



FROM CUBICLE

GUIDE TO MOVE TO COLOMBIA

TO CO-WORKING

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HEY, I'M RJ

Hey there, travel fam!

I'm RJ Mood, your primary guide through this process. As a travel agent and group trip curator with a love for Medellín, I'm here to share my experiences and provide you with valuable insights into the expat life in this city.

RJ Mood



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In this guide, we will walk you through a comprehensive plan to help you begin your journey of moving to Colombia.

By following this plan, you'll gain a deeper understanding what you need to do to prepare to move to Colombia, helpful tips on getting settled and finding community and more!

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YOU AND LET IT
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INTRODUCTION

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INTRODUCTION

Greetings, future Medellín expat! It's the MOOD Travel Colombia team here, and we're thrilled to guide you on your journey from cubicle to co-working in the vibrant city of Medellín, Colombia. I am a Philadelphia native who has made Medellín my home, and I'm passionate about helping others like you navigate this exciting transition.

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WHO IS MOOD TRAVEL COLOMBIA?

Your Passport to Authentic Afro-Colombian Experiences!

Discover the hidden gems of Colombia with MOOD Travel Colombia, your go-to source for authentic Afro-Colombian experiences. We offer a curated selection of unique travel opportunities and group trips designed to showcase the beauty and diversity of this captivating country through the lens of Black travelers.

Immerse Yourself in Rich Culture:

- Explore vibrant Afro-Colombian neighborhoods and markets.
- Experience the rhythms of traditional music and dance.
- Discover the flavors of authentic Afro-Colombian cuisine.
- Learn about the history and culture of the African diaspora in Colombia.

Join a Community of Like-Minded Travelers:

- Connect with other Black travelers who share your passion for exploration and cultural immersion.
- Create lasting memories and friendships on our group trips.
- Benefit from the expertise of our knowledgeable guides.



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Embark on a Journey of Discovery:

- Explore off-the-beaten-path destinations.
- Support local businesses and communities.
- Gain a deeper understanding of Afro-Colombian heritage.

Why Choose MOOD Travel Colombia?

- **Authentic experiences:** We curate trips that offer genuine insights into Afro-Colombian culture.
- **Community-focused:** We prioritize connecting travelers with local communities.
- **Expert guidance:** Our knowledgeable guides provide valuable insights and recommendations.
- **Personalized service:** We tailor our trips to meet your individual needs and interests.

Join us on a journey of exploration, immersion, and reconnection. Let MOOD Travel Colombia be your passport to unforgettable experiences in Colombia.



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WHY COLOMBIA?

Living in Medellin, we've found Colombia to be a truly welcoming and inclusive country. It offers a unique blend of Latin American culture, Caribbean influence, and a growing expat community.

Here's why we love it:

Diversity: Colombia is a melting pot of cultures, with people from diverse backgrounds living harmoniously. This makes it a great place for black travelers to feel at home.

Safety: While safety can vary depending on the location, Medellin has undergone significant improvements in recent years. As long as you take basic precautions, you can enjoy a safe and enjoyable experience.

Affordability: Compared to many other popular expat destinations, Medellin offers a relatively low cost of living, making it an attractive option for those on a budget.

Natural Beauty: From the Andean mountains to the Caribbean coast, Colombia boasts stunning natural landscapes that are perfect for outdoor enthusiasts.



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Warm Hospitality: Colombians are known for their warm and friendly hospitality. You'll likely encounter many welcoming locals who are eager to share their culture with you.

Medellin, Colombia, has truly become our home away from home.



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Year-Round Pleasant Weather: Enjoy comfortable temperatures and sunny skies throughout the year, making it ideal for outdoor activities.

Growing Tech Scene: Medellín is a hub for startups and innovation, offering numerous opportunities for tech professionals.

Affordable Cost of Living: Compared to many other popular expat destinations, Medellín offers a relatively low cost of living, allowing you to enjoy a high quality of life on a budget.

Rich Cultural Heritage: Immerse yourself in the city's diverse cultural heritage, including Afro-Colombian influences that have shaped Medellín's music, dance, and cuisine.

Friendly Locals: Medellín is known for its warm and welcoming locals, who are always eager to help and make you feel at home.

Natural Beauty: Enjoy stunning natural scenery, including the nearby Andes Mountains and the picturesque town of Guatapé.



WHY MEDELLIN?

Tips for Black Expats in Medellín:

Embrace the Culture: Immerse yourself in Colombian culture by attending festivals, trying local cuisine, and learning about the country's history.

Connect with the Afro-Colombian Community: Explore the city's Afro-Colombian neighborhoods and participate in community events to connect with your roots.

Be Patient: Adapting to a new culture takes time. Be patient with yourself and the process.

Stay Informed: Keep up-to-date with local news and events to stay informed about the city and its surroundings.

Medellín offers a unique and fulfilling experience for black expats. With its welcoming atmosphere, affordable cost of living, and rich cultural heritage, it's the perfect place to call home.



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MEDELLIN CLIMATE

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MEDELLIN CLIMATE

One of the many reasons we love Medellín is its pleasant climate. Known as the "City of Eternal Spring," Medellín enjoys a subtropical highland climate that's perfect for year-round outdoor activities. Here's what you can expect:

Consistent Temperatures: The average temperatures range between 60-80°F (15-26°C) throughout the year, making it comfortable for both indoor and outdoor activities.

Minimal Rainfall: While there are rainy seasons, the rainfall is generally moderate, and there are plenty of sunny days to enjoy.

Pleasant Nights: Evenings are cool and comfortable, making it ideal for enjoying outdoor dining or strolling through the city.



