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# Bogotá

## Traveler's guide

Andean capital at 2,640 m with the colonial La Candelaria district and its street art, Monserrate hill, the Zipaquirá Salt Cathedral and Chingaza's frailejón páramos two hours away.

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## Nature

Bogotá spreads across the savanna at about 2,640 m, at the foot of the Eastern Hills, where Monserrate rises to 3,152 m. Founded in 1538, its La Candelaria district keeps colonial mansions, churches and streets whose walls are covered in street art. To the northeast, Chingaza National Natural Park, created in 1977 and covering 766 km², protects páramo moorland with frailejón plants, some 40 glacial lakes and the water on which much of the city depends; spectacled bears and Andean condors live there.



## Activities

- Historic centre walk: La Candelaria, Plaza de Bolívar, Chorro de Quevedo, the Botero Museum and, a few blocks away, the Gold Museum, plus graffiti tours that explain the neighbourhood's murals
- Up Monserrate by funicular, cable car or on foot along a steep trail (ascent from 5:00 to 13:00, closed on Tuesdays)
- Ciclovía on Sundays and public holidays, 7:00 to 14:00, with over 120 km of streets closed to cars, or a guided bike tour of the centre
- Zipaquirá Salt Cathedral, about 50 km north: a church carved inside a salt mine, with 14 Stations of the Cross
- Hike in Chingaza National Park (Siecha lakes, Laguna Seca or the Suasie trail), booked in advance and with a guide from a park-approved agency

## When to go

Bogotá is cool all year, with days around 19 °C and nights dropping to 6-9 °C, so bring layers and a rain jacket. Rain is concentrated from April to May and from October to November. In Chingaza the driest period is December to February; from April to November it rains more often and fog is common on the páramo.

## How to get there

El Dorado International Airport (BOG) is about 15 km from the centre: 30 min to 1 h by taxi depending on traffic, or by public transport (TransMilenio). Zipaquirá is 1 h to 1 h 30 by bus from Portal Norte. There is no public transport to Chingaza National Park: access is by private or hired vehicle via La Calera (about 2 h to Piedras Gordas), Guasca or Fómeque, with a booking at least 3 days ahead.

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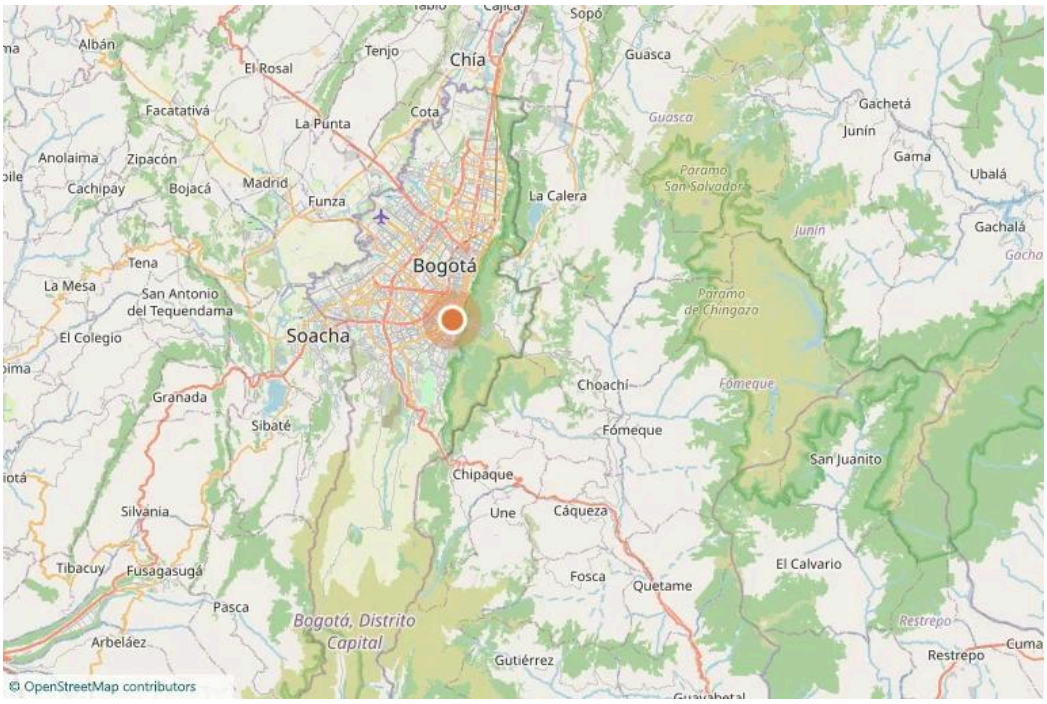
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