

AMBASSADORS' FACT SHEET

# BOGOTA, COLOMBIA



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To help our students and graduates make a smooth transition to their new lives teaching English abroad, we've enlisted our [ITA Ambassadors](#) to provide us with insider facts and tips for making the most of life in major cities around the globe like Bogota.

Whether it's finding an English-speaking doctor, opening a bank account, or simply finding a supermarket where you can find the odd comfort food from home (peanut butter!), our ambassadors have actionable on-the-ground-tips to help you feel at home in your new home city. Please note that things change and we will do our best to keep these "Fact Sheets" updated over time and that current and future ambassadors will continue to provide the most accurate and up-to-date information possible.

## Meet Our Bogota Ambassador



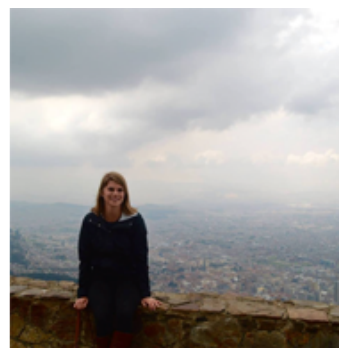
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<b>City</b>	Bogota
<b>Country</b>	Colombia
<b>Visa Type</b>	Work Visa
<b>North American Comfort Food Locations</b>	<p>Generally, the International sections at <b>Carrulla</b> and <b>Jumbo</b> have a pretty decent selection (including peanut butter!). They can be found all over the city in every neighborhood.</p> <p><b>Zona T</b> (Calle 82 with Carrera 13) and Usaquen have a lot of International restaurants and a Starbucks if you really need to treat yourself.</p> <p><b>Attention to all Canadians:</b> There is absolutely no real maple syrup, so pack some with you!</p>



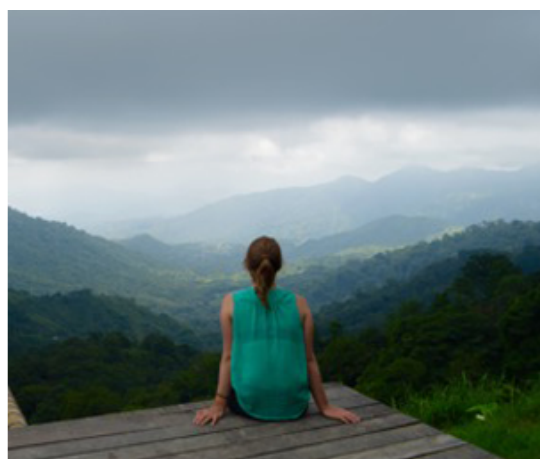
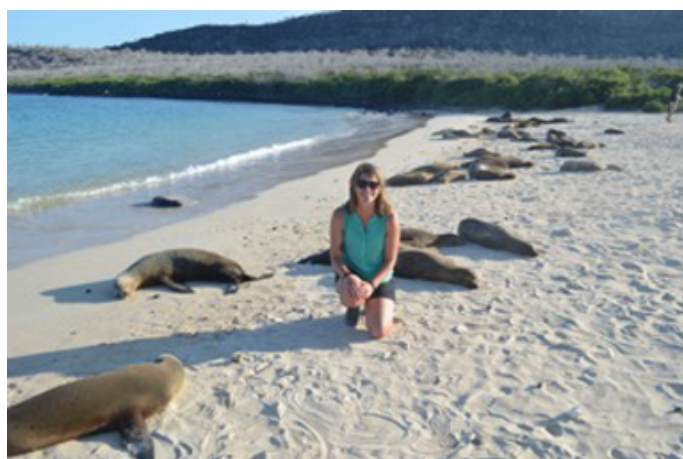
<b>Transportation</b>	<p>Transmilenio is a bus system that runs in its own lane, so you can avoid traffic. It's great because it's cheap and you can get anywhere in the city, but be warned, it does get CROWDED!</p>
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<b>Transportation</b>	Taxis are another cheap and popular option. You do need to be smart when taking a taxi, and it's better to order one on an app, such as <a href="#">EasyTaxi</a> or <a href="#">Tappsi</a> .
<b>Hospitals &amp; Doctors (English Speaking)</b>	Every clinic that I have been to has at least one doctor or nurse who can speak some English. Just ask.
<b>Beauty Supply Stores, Hairdressers &amp; Barbers</b>	Beauty supplies are easy to come by, but it is a little expensive to buy North American brands of make-up, and the selection is a bit limited. Unfortunately, I have had terrible experiences with hairdressers so I don't have any great recommendations - but find someone with fabulous hair and ask them. Then just bring lots of photos to provide as examples.
<b>Bank Account Location</b>	I haven't had to open an account.