MEDELLIN CLIMATE

Dressing for the Weather

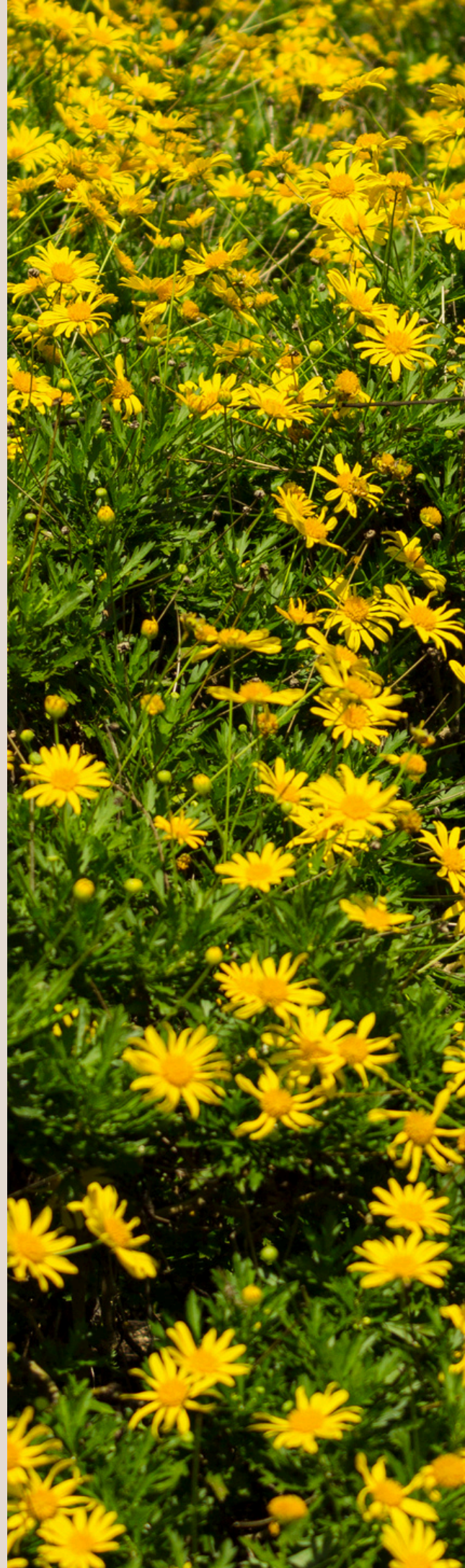
Layers: Pack layers as temperatures can vary slightly throughout the day. A light jacket or sweater is often necessary in the evenings.

Comfortable Footwear: Medellín's streets are often hilly, so comfortable shoes are essential for exploring the city.

Sunscreen: Protect yourself from the sun, especially during the dry season when the UV rays can be strong.

Rain Gear: While the rainfall is generally moderate, it's a good idea to pack a lightweight raincoat or umbrella, just in case.

With its pleasant climate, Medellín offers a comfortable and enjoyable experience for visitors and residents alike.



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MEDELLIN LIFESTYLE

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MEDELLIN LIFESTYLE

Medellín's lifestyle is a unique blend of laid-back charm and urban vibrancy. Here's a glimpse of what you can expect:

A Thriving Arts Scene

Museums and Galleries: Explore world-class museums and art galleries showcasing contemporary Colombian art and international masterpieces.

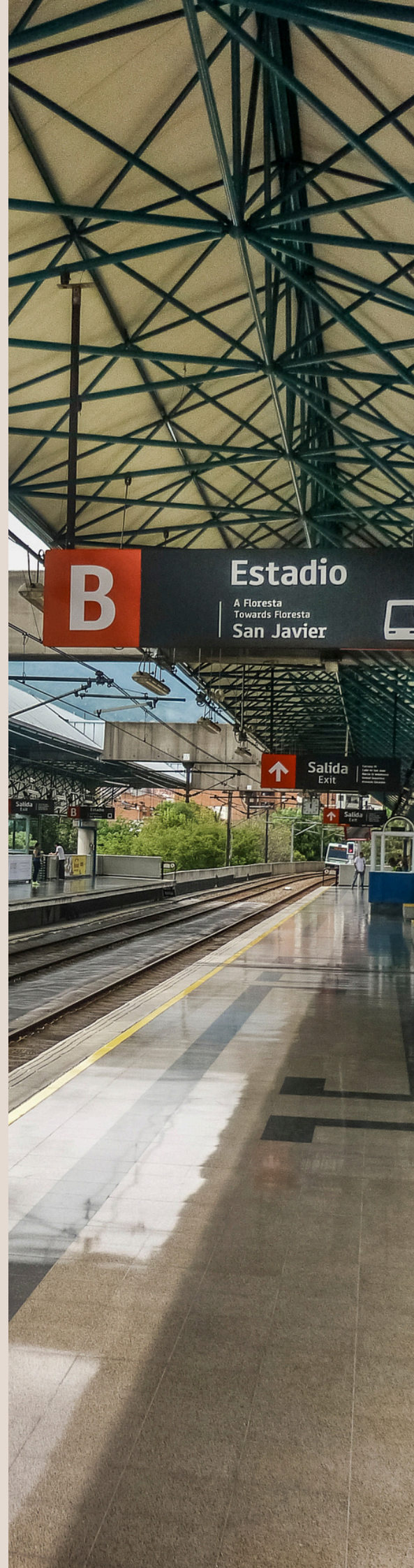
Street Art: Discover the vibrant street art scene that has transformed many neighborhoods in Medellín.

Music and Theater: Enjoy a variety of cultural performances, including live music, theater, and dance.

Bustling Markets

Local Markets: Experience the vibrant atmosphere of local markets, where you can find everything from fresh produce and handmade crafts to unique souvenirs.

Designer Boutiques: Explore high-end boutiques and designer shops for trendy fashion and accessories.



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Strong Sense of Community

Neighborhoods: Each neighborhood in Medellín has its own unique character and atmosphere, offering a variety of experiences.

Community Events: Participate in local festivals, events, and gatherings to connect with the community and make new friends.

