right-wing AUC&government peace talks, 2005 with ELN. 2007: Many FARC freed→FARC frees hostages. Venezuela tensions. 2011: Country-wide protests against FARC. 2014: Peace negotiations.

Travel Seasons

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Dry	■	■	■	■								■
Wet					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	
Best		■										
Budget					■	■	■	■	■	■	■	

Altitude: 18m / Tropical savanna climate (hot all year round)

Bucket List For Free

☺ Drive to the Bocas de Ceniza: I narrow road with the Magdalena river on one side and the Atlantic Ocean on the other.

☺ Free museums: Museo del Carnaval & Museo de Arte Moderno.

☺ Churches: Catedral Metropolitana María Reina, Iglesia de la Inmaculada Concepción, Iglesia de San Nicolas de Tolentino.

☺ Free cultural insight: Cementerio Universal.

Worth The Extra $€¥

👍 Take a boattrip with a fisherman on the Magdalena river.

👍 Barranquilla Zoo for the animal enthusiasts.

👍 Museums: Museo del Caribe & Museo Romántico.

Knowledge I'm Taking Home

📖 Hable español: Universidad del Norte.

Budget Bites

⌘ Streetfood is dirt cheap. Tasty (and greasy) in Colombia: Buñuelos (deepfried bread), pan de queso, chicharon (fried fat), arepa's with cheese/meat/ chocolate etc., empanadas (deepfried pastries), almojabana, bandeja paisa. Healthy: Corn (sin mantequilla), mango with lime, coconut, guanabana, guayaba.

⌘ Supermarket: Exito.

⌘ La Panetta, Carrera 51B # 110.

Festivals

☼ Carnaval de Barrranquilla: Tradition, Feb.

☼ Barranquijazz: Music, Sep.

☼ Carnaval de las Artes: Cultural, Jan-Feb.

Mama Said

☠ Watch your bag, buy a lock. Smartphones are popular. Pickpockets work tourist areas.

☠ Colombians don't walk around at night, not even the smallest distances. Don't test it.

☠ Be careful with taxi's. →

☠ Dangerous areas: Southern part of town.

Next?

✈ In Colombia: Cartagena, Santa Marta, Minca, Palomino, Medellin.

✈ International destinations closeby: Brazil, Venezuela, Panama.

Sleep Cheap

❖ The Meeting Point Hostel, +5753182599, Carrera 61 # 68-100.

❖ Mamy Dorme Hostel, +5753440514, Calle 61N # 66-130.

❖ Go Couchsurfing or house-sitting! Or check workaway.

Nights Best Spent

♦ La Troga area, filled with bars and nightlife.

♦ Cantagallo, Carrera 51B # 76-115.

♦ Trucupey Latin Disco, Carrera 50 # Calle 53.

… Seated Down

♦ Teatro Amira de la Rosa, Carrera 54 # 52-258.

♦ Teatro Jose Consuegra Higgins, Calle 58 # 54-59.

Free-Riding?

■ Separate areas are walkable, but to get from area to area alternative transport is recommendable.

■ The bus terminal is located outside town (Soledad). For buses in the direction of Santa Marta, go to the downtown Berlinas bus terminal (closer). City buses go from and to everywhere, route on front… ask locals which one to take.

■ TransMetro is a metro system existing of buses driving on exclusive lanes. More info here.

■ Taxi's are relatively cheap, but take your precautions. Foreigner = money, which can attract robbers. Call official radio-taxi's or use the Easy Taxi app.

Tip: Download the free Triposo Colombia app for an offline map, offline guide & more. Load Google Maps when you have wifi and leave it open, you will still be able to use it offline.

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