

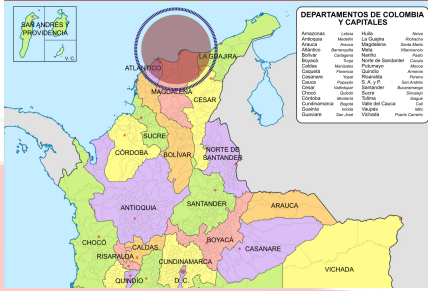
TRAVEL SAFETY

Ernesto Cortissoz International Airport Security Guide

Colombia

2025

Ernesto Cortissoz International Airport – BAQ



Visitors

- It has around 2.3 million inhabitants, including the district and its metropolitan area.
- Barranquilla receives an average of 1.6 million visitors per year.



General information

Located in the municipality of Soledad, 7 km south of downtown Barranquilla, it is the fifth most important airport in the country in terms of passengers and the fourth in terms of cargo. Barranquilla is the main commercial hub of Colombia's Caribbean region, as it has the most important river port in this region, located at the mouth of the Magdalena River. The city is located on the western bank of the Magdalena River, so its altitude varies between 0 and 140 meters above sea level. It has a dry tropical climate



The airport

- 1.It has a terminal divided into two piers, one for domestic flights and the other for international flights. The runway is 3001 meters long and 45 meters wide.
- 2.It has three parking platforms, one for commercial passenger aircraft, another for cargo aircraft, and the last one for the military base.
- 3.Immigration control in the country is handled by Migración Colombia and the Barranquilla Immigration Center, which has an Immigration Services Facilitation Center (CFSM).
- 4.Colombians over the age of 12 are allowed to enter using biometrics through the Biomig system.
- 5.Customs control is carried out before leaving the airport. International travelers must consider DIAN Form 530 only if they exceed the allowances for non-commercial goods.
- 6.Security is the responsibility of the National Police and the Civil Aviation Authority.



The emergency contacts you might need are:

Police	123
Ambulance	125
Emergency	123
Firefighters	119



Some requirements Colombia has for travelers are:

- Valid passport or national identity document if you are a citizen of a MERCOSUR country.
- Visa (if applicable).
- Return ticket or onward travel ticket.
- Yellow fever vaccination if coming from Amazonian countries or planning to visit the Colombian Amazon.
- Check-Mig form.



Travels

Routes and travel times from the airport to the main hotel and financial areas:



Traffic

Peak traffic hours in Barranquilla: 6:00–9:00 AM and 4:30–7:00 PM.

1. -North Zone (El Prado - hotel district): upon leaving the airport, take Calle 17/Vía Alterna al Puerto merge onto Calzada de la Cordialidad cross the Pumarejo Bridge over the Magdalena River take the exit towards Av. Murillo continue on Carrera 52.
2. -Buenavista (financial district): when leaving the airport, take Calle 17/Vía Alterna al Puerto merge onto Calzada de la Cordialidad cross the Pumarejo Bridge over the Magdalena River continue on Av. de las Américas/Carrera 57 turn onto Calle 85.
3. -Historic Center: when leaving the airport, take Calle 17/Vía Alterna al Puerto merge onto Calzada de la Cordialidad cross the Pumarejo Bridge over the Magdalena River take the exit towards the Center/Historic Center via Vía 40 or Avenida del Río merge onto Avenida del Río/Carrera 57B.



Weather conditions



27°C throughout the year. November to April are the windiest and rainiest.



27°C throughout the year. June to August is the driest season.



RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.Avoid exchanging currency outside the airport premises.
- 2.Always protect your personal belongings, both inside and outside the airport.
- 3.Collect your personal items from the baggage carousel as soon as possible.
- 4.Only use reliable transportation apps with verification codes.
- 5.Avoid discussing travel plans, transfers, or business in the vicinity of the airport or other public areas.
- 6.Make sure you always have your personal documents with you.
- 7.Be discreet; do not wear jewelry, carry large sums of cash, or carry valuable items in your carry-on or checked baggage.
- 8.Avoid public charging ports due to possible data theft via USB ports.
- 9.Be wary of strangers offering to help you with paperwork or luggage, especially if they do not have airport employee identification.
- 10.Use an E-Sim with data or a paid VPN, but not the airport's free WiFi.