Warm Hospitality: Enjoy the warm and welcoming hospitality of Medellín's residents, who are always happy to help and share their city with visitors.

A Vibrant Social Scene

Bars and Restaurants: Discover a wide range of bars and restaurants offering delicious cuisine, live music, and a lively atmosphere.

Nightlife: Experience Medellín's vibrant nightlife, with everything from trendy clubs to cozy bars and live music venues.

Medellín's lifestyle offers something for everyone, whether you're seeking cultural experiences, outdoor adventures, or simply a relaxing and enjoyable atmosphere.



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MEDELLIN TIME ZONE

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MEDELLIN TIME ZONE

Time Zone: Medellín operates on Colombia Time (COT), which is UTC -5. This means it is one hour behind Eastern Standard Time (EST) without daylight saving time adjustments.

Staying Connected

Time Difference: The time difference between Medellín and the Eastern Time Zone is relatively small, making it easy to stay connected with family and friends.

Communication: Use reliable communication apps and tools to stay in touch with loved ones and colleagues.

Scheduling Calls: Be mindful of the time difference when scheduling calls or meetings with people in other time zones.

Adjusting to the Time Change: If you're traveling from a different time zone, allow yourself some time to adjust to the new time.



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DIRECT FLIGHTS TO MEDELLIN

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DIRECT FLIGHTS TO MEDELLIN

Traveling to Medellín

Medellín is now more accessible than ever with direct flights available from major U.S. cities. This makes it easier for travelers to plan their trips and enjoy a seamless journey.

Direct Flight Options

Major U.S. Cities: Here are some U.S. cities with direct flights to Medellín:

- Miami, Florida
- New York City
- Orlando, Florida
- Fort Lauderdale, Florida



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Booking Your Flight

Our Affiliate Link: Use our affiliate link to book your flight and support our community. [HERE](#)

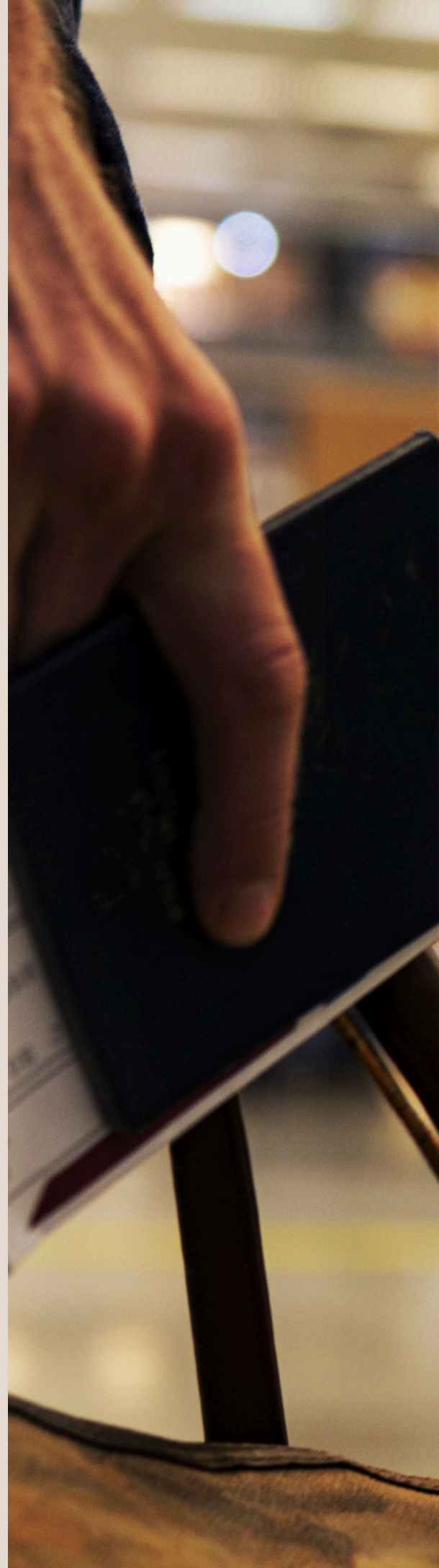
Tips for Booking Your Flight

Flexibility: Consider flexible dates to find the best deals on flights.

Baggage Allowance: Check the baggage allowance for your airline and pack accordingly.

Travel Insurance: Purchase travel insurance to protect yourself against unexpected events.

By taking advantage of direct flights to Medellín, you can enjoy a hassle-free journey and start your adventure in this vibrant city.



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**BEST TIMES OF THE YEAR TO VISIT
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BEST TIMES TO VISIT MEDELLIN

Choosing the Perfect Time

Medellín offers a unique experience year-round, but there are two peak seasons that offer something special:

Flower Festival (August): Witness the city's vibrant transformation during the annual Flower Festival, featuring colorful parades, flower displays, and cultural events.

Christmas Lights (December): Experience the magic of Christmas in Medellín, with the city adorned with stunning lights and decorations.

Other Considerations

1. Black History Month (February): Various events throughout the month: Including cultural performances, workshops, and exhibitions.

Date: February 1-28

2. Afro-Colombian Music Festival (March or April): A celebration of Afro-Colombian music genres: Such as salsa, champeta, and mapalé.

Date: Typically held in March or April.



BEST TIMES TO VISIT MEDELLIN

3. Día de la Afrocolombianidad (July 21): National holiday commemorating the contributions of Afro-Colombians to Colombian society.

Date: July 21

4. Afro-Colombian Film Festival (August or September): Showcase of Afro-Colombian films and documentaries.

Date: Typically held in August or September.

5. Festival de Música de Raíces (October): A festival celebrating traditional music from various regions of Colombia, including Afro-Colombian rhythms.

Date: October

6. Festival de Música del Pacífico (November): A festival dedicated to the music of the Colombian Pacific Coast, which has a strong Afro-Colombian influence.

