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Bogotá Accessible City Guide

5-day itinerary



for people with
reduced mobility

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Destination: Bogotá

Bogotá is projected more and more as a cosmopolitan city and aspires to become a major **accessible tourist destination** in Latin America. Today it is also a promising business epicenter.

Undoubtedly, the Colombian capital is an entry to understand the culture of the country. Its historic center is full of colonial houses and houses one of the best museums in the world, where pieces from different indigenous cultures are exhibited.

There is so much to do. For this reason, in this guide we propose a five-day **accessible itinerary**. You can always select the information that interests you and plan your trip in the time you have.

You will discover...

- Tourist attractions you can visit as a person with **reduced mobility** and description of their **accessibility**.
- **Accessible transportation** options.
- Recommended hotels from our catalog.
- Multiple links of interest.



Airport accessibility

El Dorado Airport offers you a warm welcome to Colombia. The facilities and staff guarantee a magnificent experience for all passengers. According to Skytrax, it is the best airport in Latin America in 2022.

Terminal 1 loans **wheelchairs** to move around the building. The user can request them at the information point (floor 2, door 5).

If you need assistance, you should inform your airline or travel agent of your needs. You should do it well in advance to avoid unforeseen events.

The airport also has rest rooms, airport health service, luggage storage, ATM's and other amenities.



Accessible hotels



Holiday Inn Express & Suites Bogota DC, an IHG Hotel

The Holiday Inn Express & Suites Bogota is located in the financial district of Bogota. The spacious accessible room is in shades of beige and white. In addition, the accessible bathroom has a walk-in shower with grab bars and a folding seat, WC with grab bars and a lowered washbasin. [...]

[Learn more](#)

Hotel Tequendama

The Hotel Tequendama is located in the financial center of Bogotá. Its location is excellent for visiting places of interest such as the Plaza de Bolívar, the Cathedral, the Gold Museums and the Casa del Florero, among others. The spacious accessible room consists of a bedroom, bathroom, living room, kitchen and seating area. [...]

[Learn more](#)

Hotel TRYP by Wyndham Bogotá Embajada

The TRYP by Wyndham Bogotá Embassy is located less than 1.5 kilometers from the Gran Estación Shopping Center in Bogotá. El Dorado International Airport is 10 km away. The hotel houses a breakfast room, a bar, a business center, a spa and a meeting room. In addition, it has a free car park with accessible parking for people with reduced mobility. [...]

[Learn more](#)

Ibis Bogotá Museo

The Ibis Bogotá Museo is located in a central area of Bogotá, very close to the National Museum of Colombia and just twenty minutes by car from the airport. This four-star hotel is an excellent option for people with reduced mobility who want to discover this accessible destination. The spectacular building houses a restaurant serving local cuisine, a bar, a business center and a cozy terrace. [...]

[Learn more](#)



Hampton by Hilton Bogotá - Usaquéen

The Hampton By Hilton Bogotá - Usaquéen is located in Bogotá's popular Usaquéen neighborhood. Its location is excellent for visiting the center of the Colombian capital. This accessible three-star hotel has accessible common areas for people with reduced mobility. [...]


[Learn more](#)


Ramada Encore by Wyndham Bogota Zona Franca

The Ramada Encore By Wyndham Bogota Zona Franca is located in the Bogota Free Zone. El Dorado International Airport is only 6.3 kilometers away (less than twenty minutes by car), while La Candelaria neighborhood is 15.2 km away. [...]


[Learn more](#)


Hotel bh Usaquen

The BH Usaquéen offers a magnificent stay for guests with reduced mobility. It is located in the Usaquéen neighborhood, the perfect place for those who love to try new gastronomic experiences in Bogotá. El Dorado Airport is a 40-minute drive away, while the historic Plaza de Bolívar is 15.6 kilometers away. [...]


[Learn more](#)


Holiday Inn Bogotá Aeropuerto

The Holiday Inn Bogota Airport stands out for its location near El Dorado Airport, for which it offers a free shuttle service. Simón Bolívar Central Park is ten minutes away by car.

