



BEST TIME TO TRAVEL TO COLOMBIA

The ultimate guide to great timing when traveling

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Colombia is located in northwest South America. This diverse country has access to the Amazon, Pacific coast, Atlantic Ocean, two deserts and three Andean regions. In the north and west of Colombia you can find beautiful tropical beaches, deserts in the north, and grasslands in the east. Colombia’s Amazon Basin is filled with forests and take up almost the entire southern half of the country. Across the Panama border, in northwest Colombia, one can find the Chocó, a warm and wet jungle-area. Colombia offers a wide variety of excursions like birdwatching, cultural experiences and visiting museums. We hope that the following information will help you to decide which is the best time to visit Colombia.



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How to visit Colombia

Colombia is a definite must if you love nature, coffee, beaches, hiking, and if you appreciate beautiful sites and scenery. It offers so many diverse activities and experiences, it is a great place to visit with your family or loved ones. We at Kuoda specialize in customized travel, and it is our passion to create life-changing experiences that you will always remember. We have proudly earned our reputation, and we would love to hear more about you and your travelling ideas. Our travel designers are waiting for you, so contact us now to tell us more about your dream vacation to Colombia.





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In Dry Season

The dry season offers a bigger list of outdoor activities to indulge in, which makes it an ideal time to travel to Colombia. Some popular activities that can be done during this season include hiking, surfing, birdwatching, wildlife viewing, and food tours. December to January, and then again in July to August, fall under the dry season in Colombia. July to August are the shoulder months and less crowds can be expected during this time.

In Wet Season

Colombia turns to a beautiful lush green during the months of April to May and October to November. Although there are fewer opportunities for outdoor expeditions due to the rain, the country still offers many alternative experiences that are unique to the land. Visit a museum to learn more about the country’s culture and history, or a coffee farm to taste the different flavors of Colombian coffee, or try something more extreme like kayaking or river rafting – there are still ample opportunities to get the most out of your trip in Colombia, even in the rainy season.





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The Beaches

The Caribbean Coast is known for its picturesque beaches, clear turquoise waters, and memorable snorkeling expeditions. The Pacific Coast offers large beaches, big surf, and more solitude. These are undoubtedly some of the most stunning beaches in the world.

The best months to visit the beaches in Colombia are March, and also August to September. Spend longer days soaking up the sun on the beach in March, when the weather is the sunniest – or opt for August to September if you can't make it in March. The weather is still warm in the drier months, which permits better visibility for snorkeling.



The Wildlife

Colombia is known for its incredible wildlife because of its diverse geography. There are many opportunities to experience unique flora and fauna throughout the country – with two different coastlines, the Andes Mountains, and the Amazon rainforest. The best months to visit Colombia for wildlife are from February to March and August to September.

For exploring the wilderness, it is best to consider the dry season which runs from February to March. The weather conditions make it easier to spot iguanas, monkeys, and if you are lucky – a jaguar! The weather is warmer from August to September, and provides better conditions for hiking, which is a great way to see animals in their natural habitat.





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Surfing

Around the world Colombia is a well-known surfer's hotspot. With two different oceans, the Pacific and the Atlantic, you can enjoy surfing through different times of the year. The weather conditions should definitely be considered if you are planning your trip to Colombia to catch some waves. The best months for surfing in Colombia are from January to March. These months provide a more consistent surf around the whole country. However, August to September offer bigger waves on both coasts.

Hiking

Colombia is a great destination for hiking lovers in search for adventure. The Santa Marta Mountains, three ranges of the Andes and the Amazon rainforest boasts with magical landscapes for hikers to explore. Obviously, it is important to check the weather conditions before planning your hiking trip to Colombia. January to March and July to August are the best months for hiking in Colombia. The weather conditions are perfect for hiking during this time and gives you the best views that the country has to offer



Sightseeing

Colombia is a land of spectacular attractions with popular cities like Cartagena and Medellin, nature reserves and protected national parks like Tayrona National Natural Park and stunningly beautiful hikes like The Lost City Trek. It has some of the most beautiful sites in the world, but it is important to consider the weather conditions throughout the year to make sure that these sites are accessible during your travel dates. The dry and shoulder seasons are the best months for sightseeing in Colombia.

These months fall between December and March, and again from August to September. These weather conditions are the best for outdoor excursions and the shoulder months attract less crowds.



Birdwatching

Colombia is a very popular destination for birdwatchers. Thousands of bird species can be found here, many of whom are endemic to Colombia. With so many natural landscapes, protected national parks and two coastlines – Colombia offers an abundant environment for birds, and gives you the opportunity to see them in their natural habitat.

The dry season runs from January to March and this is the best time to visit Colombia for birdwatching. The clear weather gives you more opportunities to spot some rare beauties in nature. The shoulder months from July to September are also good months as one can expect smaller crowds.

A Coffee Tour

Colombia is the third-largest global producer of coffee behind Brazil and Vietnam. Coffee tourism is becoming more and more popular and offers a very unique experience. Visiting a coffee farm in Colombia and witnessing how much effort goes into the production will give a deeper appreciation to your cup of coffee. This activity is highly recommended for coffee drinkers, and promises a very memorable experience.

The coffee harvesting season in Colombia runs from November to March. This is a great time to visit the coffee region of Colombia, because you will see the whole process of how coffee is made from the farm to your cup.

Couples

Colombia is a great place for couples for obvious reasons. Couples can enjoy the pristine beaches, indulge in birdwatching, or explore the jungle on an all-inclusive jungle trip. These are just a few of the diverse activities that you can experience as a couple together in Colombia to spice up your love-life.

The best months for couples to visit Colombia are from January to March and then again from August to September. The weather is drier which offers a wider variety of activities for couples, and during the shoulder months, from July to September, couples can expect lesser crowds.

Family Travel

The dry season in Colombia offers the opportunity to experience a bigger variety of excursions as a family. These months run from January to March, and the weather is still warm – but without the rain that may ruin your family plans for the day. There are many things that you can do with your family like hiking, birdwatching and wildlife viewing.

The shoulder months, from July to September, can also be considered when traveling as a family. They provide less crowds and the opportunity to add more activities on your list.