Date: November



BEST TIMES TO VISIT MEDELLIN

7. Día Internacional de la Mujer Negra (March 8): International Day of Women of African Descent.

Date: March 8

8. Local Community Events:

Throughout the year, many neighborhoods in Medellín host Afro-Colombian community events, such as festivals, block parties, and cultural gatherings.

Additional Tips for Experiencing Afro-Colombian Culture in Medellín:

Visit Afro-Colombian neighborhoods: Such as Moravia, Robledo, and Manrique.

Explore Afro-Colombian museums and cultural centers: Like the Museo Afro-Descendiente de Antioquia.

Enjoy Afro-Colombian cuisine: Try dishes like sancocho, arroz con coco, and mariscos.



BEST TIMES TO VISIT MEDELLIN

Attend Afro-Colombian dance performances: Such as salsa, champeta, and mapalé.

Weather: The weather in Medellín is pleasant year-round, with average temperatures between 60-80°F (15-26°C). However, the rainy season typically runs from April to June.

Crowds: If you prefer to avoid crowds, consider visiting during the shoulder seasons of May-June or September-October.

Visa Information

Length of Stay: U.S. citizens can stay in Colombia for up to 90 days without a visa.

Onward Travel: If you plan to stay longer than 90 days or need to prove onward travel, check out our affiliate link for onward travel options. [HERE](#)

By carefully considering these factors, you can choose the best time to visit Medellín and make the most of your experience.



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DO I NEED TO BE FLUENT IN SPANISH?

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DO I NEED TO BE FLUENT IN SPANISH?

While it's not absolutely necessary to be fluent in Spanish to enjoy your time in Medellín, knowing the language will undoubtedly enhance your experience.

Here's why:

Immersion: Learning Spanish will allow you to immerse yourself more deeply in the local culture and connect with locals on a more meaningful level.

Communication: Being able to communicate with locals in Spanish will make your everyday life easier and more enjoyable.

Opportunities: Knowing Spanish can open up more opportunities for work, socializing, and exploring different parts of the city.

Language Learning Resources

Rosetta Stone: A popular language learning platform that offers effective Spanish courses [HERE](#)



DO I NEED TO BE FLUENT IN SPANISH?

Language Exchange Partners: Connect with local Spanish speakers for language exchange sessions.

Language Schools: Consider enrolling in a language school in Medellín for personalized instruction.

Remember, even a basic understanding of Spanish can go a long way in making your time in Medellín more enjoyable and rewarding.



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TRAVEL SMART

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TRAVEL SMART

Safety First

While Medellín has significantly improved in terms of safety, it's always important to take necessary precautions:

Monoxide Detector: Ensure your accommodation has a working carbon monoxide detector, especially if you're staying in a rental property. Grab one [HERE](#)

Local Safety Tips: Stay informed about local safety guidelines and avoid areas known for crime.

Trust Your Instincts: If something feels off, trust your instincts and avoid the situation.

Essential Items

Identification: Carry at least one form of identification documents at all times.

Cash and Cards: Have a mix of cash and credit cards for your transactions.

Medical Kit: Pack a basic medical kit with essential medications and supplies.



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Travel Insurance: Purchase travel insurance to protect yourself against unexpected events. [Shop travel insurance](#)

Power Adapter: If you're traveling from a country with different electrical outlets, bring a power adapter (Colombia outlets are compatible with USA outlets).

Staying Connected

Mobile Phone: Purchase a local SIM card to stay connected and use mobile data.

Emergency Numbers: Save important emergency numbers, such as police, fire, and ambulance, on your phone.

By following these tips, you can ensure a safe and enjoyable experience in Medellín.



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SELLING YOUR THINGS

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SELLING YOUR THINGS

Packing Efficiently

Essentials and Personal Items: Bring only essential items and personal belongings that you can't replace or purchase in Medellín.

Selling Bulky or Non-Essential Items: Consider selling bulky or non-essential items before your move to save on shipping costs.

Bringing Your Pet to Medellín

Necessary Documentation

To bring your pet to Colombia, you'll need the following documentation:

Health Certificate: A health certificate issued by a USDA-accredited veterinarian within 10 days of travel.

This certificate should indicate that your pet is in good health, free from contagious diseases, and up-to-date on vaccinations.



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Rabies Vaccination Certificate: Your pet must have a rabies vaccination certificate that is valid for at least 30 days prior to travel.

Microchip: Your pet must be microchipped with an ISO-compliant microchip.

Additional Requirements

Age: Pets must be at least four months old to enter Colombia.

Travel with Owner: Your pet must travel with you in the cabin of the aircraft.

No Import Permit: Personal pets do not require an import permit to enter Colombia.

Researching Regulations

For the most up-to-date information and specific requirements, consult the following resources:



SELLING YOUR THINGS

USDA APHIS:

<https://www.aphis.usda.gov/pet-travel/us-to-another-country-export/pet-travel-us-colombia>

Pet Travel:

<https://www.pettravel.com/immigration/Colombia.cfm>

Medellin Lawyer:

<https://www.medellinlawyer.com/>

Selling Your Items

Online Marketplaces: Use popular online marketplaces like OfferUp and Facebook Marketplace to sell your items.

Local Classifieds: Check local classifieds or community boards for opportunities to sell items directly.

Garage Sales: Consider hosting a garage sale to sell items quickly and easily



SELLING YOUR THINGS

Storage Options

Public Storage: If you need to store some of your belongings temporarily, try a storage unit.

By following these tips, you can efficiently pack and sell your belongings, making your move to Medellín as smooth as possible.



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WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN VISITING?

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WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN VISITING?

Choosing Your Neighborhood

Medellín offers a variety of neighborhoods, each with its own unique charm and amenities.

Here are some popular options for first-time visitors:

El Poblado: This upscale neighborhood is known for its trendy restaurants, bars, and shops. It's a great option for those seeking a vibrant and lively atmosphere.

