BOGOTÁ, COLOMBIA

Getting to Distrito Ferial

Everything international visitors need to know about getting from El Dorado Airport to Pontificia Universidad Javeriana — transportation, maps, restaurants, and practical tips.

El Dorado Airport —— 25–40 min —— **U. Javeriana**

Where is Universidad Javeriana?

Pontificia Universidad Javeriana is one of Colombia's most prestigious universities, located in the Chapinero neighborhood on Bogotá's iconic Carrera Séptima. The 18-hectare open campus sits next to Parque Nacional, about 18 km from the airport.

View Route on Google Maps
Airport → Javeriana
with directions & traffic
Open in Google Maps ↗

Explore U. Javeriana
Javeriana campus
satellite view & street view
Open in Google Maps ↗

1 Main Campus
The main entrance is on Cra. 7 #40-62 (Carrera Séptima). The campus spans 18 hectares with 45 buildings, green areas, and public walkways. Over 25,000 people circulate daily.

2 Hospital San Ignacio
The university hospital is located within the campus. A major public health institution since 1942, serving the community with multiple medical specialities.

3 Parque Nacional
Bogotá's historic national park borders the campus to the south (Calle 39). A beautiful green space for walking, jogging, or simply relaxing — declared a National Monument.

Getting There from the Airport

El Dorado Airport (BOG) to Universidad Javeriana is about 18 km, typically via Calle 26 and then Carrera Séptima or the NQS highway. Here are your options.

Official Airport Taxi

RECOMMENDED · FASTEST

Taxi Imperial is the only authorized taxi company at the airport. Find them at the taxi stands on the 1st floor, between **Doors 8 and 10**. Look for uniformed staff.

Tell the driver: "*Universidad Javeriana, por favor*" or show the address: **Cra. 7 #40-62**.

FARE	IN USD	TRAVEL TIME
$30,000-$45,000	**$8–$11**	**25–40 min**
Colombian Pesos (COP)	Includes airport surcharge	Depends on traffic

An airport surcharge of ~COP $8,000 (~$2 USD) is added automatically. Night surcharge of COP $3,800 applies 8 PM–5 AM, Sundays, and holidays.

Tip: You can pre-pay at the taxi booths before exiting the arrivals hall. This way you know the exact fare upfront — pay with cash or card.

Ride-Hailing Apps

CONVENIENT · PAY BY CARD

All major ride-hailing apps work in Bogotá and accept international credit and debit cards. Download at least one before you arrive.

Uber · Cabify · DiDi · inDrive

FARE	IN USD
$25,000-$50,000	**$6-$13**
COP (varies by demand)	Surge pricing may apply

Tip: We recommend **Uber** — you can keep your home country credit card linked and pay seamlessly. Set your destination as "Universidad Javeriana Bogotá" in the app.

Private Pick-Up Service

PRE-BOOKED · GREAT FOR GROUPS

For a worry-free arrival, pre-book a private transfer. **Taxi Imperial** offers sedan, SUV, and van services through the El Dorado Airport website. A driver will wait at arrivals with your name on a sign.

STARTING FROM	VANS
~$10-$20 USD	**Available**
Per vehicle	4-10+ passengers

Tip: Make sure you have a working WhatsApp number — drivers coordinate the exact meeting point via WhatsApp. Book at least 24 hours in advance.

Money & Currency Exchange

The local currency is the Colombian Peso (COP). Here's how to get cash at the airport.

APPROXIMATE EXCHANGE RATE
1 USD ≈ 4,000 COP
Fluctuates daily — check XE.com for live rates

ATMs are located right after exiting customs, to your right side. We recommend **Davivienda** ATMs — they typically don't charge local fees for foreign cards. Always **decline** the ATM's currency conversion offer and let your own bank handle the rate.

Currency exchange offices (Globo Cambio) are open 24/7 in the baggage claim area and near the international arrivals exit. Airport rates are 5–10% less favorable than city rates — exchange only $50–$100 USD for immediate needs like a taxi.

Credit cards: Visa and Mastercard are accepted at the Hilton, most restaurants, and shops near Corferias. Carry some cash for smaller vendors and street food.

Where to Eat Near Javeriana

The Chapinero and Parkway area near Javeriana are packed with incredible dining options — from student-friendly spots to upscale restaurants.