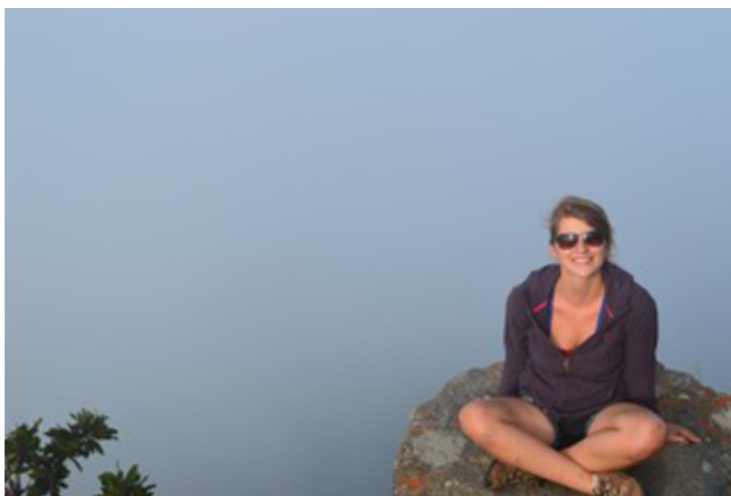
<b>Restaurants</b>	<p>Some restaurants I like to frequent are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <a href="#">Crepes &amp; Waffles</a></li> <li>2. <a href="#">WOK</a></li> <li>3. <a href="#">Julia</a></li> <li>4. The man who sells arepas at Calle 100 with Carrera 19 on weekday mornings!</li> </ol>

<b>Hotspots</b>	<p>Some places I enjoy visiting during my free time include:</p> <p><b>Azahar Cafe:</b> Parque 93</p> <p><b>Top 5 Coffee:</b> Baristas speak English</p> <p><b>Armando Records:</b> A cool bar with a floor of electronic music and a floor of Latin music - the Latin floor is where it's at!</p> <p><b>Parque Simon Bolivar:</b> A green space, entertainment and sports complex located in the middle of the city.</p> <p><b>Mercado de Usaquen:</b> Sundays only.</p>
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<b>Permanent Housing Resources</b>	<p><a href="#">Bogota Short Term Rentals</a> on Facebook is the best resource to find shared housing accommodations.</p>
<b>Expat Community Resources</b>	<p>Most of my friends are Colombian, but all of my expat friends I met through work or traveling during the holidays.</p> <p>Colombians are great people! They will welcome you in and show you the ropes, so take advantage and enjoy it!</p>

<b>Additional Information</b>	<p>Don't listen to the negative things you hear about Colombia. it is a great country, with amazing people. As long as you are smart and have common sense, it is perfectly safe and people will always be ready to help you!</p> <p><b>Useful apps:</b> <a href="#">TransMi</a>, <a href="#">Moovit</a>, <a href="#">Uber</a>, <a href="#">Tappsi</a>, and <a href="#">EasyTaxi</a>.</p>
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### Additional Resources:

- [Teaching English in Colombia: Country Profile](#)
- [Teaching English in Colombia: Public School Opportunities](#)
- [Discover the Secret Allure of Colombia While Teaching English](#)
- [Teach English in Bogota, Colombia: The "Athens of Latin America"](#)
- [Colombia Alumni Facebook Group](#): Only enrolled students & alumni may post, but anybody can check out the conversation between ITA grads teaching English in Colombia on a wide array of topics from job tips and apartment hunting to recreational activities & social meet-ups.