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BOGOTÁ 7 al 9 de Septiembre de 2015

WELCOME TO BOGOTÁ, COLOMBIA!



Climate

The city of Bogotá is situated in the Andean range at 2,640 meters (8,650 feet) above sea level, which gives it a spring climate year-round. During the day the average temperature is 14°C (57°F) and at night 10°C (50°F). Nonetheless, its mountainous climate is completely unpredictable. The sun may be shining bright at dawn, followed by torrential rain one hour later. Generally at night the temperature falls. It is recommended that when going out you take along a light coat or jacket.



Changing money

- The official currency in Colombia is the Colombian peso, issued by the Central Bank (Banco de la República).
- One should only change foreign currency in currency exchanges, airports, hotels, and banks, never in the street.
- The exchange rate fluctuates from day to day. As of August 13, 2015, the exchange rate is US\$1=COP\$ 2,955.
- Credit cards are generally accepted in restaurants and commercial establishments. Taxis and public transportation, however, must be paid in cash, unless you decide to use Uber and pay with a credit card.



Electricity

Electricity throughout the country is 110 volts. The outlets are the same type as in the United States, with two flat pins that plug in. You can buy adapters and converters.



Getting oriented

- Getting oriented in Bogotá is simple. The eastern edge of the city is constituted by the mountain range known as the “Cerros Orientales” (literally, Eastern Mountains). The mountains on top of which are the sites known as Monserrate and Guadalupe are special reference points.
- The urban nomenclature is based on a system of streets (*calles*) running east-west, perpendicular to the mountains, and avenues (*carreras*) parallel to the mountains running north-south.
- The street numbers increase as one goes northward from downtown. The avenue numbers increase as one moves west, away from the mountains.



Dialing in Colombia and internationally

To place phone calls

- For international long distance from a fixed-line telephone you must dial: 005, 007, or 009 + country code + area code + local phone number.
- For national long distance from a fixed-line telephone: 05, 07, or 09 + city code + local phone number.
- Cell to cell: Ten digit number, e.g. 310 200 00 00
- Fixed to cell: 03 + Ten digit number, e.g. 03 315 200 00 00.

- Cell to fixed: 03 + city code + phone number, e.g. 03 1 6 00 00 00

*The city code for Bogotá is 1



Emergency numbers in Bogotá

You can call emergency numbers free of charge from a cell phone or a fixed phone. You can dial 123 free of charge from any fixed or cell phone to communicate with the integrated security system, which brings together all the state security organs (Army, National Police, CTI of the Office of the Attorney General, fire department, and ambulances, among others), who will immediately answer your request.

Other emergency numbers to bear in mind are:

- 112 – National Police
- 119 – Fire Department
- 132 – Red Cross
- 126 – Highway Police
- 127 – Transit Police



Vaccines

Considering that the conference participants will only visit Bogotá, you do not need a yellow fever vaccine. This vaccine is only needed for those persons who will be in humid areas of the country such as the Amazon region and the eastern plains region (*llanos orientales*), among others. In such cases, the vaccine should be given 10 days before travel. If you are from a country affected by Ebola, the routine procedures will be put in place at the airport.

TRANSPORT



Taxis in Bogotá

- Radio Taxi: +57 (1) 288 8888
- Taxi Real: +57 (1) 333 3333
- Taxatélite: +57 (1) 222 2222
- Taxis Libres: +57 (1) 311 1111
- Taxi Express: +57 (1) 411 1111

The following applications are also available for mobile phones; they facilitate requesting safe taxis: TAPPSI, Easy Taxi, and UBER.

For your safety, don't take a taxi in the street, especially at night

Inside the taxi, in a visible place, you'll find the identification of both the car and the driver, and a fare schedule showing the fare for the number of units indicated on the taxi meter. Taxis only accept cash. The transfers to and from the airport, travel beyond the urban perimeter, and services provided at night and on Sundays and holidays have a surcharge. Bear in mind that it is difficult to find a taxi at rush hour (7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.). If you must move about at these times, we recommend that you request the service ahead of time.



Transmilenio

It operates with articulated red busses that have two units joined by a connecting section. The stations are

situated every 500 m, more or less, along the routes. You can get more information at www.transmilenio.gov.co.

