

III UNIANDES PARTICLE DETECTOR SCHOOL

WELCOME TO UNIVERSIDAD DE LOS ANDES AND TO BOGOTÁ

Universidad de los Andes is located at the heart of Bogotá's downtown. Like any downtown of a large city, this neighborhood is a very lively and exciting place; however, like in any other big metropolis, the visitor must be cautious and take some precautions to avoid dangers. Here we include some basic safety recommendations.

From the Airport to Downtown D.C. Area

You may need to take a taxi at the airport. For this it is important to have Colombian Pesos (COP\$) since taxi drivers do not accept foreign currency. Make sure it is an official airport taxi by consulting at an information booth before. The rate should cost less than COP\$ 30,000.00 (thirty thousand pesos). US\$ 1 ≈ COP\$ 3,000.00; € 1 ≈ COP\$ 3,400.00.

Street Numeration and Address Plates

It is very useful to understand the numeration system of the streets of Bogotá, not to get lost. The streets that run south-north (parallel to the mountains or “cerros”) are called *Carreras*. The streets that run east-west (perpendicular to the mountains) are called *Calles*. Each *Carrera* has a number; the numeration starts at the skirts of the mountains and increases as one moves west (away from the mountains). Each *Calle* also has a number that increases as one moves north. The first number on the plate of a house or building located in a *Carrera* tells you the closest *Calle* south of where you are (for instance, Carrera 3a # 18-10 would mean a place located at Carrera 3a just north of Calle 18th). In case the building is in a *Calle*, the first number in the plate tells you the closest *Carrera* east of where you are. Knowing this may be very useful.

Universidad de los Andes is located at the beginning of Calle 18A (behind the *Church of Las Aguas*) and on Carrera 1 (against the mountains). The complete official street address for Universidad de los Andes is **Cr.1 #18A-12**.

Safe Sectors in Downtown Bogotá

The sector of downtown between the mountains and Carrera 7, and between Calle 10 and Calle 19 is a reasonably safe area. We strongly recommend not to go beyond Carrera 7 away from the mountains, and not to go beyond Calle 10 towards the south.

We also recommend being cautious when displaying expensive cell-phones, cameras or laptops on the streets at any time, and to avoid walking alone late at night. Taxis are reasonably priced and usually there are plenty available; when taking a taxi it is advisable to ask your hotel, restaurant or shopping mall to get one for you.

In order to exchange money into Colombian pesos you can do it at the Airport upon arrival, but if this becomes unfeasible or inconvenient, there are several money-exchange offices in

downtown. We recommend consulting your lodging staff or the School organizers before making the transaction, if you are unsure. However, the simplest and safest way to exchange money is to use the ATM machines inside the campus of the university. There are several of them and they are connected to most international ATM networks, thus withdrawing money from them should cause no problem. Tap water in Bogotá is of very good quality, however if you have gastric problems, the recommendation is to avoid drinking it.

Bogota's Old Town

Universidad de los Andes is next to the old and traditional neighborhood of *La Candelaria* (just south of Avenida Jimenez and east of Carrera 7). A place full of small streets, old houses, museums and countless small restaurants and bars. At the other end of the neighborhood, in Carrera 7 with Calle 11 you will find la *Plaza de Bolivar*, where the three powers of the Colombian State have their main buildings: The Presidential Palace, the Congress Building and the Justice Palace. You can get plenty of touristic information about this area from your lodging counter.

Access to the University

The University has several gates, but access is restricted. In order to get in and out of the campus, students and employees have ID-Cards that activate turnstiles automatically. The outsiders have to register at the guard post by the gate, where they have been previously authorized for entrance in a written document, or have a contact person with telephone number inside the University, who will be called and who will authorize the entrance.

The most direct entrance to the campus of Universidad de los Andes, coming from the Avenida Jimenez (also called Environmental Axis, "Eje Ambiental" in Spanish), is the gate at *Edificio Franco* (Building G), which is one block east away from said street. The address for this entrance is the same as the official street address for the University: Cr.1 #18A-12. You will locate the entrance easily, following the following landmark-monument, of local historic figure Policarpa Salavarrieta. This landmark is located looking west, with the street leading to Universidad de los Andes behind it.



Access to the University for the Detector School Participants (REVISAR)

First day:

You should go to the entrance gate of *Edificio Franco* (Building G) where you are be preauthorized for entrance. You should report yourself at the guard-post, where you should present your passport/identification document, and get access to the campus. In case of any problem, ask the guard to contact the Physics Department (*Departamento de Física*) at telephone extension 2730 or 2795. Upon registration the first day, you will get an ID card that will allow you to enter the University during the duration time of the School.

Next days:

You just use your card at the turnstiles to get in and out of the campus.

Contact telephone numbers (COMPLETAR)

In case of any problem at any time you could contact the organizers by telephone. The country code of Colombia is (57). The city code of Bogotá is (1). Mobile phones do not have city codes, but they do need the country code.

