



17th Meeting of Directors of the Rabies Programs of the Americas

Bogotá - Colombia

12 - 14 OCTOBER 2023

Participant Guide

The 17th Meeting of Directors of the Rabies Programs of the Americas (REDIPRA17) will be held in the city of Bogotá, from October 12 to 14, 2023.

VENUE OF MEETINGS

The meetings will be held at Casa Dann Carlton Hotel & SPA, located at Calle 93B # 19-44
Phone +57 60 (1) 633 8777
Cell 57 311 2869360
<https://hotelesdann.com/casa-dann/>

SERVICES

During the REDIPRA17, participants will have translation services in English, French, Spanish and Portuguese.

DOCUMENTS

The meeting documents will be available on the event page: www.panaftosa.org/redipra17

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TRANSPORTATION FROM THE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT EL DORADO (COL) TO BOGOTÁ

If you need to take a taxi, try to call one of the local companies that provide this service or in the areas demarcated for this purpose.

All have taximeters that measure the distance traveled, as well as cards in sight with the rates depending on that distance. The service is accessible, costing for a 10km trip for about USD \$5.

- Tax-Express: 411 1111
- Free Taxis: 311 1111 – 211 1111
- Teletaxi: 611 1111 – 233 3333
- Taxi Mio: 633 3333
- Radio Taxi: 288 8888
- Royal Taxi: 333 3333
- Green Taxi: 355 5555

PROCEDURES FOR ENTERING THE COUNTRY

The issuance of entry visas is the exclusive competence and sovereignty of each nation. Please check the information in your country before traveling to Colombia.

It is worth mentioning that **VISA is required** for the countries: **Cuba, Haiti and Nicaragua**. Participants from these countries can register their visa application online via the following link: <https://tramitesmre.cancilleria.gov.co/tramites/enlinea/solicitarVisa.xhtml>

For entry into Colombia, **ALL** participants, regardless of whether they require a VISA or not, must fill out this form 72 hours before entering and 72 hours before leaving: <https://apps.migracioncolombia.gov.co/pre-registro>

CheckMig allows travelers, both nationals and foreigners, who intend to enter or leave Colombia, to pre-load all the relevant information about their trip.

CUSTOMS

The items that can be entered into the country without having to be declared are quite similar to any other international destination, items for personal use are accepted without problems, in quantities that do not presume that they are imported or exported for commercial purposes.

VACCINES

Check with the authorities of your country of origin if there is a need to present proof of any mandatory vaccination to enter Colombia. Remembering that vaccines such as yellow fever, if necessary, require a history of 10 days before the trip.

COLOMBIA

Officially the Republic of Colombia, it is located in the northwestern region of South America. It is constituted in a unitary, social and democratic State of Law, whose form of government is presidential with two legislative chambers. Its capital and most populous city is Bogotá. The country is politically organized into thirty-two decentralized departments and the Capital District of Bogotá, capital of the national government.

Including the island of Malpelo, the Roncador Cay and the Serrana bank, the country covers an area of 1,141,748 km². It is the twenty-sixth largest country in the world and the seventh largest in America. It has about 52 million inhabitants.

It is bordered on the east by Venezuela and Brazil, on the south by Peru and Ecuador and on the west by Panama; in terms of maritime boundaries, it borders Panama, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Honduras, Jamaica, Haiti, Dominican Republic and Venezuela in the Caribbean Sea, and with Panama, Costa Rica and Ecuador in the Pacific Ocean. It has coastlines on the Pacific Ocean and access to the Atlantic via the Caribbean Sea.



BOGOTÁ, COLOMBIA

The Colombian capital is located at 2,600 meters above sea level. To orient yourself in the city, keep in mind that the directions are determined by what are known as "carreras", which go in a south-north direction, and the "calles", drawn from east to west.

Bogotá is a cosmopolitan city, full of contrasts and epicenter of great and varied activities and cultural, recreational, sports manifestations, along with its innumerable attractions to visit.

Thanks to its demographic growth and social and economic development, Bogotá has become a large city, where multiple industrial, commercial, financial and business activities are carried out.

CLIMATE

Bogotá has scattered rainfall throughout the year and the temperature varies little. During the day it can reach 24°C and at night 15°C. The annual average is 14°C.

LOCAL TIME

The time in Colombia does not change in the year and is located in GMT-5.

SAFETY

Just like in any other large city in the world, take care of your personal belongings. Use caution in places with high crowds of people such as public transportation, mass events and shopping centers or sectors. Do not neglect and keep in a safe place your documents, money, jewelry, cell phones and any other item of value.

MONETARY UNIT OF COLOMBIA

The official currency is the Colombian peso (\$COP), issued by the Bank of the Republic. The banknotes that are issued can be \$ 1,000, \$ 2,000, \$ 5,000, \$ 10,000, \$ 20,000, \$ 50,000 and 100,000 and the coins that circulate are those of \$ 50, \$ 100, \$ 200, \$ 500 and \$ 1,000.

It is recommended to change some money for taxis and minor expenses. All shops accept payment with cards. The exchange rate is floating, in the month of September 2023 the average was 1 U\$S = 4,000 \$COP.

The exchange of foreign currency must be done exclusively in exchange houses in airports, hotels and banks, never on the street. The exchange rate fluctuates daily and has the US dollar as its official reference. The settlement to date is COP 4,215.

TIPS

In Colombia, for some services, 10% of the value to be paid is included in the invoice. Remember that tipping is a completely voluntary act, even if its value is included in the bill.

ELECTRICITY

The American standard is used; The electric current is 110W-60Hz.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Generalized Emergency Line: 123

National Police: 112

Firefighters: 119



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