This accessible hotel is an excellent choice for people with reduced mobility, as it has all the necessary amenities. [...]


[Learn more](#)


Hilton Bogotá

The Hilton Bogotá is an accessible 4.5-star hotel located in the financial heart of the Colombian capital. The famous Plaza de Bolívar is 20 minutes away by car.

The 34 square meter accessible rooms are modern, spacious and decorated with black and white photographs. [...]


[Learn more](#)



5-day accessible travel itinerary

Day 1

Once you settle into your **accessible hotel** and recharge your energy after your trip, it's time to explore beautiful Bogotá.

Head straight for the **Gold Museum**. Keep in

mind that the duration of the visit is usually an hour and a half minimum. It is worth going slowly, because in this place archaeological pieces from the pre-Columbian period are preserved.



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The [Bank of the Republic of Colombia](#) website indicates that the **ramp entrance** is located on Calle 16. In addition, it specifies the following information on **accessibility**:

- **Elevators** allow easy access to all the exhibitions.
- The **accessible restroom** for wheelchair users is on the first floor. There is also a restroom for children on the 4th floor.
- Visitors can borrow a **wheelchair** at the Information Desk.
- **Guided tours** for people with **cognitive or visual impairments** are available at this museum.
- **Accessible parking** is available. Users must book by calling 601 3432222.



Your next stop will be the **Miguel Urrutia Art Museum – MAMU**, dedicated to the visual arts. Admission is free and open every day except Tuesday.

According to the [Bank of the Republic in Colombia](#) website, the Main Information Desk of the Miguel Urrutia Art Museum - MAMU offers a **map with the accessible routes** in its exhibition space, the Casa de la Moneda and the Botero Museum. Also, you can ask to borrow a **wheelchair** here.

Next, go to the **Botero Museum**, which houses a priceless collection of the works of Colombian artist Fernando Botero. Follow the itinerary marked on the map and enjoy the interesting visit.

In the afternoon you will have enough time to appreciate the **urban art of the La Candelaria neighborhood**. Some alleys may have steep slopes, narrow spaces, and cobblestone pavements. Try to go with a companion.



Stop at **Plaza de Bolívar**, located in the historic center. In its surroundings, the buildings of the **Palace of Justice**, the **National Capitol**, the **Primatial Cathedral of Bogotá**, the **Capilla del Sagrario**, the **Chapter House**, the **Lievano Palace**, the **Archbishop's Palace** and the **Colegio Mayor de San Bartolome** will capture your attention. Likewise, a **bronze statue of Simón Bolívar** stands out, in honor of the military and politician who was essential to achieving the country's independence.

As an alternative for the first day, you can take a **guided tour**. It will help you delve into the history of all the tourist attractions we have mentioned. One option may be [Hansa Tours](#), which on its website clarifies that the tour is available for people with **disabilities**.





Day 2

When you walk the streets of Bogotá, you involuntarily look up to observe **Monserrate**. Located at 3,152 meters above sea level, this formation has become a "cultural symbol".

You should know that the hill is **partially accessible**. As explained on its [website](#), the site has an **accessible cable car** with panoramic views and an **accessible restroom** for **wheelchair** users. To get on the cable car there is also a **stair lift**.

However, the transfer of the funicular to the sanctuary has a climb with stairs that can be complicated even with a companion to help you.

To avoid barriers, you can simply contemplate the city from the cable car itself and from the entrance area. We recommend you write in advance to info@monserrate.co and inform them about your situation and needs. We leave it to your discretion.





Once the visit is over, move towards the beautiful **Parque Central Simón Bolívar**. Here the people of Bogotá usually walk quietly, practice sports and enjoy a pleasant time with family.

Later you can visit the **Usaquen** neighborhood, whose name in the Chibcha language means “land of the sun”. This area of the city tends to attract many foodies and coffee lovers, as there are a variety of exclusive restaurants and well-known coffee shops.

Take the opportunity to notice the details of Parque de Usaquen, where the colonial architecture of yesteryear is still preserved.

Around you can appreciate the building of the Local Mayor's Office, the Santa Barbara Church (dating from the beginning of the 20th century) or the Colegio General Santander, among other places.