Laureles: A more affordable neighborhood with a mix of residential and commercial areas. Laureles offers a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

Envigado: A nearby suburb with a quieter and more residential feel. Envigado is a great choice for those looking for a peaceful retreat.

La Candelaria: This historic neighborhood is the cultural heart of Medellín, with cobblestone streets, colonial architecture, and numerous museums and art galleries.



WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN VISITING?

Provenza: A trendy neighborhood known for its upscale boutiques, gourmet restaurants, and lively nightlife.

Belén: A rapidly developing neighborhood with a mix of residential and commercial areas. Belén offers a more affordable cost of living compared to other popular neighborhoods.

Parque Lleras: A bustling commercial area within El Poblado, known for its bars, restaurants, and nightlife.

Estadio: A residential neighborhood located near the Atanasio Girardot Stadium. Estadio offers a more affordable cost of living and a family-friendly atmosphere.

Sabaneta: A nearby suburb with a quieter and more residential feel. Sabaneta offers a peaceful and family-friendly atmosphere.

Itagui: Another nearby suburb with a growing population and a variety of housing options. Itagui offers a more affordable cost of living and a convenient location.



WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN VISITING?

Experiencing Daily Life

Local Events: Participate in local festivals, events, and activities to immerse yourself in the culture and connect with the community.

Dining Scene: Explore Medellin's diverse culinary scene, from traditional Colombian dishes to international cuisine.

Socializing: Connect with locals and other expats through social media platforms like WhatsApp, Facebook Groups, Instagram, and TikTok.

Language Exchange: Join language exchange groups to practice Spanish and meet new people.

Tips for First-Time Visitors

Learn Basic Spanish: Even a few basic Spanish phrases can go a long way in making your trip more enjoyable.

Be Patient: Adapting to a new culture takes time. Be patient with yourself and the process.



WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN VISITING?

Embrace the Local Lifestyle: Try new things, explore different neighborhoods, and immerse yourself in the local culture.

By following these tips and exploring the vibrant neighborhoods of Medellín, you'll have an unforgettable experience.



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DIFFERENT KINDS OF VISAS

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DIFFERENT KINDS OF VISAS

Understanding Colombian Visas

Types of Visas

Depending on your goals and circumstances, you may need a different type of visa to visit or live in Medellín.

Here's a breakdown of common visa types, including detailed requirements and costs as of September 2024:

Digital Nomad Visa

Estimated Requirements:

- Valid passport
- Proof of income (at least \$750* USD per month)
- Remote work contract
- Health insurance
- Clean criminal record

Cost: Approximately \$100 USD

Maximum Length: 2 years, renewable annually

Pricing and requirements subject to change



DIFFERENT KINDS OF VISAS

Retirement Visa

Estimated Requirements:

Age 45 or older

Proof of income (at least \$1,000 USD per month)

Proof of funds (at least \$50,000 USD in a Colombian bank account)

Health insurance

Clean criminal record

Cost: Approximately \$500 USD

Maximum Length: 2 years, renewable annually

Pricing and requirements subject to change

Investor Visa

Estimated Requirements:

Investment of at least \$100,000 USD in a Colombian company or real estate project

Proof of funds

Business plan

Health insurance

Clean criminal record

Cost: Approximately \$500 USD

Maximum Length: 5 years, renewable annually

Pricing and requirements subject to change



DIFFERENT KINDS OF VISAS

Real Estate Visa

Estimated Requirements:

Purchase of property in Colombia
(value of at least \$150,000 USD)
Proof of funds
Health insurance
Clean criminal record

Cost: Approximately \$500 USD

Maximum Length: 5 years, renewable annually

Pricing and requirements subject to change

Work Visa

Estimated Requirements:

Job offer from a Colombian employer
Work permit
Health insurance
Clean criminal record

Cost: Varies depending on the type of work visa

Maximum Length: Varies depending on the type of work visa

Pricing and requirements subject to change



DIFFERENT KINDS OF VISAS

Marriage Visa

Estimated Requirements:

Marriage certificate
Proof of relationship
Health insurance
Clean criminal record

Cost: Approximately \$500 USD

Maximum Length: Indefinite

Pricing and requirements subject to change

Staying Updated

The cost of apostilling a document in the USA varies depending on several factors:

State: Fees can differ from state to state.

Document type: Some documents may have higher fees than others.

Number of documents: Apostilling multiple documents might result in a discount.



DIFFERENT KINDS OF VISAS

Additional services: If you require expedited processing or other services, there may be extra charges.

Generally, you can expect to pay around \$20-\$30 per document for the apostille process. However, it's essential to contact the specific state's Secretary of State office for the most accurate and up-to-date fee information.

Here are some resources to help you find more information:

US Department of State

:<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/replace-certify-docs/authenticate-your-document/office-of-authentications.html>