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Wi-Fi Access on the University Campus (REVISAR)

The wireless network of the university, named SENECA is available and visible in the whole campus. You can connect to it using any browser and login in with the following information:

Username (cuenta):

Password (clave):

If you don't have a laptop (REVISAR)

In the same building where speeches will be given (Building B), there is a computer room on the fourth floor. All computers have Microsoft Windows installed, and you can use them. The user account for login is:

Username:

Password:

Restaurants in the Area

Bogotá, being a very large city, has several *gastronomic areas* (neighborhoods with a large selection of restaurants). Here we mention a few restaurants within walking distance from the University that could be options for lunch or dinner. This selection covers all prices and kinds of food.

Restaurants on the “Eje Ambiental”:

These restaurants are near the university, most of them across the park in front of the Engineering building (Building ML). They usually are only open for lunch.

- CAFÉ DEL RIO. Carrera 2 # 19 – 20. Price: 4 to 5 US dollars. Home cooking.
- AREPA DE HUEVO. Little window at the corner of Carrera 2 and Calle 19bis. Typical Colombian street food, like “*empanadas*” and “*arepas de huevo*”. Price \$ 1 – 2 US dollars.
- WOK Y PARRILLA. Diagonal 20 A # 0 – 28. Price: 5 – 8 US dollars. Grilled meats and oriental rice dishes.
- WOK TO WALK. Diagonal 20 A # 0 – 76. Price: 5 – 8 US dollars. Asian food.
- PITA INN. Diagonal 20 A # 0-60. Price: 5 – 8 US dollars. Asian food.
- SUBWAY. Diagonal 20 A # 0 - 54US chain restaurant specialized on sandwiches. Price: 5 – 10 US dollars.
- RANDY’S. Carrera 1 # 20 A – 45. Price: 8 – 10 US dollars. Hamburgers.
- HIPS. Carrera 2 # 18A – 30. Price: 5 – 8 US dollars. Colombian food.

Restaurants around *Parque de los Periodistas*:

These restaurants are located on the Eje Ambiental as you walk down from the University, in the park in front of the Hotel Continental, called “Parque de los Periodistas”.

- EL MADRIGAL. Carrera 3A # 16 – 88. Price: 4 US dollars. Good and inexpensive Colombian home cooking food.
- DOS GATOS Y SIMONE. Carrera 3A # 16A – 12. Price: 5 – 10 US dollars. Mexican food.
- SAINT JUST. Calle 16A # 2 -73. A few meters up the street from the Eje Ambiental. Price: 8 – 10 US dollars. French food with a Colombian twist.
- CASA VIEJA. Av. Calle 13 (Av Jimenez) # 3 – 57 (30 meters from the hotel on the park). Traditional restaurant of typical Colombian food. Price: 20 – 30 US dollars.
- SAN ALEJO. Av. Calle 13 (Av Jimenez) # 3 – 73 (next to restaurant Casa Vieja). Typical Colombian food. Price: 15 – 20 US dollars.

Restaurants on Avenida Jimenez:

- SHAWARMA – KHALIFA. Avenida Jimenez # 4 - 45 (Across the avenue from Hotel Continental). Price: 5 – 10 US dollars. Arab food.
- CREPS AND WAFFLES. Avenida Jimenez # 4 – 55. (Across the avenue from Hotel Continental). Price: 10 – 15 US dollars. Salty and sweet crepes of several kinds, large selection of desserts.
- BOULEVARD SESAMO. Avenida Jimenez # 4 – 64 (down the street from the hotel). Price: 4 – 8 US dollars. 100% vegetarian food.
- CAFÉ NAS. Avenida Jimenez # 4 – 77 (restaurant of the Hotel Augusta). Price: 10 – 20 US dollars. Mediterranean food.
- AMARILLO. Avenida Jimenez # 5 – 28. Price: 10 – 20 US dollars. US South –West food.
- TERRACOTA. Avenida Jimenez # 5 – 32. Price: 8 – 15 US dollars. Colombian food.
- CAFETARIA LA ROMANA. Avenida Jimenez # 6 – 65. Price: 10 – 15 US dollars. Italian food.

Restaurants on Carrera 3:

These restaurants are near the Hotel Continental, walking south on Carrera 3, a narrow street that takes you into the La Candelaria neighborhood.

- L'JAIM. Carrera 3 # 12C – 29. Price: 5 – 8 US dollars. Israeli food (open for lunch).
- CASA DE CITAS. Carrera 3 # 12B – 35. Price: 10 – 20 US dollars. Good Peruvian food.

Restaurants on Calle 19:

- DOMINÓ. On the corner of Calle 19 and Carrera 3, right in front of the Transmilenio bus station of “Las Aguas”. Price: 8 – 12 US dollars. Colombian food for lunch, beer and bar food at night.
- SALSAMENTARIA MARANDUA. Calle 19 # 4 – 25. Fine wines, beers, liquors and charcuterie.
- BAHIA DEL MAR. Carrera 4 # 19 – 15, a few meters walking north on Carrera 4 from Calle 19. Price: 5 – 12 US dollars. Seafood and Italian food.

Souvenirs

If you want to buy typical Colombian souvenirs we recommend the Gold Museum Store, located inside the world famous Gold Museum (on the park located at Calle 16 and Carrera 7; three

blocks down the street from the Hotel Continental, on Calle 16). Next to the museum there are several stores specialized on Colombian crafts, which may be less expensive.