Before returning to the accommodation, some people with reduced mobility have the option of going up to the [viewpoint of the Colpatria Tower](#). On Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and holidays it is open later, so you can watch the night fall. There is an elevator, but keep in mind that you go up to the last two floors via stairs. However, you can call the telephone numbers provided by [The Bank of Nova Scotia](#) website and find out.



Day 3

Today we suggest you go to the **Jaime Duque Park**. This will take up your whole day. Here is a beautiful scale reproduction of the Taj Mahal, one of the seven wonders of the modern world. Likewise, there are replicas of the wonders of the ancient world (the Colossus of Rhodes, the Hanging Gardens of Babylon, the Mausoleum of Halicarnassus, the Lighthouse of Alexandria, the Temple of Olympian Zeus, the Temple of Artemis and the Pyramids of Egypt).

The park opened its doors in order to "cultivate a love for a conservation legacy" of family unity and nature, as well as promoting a cultural center that would generate resources to support disadvantaged people.

According to the official website, a **wheelchair rental service** is available for an additional cost. However, visitors can access with their own wheelchair or stroller at no extra charge.



Day 4

On the fourth day you will enter the spectacular **Salt Cathedral of Zipaquirá**. To do this, you will have to go to Zipaquirá, a city located northeast of Bogotá. You can view the different transportation options on its [official website](#), including which stations you should take the train or bus and where you should get off.

The cathedral is located inside salt mines, from where it gets its name. Its unique architecture will fascinate you. In addition, there is an **inclusive wheelchair service**, adapted to its terrain, so you can visit the place without problems.



Tickets to the venue include visits to the **Brine Museum** and the **Archaeological Museum**, a map projection, audio guide, short film and much more. [Choose the option that best suits your interests](#). If you have any questions, we recommend that you contact Customer Service directly (servicioalcliente@catedraldesal.gov.co).

Dedicate the rest of the day to exploring the historic center of the Colombian city.





Day 5

Before saying goodbye to Bogotá, don't forget to buy some souvenirs for your loved ones. You can find a variety of artisan products in the **Pasaje Rivas** market.

There are also many shops concentrated in the Zona Rosa in Bogotá, which seems like a great place to visit on the last day. If you have

something pending to visit from the rest of the itinerary, now is the time to do it.

In the "More **accessible attractions**" section you will find other suggestions.



More accessible attractions

1 Casa Terracota is located more than three hours by car from the center of Bogotá. It is not included in the itinerary due to its remoteness, but it is worth visiting if your stay takes more days. It is the largest ceramic in the world and was designed by the architect Octavio Mendoza Morales. The entrance fee is reduced for people with **disabilities**.

2 Take a trip to nearby towns or small cities like **Satatausa, Cucunubá, Ráquira** or **Villa de Leyva**. Just keep in mind that the pavement of the streets is cobbled and uneven.



Transportation around the city

The [Bogotá Public Transportation System](#) has several pending objectives. Among them, balancing the demand for buses in all areas of the city and improving the **accessibility** of the fleet.

Below, we provide you with some links where you can obtain more information about the transportation options:

- [Moovit](#). “The most popular urban mobility application in Bogotá”.
- [TransMiCable](#). The 163 cable car cabins are accessible to people with reduced mobility.
- [Movilizate](#). Company specialized in accessible transportation for people with reduced mobility.
- [Turistren](#). Tourist train of the Bogota Savannah.



Medical attention

The emergency number is **123**. You should only call here in case of being gravely ill.

Traveling with health insurance is essential. As we also always mention, if you need medication, take it with you in your hand luggage accompanied by a medical prescription.

You should also know that there are different centers that sell **wheelchairs** and other **orthopedic devices** in Bogota. [Ortopedicos Williamson & Williamson](#), [Colombian Orthopedic](#) or [Superando](#) are some of them.



Other useful information

Concierge Service

Travegali.com provides a **free Concierge service** to all its customers. It is in charge of finding the best accessible room. In addition,

it helps with the reservation of mobility equipment, accessible activities, airport assistance and accessible transportation.

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