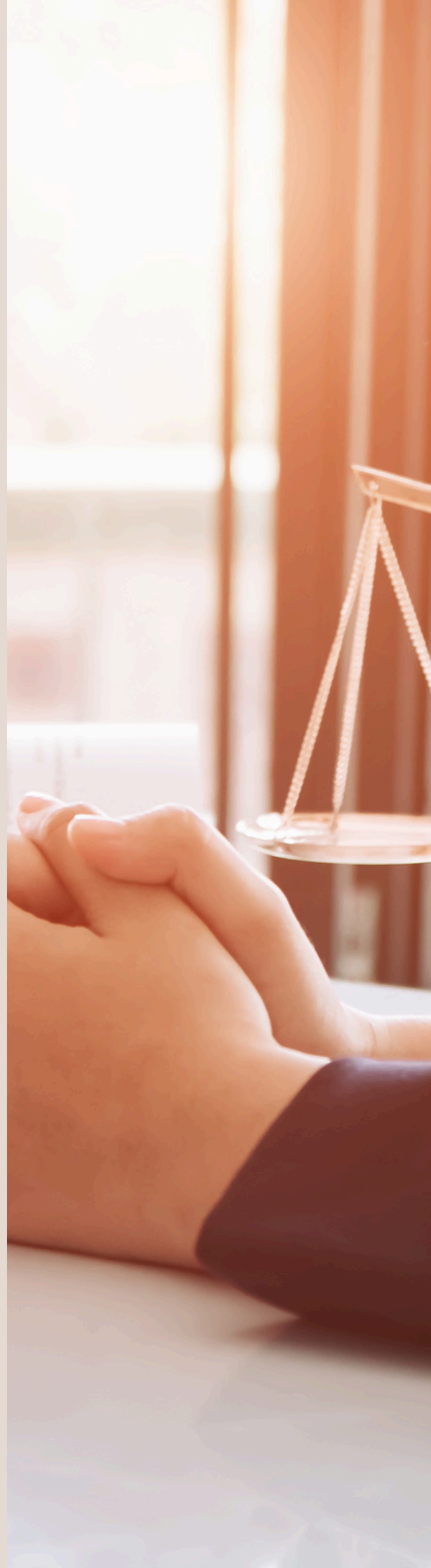
Individual State Secretary of State Offices: Search for your state's Secretary of State office online.

Remember: Apostille fees might change over time, so it's always a good idea to check the latest rates before proceeding.



DIFFERENT KINDS OF VISAS

Visa requirements and costs can change, so it's important to stay updated on the latest information. Check the Colombian immigration website or consult with a visa expert for the most current details.



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**HOW MUCH DO I NEED TO MAKE
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HOW MUCH DO I NEED TO MAKE MONTHLY?

To get a better understanding of the cost of living in Medellín and ensure you're financially prepared, use Expatistan's cost of living calculator:

<https://www.expatisitan.com/cost-of-living/city>

Cost of Goods

Rent: Medellín offers affordable housing options compared to many U.S. cities. You can expect to pay around \$500-\$1,200 per month for a comfortable apartment.

Groceries: Groceries are generally lower in cost than in the U.S., especially fresh produce and local goods.

Transportation: Medellín's metro system is efficient and affordable, making it a convenient way to get around the city. Ride Share Apps like Uber are usable in Medellín and can average \$3-5 USD for a 15-20 minute ride.



HOW MUCH DO I NEED TO MAKE MONTHLY?

Activities: Entertainment and dining out are reasonably priced, allowing you to enjoy Medellín's vibrant cultural scene without breaking the bank.



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HOW TO APPLY FOR A VISA

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HOW TO APPLY FOR A VISA

Applying for a Colombian Visa

Finding a Reputable Company or Attorney

When applying for a visa to Medellín, it's highly recommended to work with professionals who specialize in Colombian immigration law. They can guide you through the process, ensure that your application is submitted correctly, and provide expert advice.

Recommended Companies or Attorneys:

Capital M Law - capitaleme.com

Medical Travel Insurance

Having comprehensive medical travel insurance is essential, especially if you're planning a long-term stay in Medellín. This insurance can cover medical expenses, emergency evacuation, and other unforeseen events.



HOW TO APPLY FOR A VISA

Recommended Insurance Providers:

Get Genki travel insurance [HERE](#)

Additional Tips

Start Early: Begin the visa application process well in advance, as it can take time to gather all the necessary documents and complete the application.

Be Patient: The visa application process can vary in terms of processing time. Be patient and allow sufficient time for your application to be reviewed and approved.

Check for Updates: Keep an eye on any changes in visa requirements or procedures, as they may occur from time to time.

By following these tips and working with qualified professionals, you can increase your chances of a successful visa application and ensure a smooth transition to Medellín.



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FINDING REMOTE WORK

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FINDING REMOTE WORK

Finding Remote Work

Staying Connected

VPN: A VPN (Virtual Private Network) is essential for staying connected securely while working remotely.

Visit our NordVPN affiliate link for top recommendations: [HERE](#)

Remote work job sites:

[Flexjobs.com](#)

[Remote.co](#)

[WorkingNomads.com](#)



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GETTING AROUND IN MEDELLIN

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GETTING AROUND IN MEDELLIN

Getting Around

Medellín has a well-developed public transportation system, making it easy to get around the city:

Metro: The Metro is a convenient and efficient way to travel within the city.

Buses: There are numerous bus routes connecting different neighborhoods and areas.

Cable Cars: Medellín's iconic cable cars offer scenic views and transportation to areas that were previously difficult to reach.

Taxis and Ride-Sharing: Taxis and ride-sharing apps like Uber are also widely available. Uber's can range from \$3-\$5 USD for a 20 minute ride. Your biggest transportation cost will be airport transfers which can range between \$25-\$45 USD.