Restaurants Map
All options near Javeriana
Google Maps ↗

Parkway Area
Charming restaurant street
Google Maps ↗

Nearby Area
Chapinero dining & more
Google Maps ↗

1 Oka Grill House
Colombian Grill · Arepa Beef · Pacific Seafood
HILTON HOTEL · $$$$
The Hilton's signature restaurant. Open-kitchen grill highlighting Colombian flavors — think Angus beef cuts, Pacific fish, arepas, carimañolas, and a full cocktail bar inspired by local ingredients. Terrace dining with views.
~$50K-$120K COP / $13-$30 USD · International cards · Open to non-guests

1 Café del Parque (Parkway)
Colombian Grill · Brunch · Coffee
PARKWAY · 8 MIN WALK · $$
A cozy neighborhood café on the charming Parkway street (Calle 41 between Cra 22–24). Great for brunch, Colombian coffee, sandwiches, and fresh juices. The tree-lined Parkway is Bogotá's most pictureque pedestrian boulevard.
~$15K-$35K COP / $4-$9 USD · Cards accepted · Outdoor seating

2 Crepes & Waffles
International · Crêpes · Salads · Ice Cream
CRA 7 · 5 MIN WALK · $$
A beloved Colombian institution with over 40 years of history. Savory and sweet crepes, fresh salads, soups, and legendary ice cream. Several locations along Carrera Séptima, right near the university.
~$25K-$50K COP / $6-$13 USD · Cards accepted · Famous ice cream

3 La Hamburguesería
Gourmet Burgers · Craft Beer
CHAPINERO · 10 MIN WALK · $$
One of Bogotá's best burger joints, serving gourmet smash burgers with creative toppings, hand-cut fries, and a solid craft beer selection. A neighborhood favorite among students and locals.
~$25K-$45K COP / $6-$11 USD · Cards accepted · Craft beer

4 Wok
Asian Fusion · Thai · Vietnamese · Japanese
CRA 7 · 10 MIN WALK · $$
Bogotá's most popular Asian restaurant chain. Fresh curries, stir-fries, noodle bowls, and sushi — all with locally sourced ingredients and sustainable practices. Multiple locations near Javeriana along Carrera Séptima.
~$30K-$55K COP / $8-$14 USD · Cards accepted · Vegetarian options

5 Bogotá Beer Company (BBC)
Craft Beer · Gastropub · Burgers & Ribs
CHAPINERO · 10 MIN WALK · $$
Colombia's pioneering craft brewery with a location in Chapinero. Signature beers like "Monserrate Roja" and "Chapinero Porter," plus burgers, ribs, and nachos. Lively atmosphere — great for post-class drinks.
~$25K-$55K COP / $6-$14 USD · Cards accepted · Live music some nights

6 Juan Valdez Café
Colombian Coffee · Bakery · Light Bites
INSIDE CAMPUS & CRA 7 · $
Colombia's premium coffee brand, with a location right on campus and several more along Carrera Séptima. Single-origin brews, lattes, pastries, and light bites — the perfect pick-me-up between sessions.
~$8K-$20K COP / $2-$5 USD · Cards accepted · Wi-Fi

7 University Cafeterias
Multiple Options · Colombian · Fast & Affordable
INSIDE JAVERIANA CAMPUS · $
The campus has several cafeterias and food outlets spread across its buildings. Expect affordable Colombian set lunches ("corrientes"), sandwiches, empanadas, fresh juices, and coffee. Open during university hours.
~$8K-$18K COP / $2-$5 USD · Cash & cards · Open during university hours

Practical Tips for Visitors

A few things to know that will make your time in Bogotá smoother and more enjoyable.

Altitude
Bogotá sits at 2,640m (8,660 ft). Take it easy on your first day — hydrate, avoid heavy meals, rest if lightheaded.

Weather
Expect 8–19°C (46–66°F). Pack layers and a rain jacket — sunny mornings often turn rainy by afternoon.

Water
Tap water is safe to drink in Bogotá. The dry air at altitude means you'll need extra hydration.

Wi-Fi
Free at the airport: "Aeropuerto_El_Dorado." The university campus also has Wi-Fi available.

Safety
Only use Taxi Imperial or verified app rides. Keep valuables discreet. Bogotá has a dedicated Tourist Police.

Tipping
Restaurants add a 10% "propina voluntaria" to your bill. Accepting is customary and appreciated.

Emergency Numbers

SAVE THESE TO YOUR PHONE

- **Emergency:** 123
- **Tourist Police:** +57 1 337 4413
- **Ambulance:** 125
- **Fire Department:** 119

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