CONFERENCE TIPS



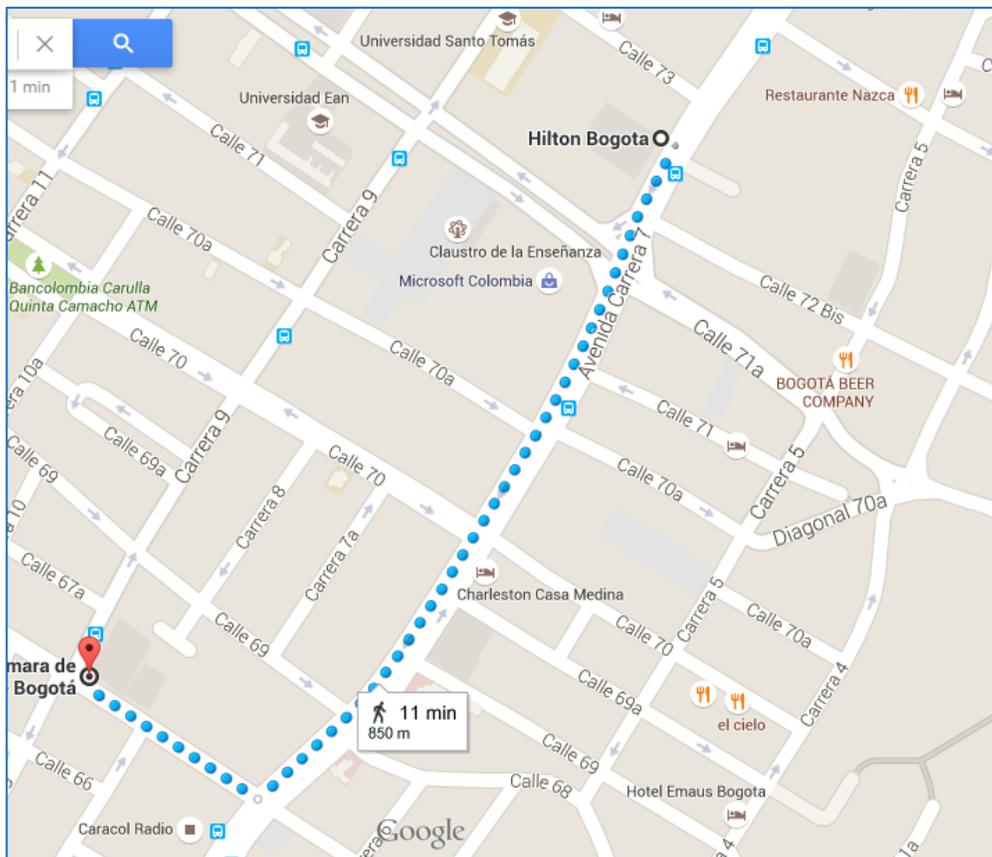
Airport Pick Up

For those who will stay at the Hotel Hilton, we have hired a transport service. The Hotel Hilton will provide transfers from and to El Dorado Airport.



Venue

The first day of the conference will be held at the Chapinero Business Center (Sede Centro Empresarial), Chamber of Commerce of Bogotá (Calle 67 No. 8-32). The second and third day of the conference will take place at the Hotel Hilton (Carrera 7 No. 72-41). The Hotel and the Chamber of Commerce Business Center (Sede de la Cámara de Comercio) are 11 minutes from one another by foot, for those who prefer to walk. On Monday September 9th, a van will be leaving from the lobby at 8:20AM.



Dress code

We recommend business casual. For the first day and the opening session we recommend a somewhat

more formal business suit. Bearing in mind that rain is a possibility we recommend that you bring apparel to protect you from the rain. And given Bogotá's highly variable climate, you should have light and comfortable garments under the above-mentioned.



Lodging

Lodging will be offered by the **Hotel Hilton Bogotá** for three nights. The stay includes wi-fi and breakfast. The hotel is located in the heart of the city's financial district, near the Zona Rosa, one of the most prestigious areas of the city, and near Zona G, which offers entertainment and restaurants, and only 25 minute from the El Dorado International Airport.

The additional charges for other services offered by the hotel (mini-bar, laundry, long-distance, etc.) must be borne by each participant.



Food

Lodging at the Hotel Hilton includes breakfast. During the conference we will offer:

- Coffee breaks (mid-morning and mid-afternoon)
- Lunch
- Coffee available all throughout

For dinner on September 6, 7 and 8, participants may approach the restaurant of the Hotel Hilton and identify yourself as a conference participant, and they will make available a menu with three options.

If you have additional questions or require special support, don't hesitate to contact the event organizers at the following email address:

conferenciaregionalbogota@opensocietyfoundations.org

This information and the schedule for the event may be found at the website:

<http://conferenciahomicidiosbogota2015.org/>