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FINDING HOUSING

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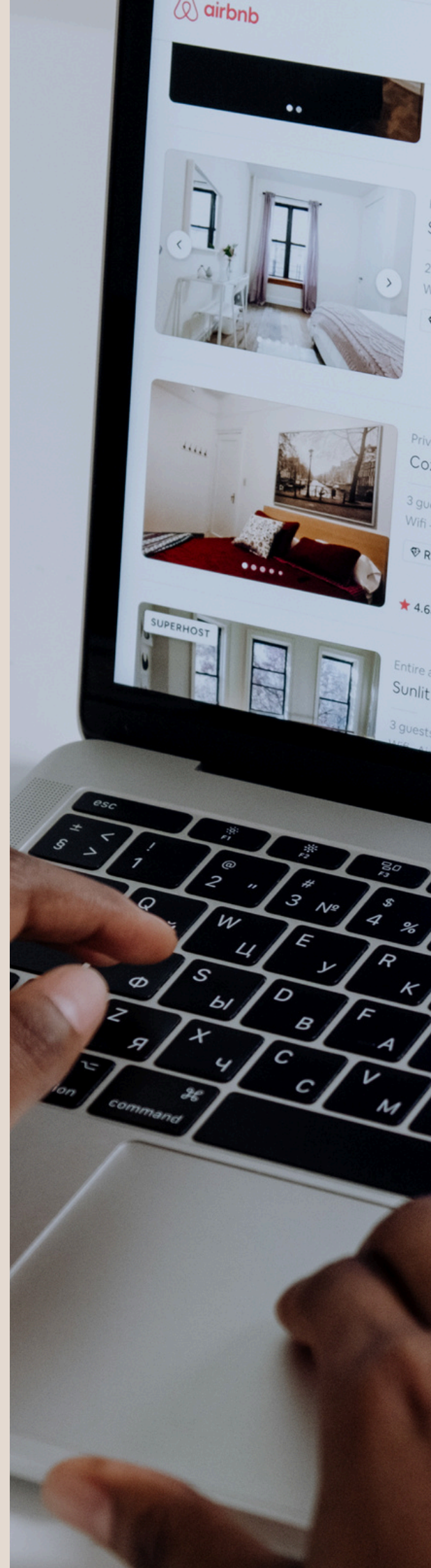
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Finding Housing

Airbnb: For short-term stays, Airbnb is a great option for finding temporary accommodations.

Realtors: Local real estate agents can help you find a long-term rental or purchase property.

Online Groups: Join local expat and housing groups on Facebook and other platforms to connect with people who can provide recommendations and advice.



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HELPFUL APPS TO DOWNLOAD

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Helpful Apps

Rappi: This app is essential for food delivery, grocery shopping, and other services.

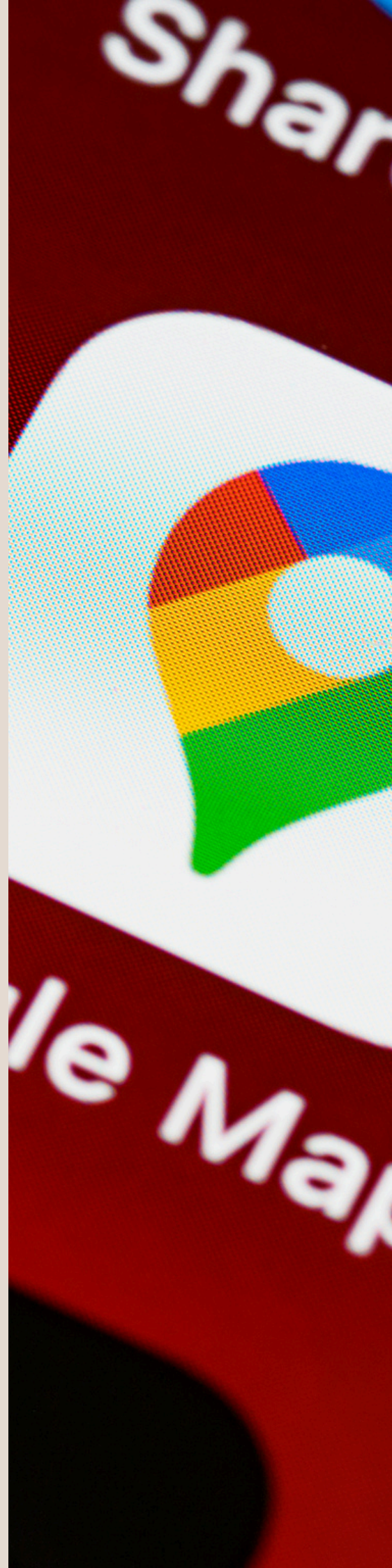
In Drive/Uber: Use these ride-sharing apps for convenient transportation.

Google Maps: Navigate the city with ease using Google Maps.

Google Keyboard: Built in Google keyboard; includes Google translate.

WhatsApp: WhatsApp is a popular messaging app used for staying in touch with friends, family, and colleagues.

By following these tips and utilizing the resources available, you can successfully find remote work and navigate your way around Medellín.



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DO'S AND DONT'S

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DO'S AND DONT'S

Do's

Embrace the Local Culture: Immerse yourself in Colombian culture by attending festivals, trying local cuisine, and learning about the country's history.

Learn Some Spanish: While many people in Medellín speak English, learning some basic Spanish will greatly enhance your experience and interactions with locals.

Participate in Community Events: Get involved in local events, festivals, and activities to meet new people and experience the vibrant community atmosphere.

Support Local Businesses: Patronize local businesses to contribute to the local economy and support the community.

Respect Local Customs: Be mindful of local customs and traditions, and show respect for the people and their way of life.

Don'ts

Engage in Risky Behavior: Avoid engaging in risky behavior, such as using drugs or consuming excessive alcohol.



DO'S AND DONT'S

Ignore Local Customs and Laws: Familiarize yourself with local laws and customs, and avoid any actions that could be considered disrespectful or illegal.

Stereotype or Judge: Avoid making stereotypes or judgments about locals or other expats. Everyone has unique experiences and perspectives.

Be Overly Cautious: While it's important to be aware of your surroundings, don't let fear limit your enjoyment of the city.



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RELOCATION TOURS

Explore Medellín and Cartagena with our expert guides, discovering hidden gems and immersing yourself in local culture.

Meet industry experts from Colombia in immigration, legal services, real estate, financial planning & more! Get to know the neighborhood options with guided tours by local experts in:

Grocery shopping

Malls

Banks

Parks

Restaurants

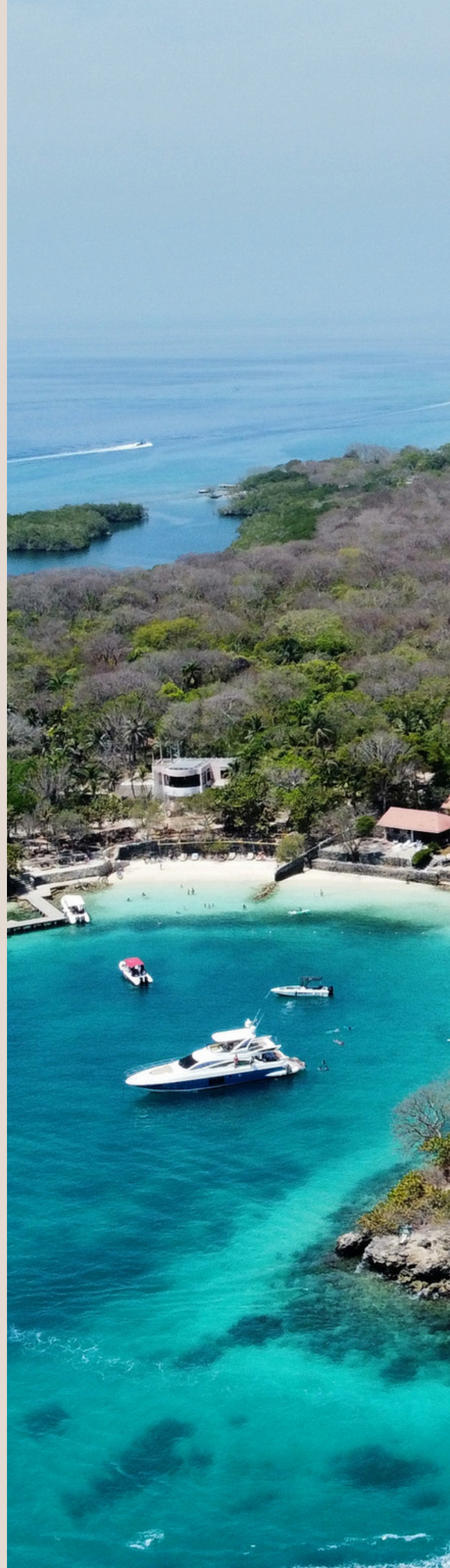
Co-working places

Local hangouts & more!

Neighborhood Tours (Medellín and Cartagena):

Medellín: Poblado, Laureles, Sabaneta

Cartagena: Boca Grande, Manga, Manzanilla





RELOCATION TOURS: MEDELLIN & CARTAGENA

What to Expect:

Community: Meet other people who want to move abroad and enjoy exploring and getting to know each other. There will also be opportunities to meet locals and other expats.

A Learning Experience: Stay in neighborhoods and live as locals to get a feel for how you might like living in each of our destinations. Meet local experts like realtors, immigration attorneys, and financial planners who know the ins and outs of moving to the local country. Get used to the currency, customs, and transportation.

Structure: Our itinerary will include dates in each city, a schedule of recommended excursions to vetted towns and neighborhoods, a group dinner reservation in each hub, and a live seminar with experts.

Flexibility: Everyone's needs and budgets are different, so everything on our itinerary is optional. Feel free to hop on/off as you need and make your own choices about what to spend on food and accommodations. If you'd like hotel or accommodation options to save on rooms, we'll facilitate that in our Facebook group.

Life as a Local: We'll bypass the touristy parts of town and experiences like visiting museums and landmarks. Instead, we'll see livable neighborhoods, markets, and where the locals hang out. It's easy to enjoy the monuments on your own: just add on a day or two at the beginning or end of your journey, bypass an excursion, or visit them in the evening.





RELOCATION TOURS: MEDELLIN & CARTAGENA

Fun: We're all moving abroad for a better life, so we'll work on giving you a taste of what that means to you.

What's Included:

- Daily itinerary of neighborhoods expats live and tours led by local residents
- Volunteer opportunity in Cartagena & Medellín
- Half-day seminar with experts in finance, real estate, and immigration (includes food & non-alcoholic beverages)
- Q&A Sessions leading up to the trip to meet your hosts and fellow travelers
- Group dinner each night (food & non-alcoholic beverage)
- WhatsApp chat group, Facebook community, and other digital tools to make the trip fun and easy

What's Not Included:

- Airfare or transportation to and from the US or within the country
- Accommodations
- Food or drink aside from what is outlined

Pricing:

Medellín (6 days/5 nights):

Single: \$830 PP

Double: \$650 PP

Cartagena (6 days/5 nights):

Single: \$830 PP

Double: \$650 PP

Combo Medellín/Cartagena (11 days/10 nights):

Single: \$1100 PP

Double: \$920 PP



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T-SHIRT & TRIPS

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Experience Medellín or Cartagena for Less

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How it Works:

- Buy a MOOD Travel Colombia T-Shirt: Purchase our exclusive MOOD Travel Colombia t-shirt here: MOODTravelColombia.com
- Receive Your Hotel Voucher: Within 3-5 business days of payment, you'll receive your hotel voucher via email.
- Activate Your Voucher: Activate your voucher at least 30 days before your desired travel dates. The voucher is valid up to 180 days from the activation date.
- Receive Your T-Shirt: Your MOOD Travel Colombia t-shirt will arrive in the mail.
- See You Soon in Colombia!





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Offer Details:

Cartagena: Enjoy a 5-day/4-night stay in Cartagena for only \$319.99 total.

Medellín: Experience a 5-day/4-night stay in Medellín for just \$269.99 total.

Valid for 2 Adults: This offer is valid for up to two adults.

To view the vacation terms and conditions, see [here](#).

To redeem visit:

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[Cartagena](#)

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THANK YOU

Thank you for taking the time to read this guide. We hope it has helped you envision your new life in Medellín and given you the tools to make it happen.

As black expats living in Medellín, we've found it to be a welcoming, vibrant, and fulfilling city. We're excited to share our experiences and help others discover the many benefits of living and working here.

If you have any further questions or need additional information, please don't hesitate to reach out to us. We're here to support you on your journey and help you make the most of your time in Medellín.

Best wishes,



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