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Traveling To Medellin

Medellin, Colombia

[Medellin Traveler from Chicago](#) - Sun Sep 9 10:33:05 2007

My first trip, 2007...

I did not come across any kidnappers upon my arrival. But, what I did discover was a wonderful magical world-class metropolitan city in South America. The culture, the food, the music, the warm weather, salsa clubs, vibrant nightlife, lots of modern and interesting architecture throughout the city, amazing views from the metro cable, a much superior metro system compared to the one back home. And a pleasant surprise that was not mentioned in any of the trip reports I read before my departure, an incredible expansive water park to rival anything in the states. I spent a whole day relaxing at "El Parque de Aguas" and found it to be a very enjoyable experience which divided my trip. I had a great time watching the locals spend their weekend running around the park with friends and family enjoying the beautiful weather and experiencing the varies water rides available. There were many families who brought blankets and picnic baskets filled with typical Colombian dishes along with treats for the children to enjoy.

There are parks everywhere where the locals meet to socialize and talk about the daily news as well as current events. Old men sit on park benches snacking on fresh fruit, sharing treats with the birds, which also seem to enjoy mixing with the locals. Young mothers busy taking care of their babies while the older children run around playing. The children are very friendly and love to play games and joke around with friends and tourists alike.

More importantly, what separates Medellin from other travel destinations are the generous and friendly locals known as Paisas (pie-sahs). I traveled to Medellin alone but never felt so much at home due to the fact that the Paisas made me feel like family. Everyone I met was eager to show off their great city. I was constantly being invited to travel across town to see many of the wonderful places a new visitor to Medellin must see during their trip.

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**Comment #1** [James Bone from Cartagena, Medellin, Colombia](#) - Sun Sep 9 18:23:44 2007

What a wonderful tribute to a great world-class city, Medellin.

The City of Eternal Spring.

Thanks for your post.

Jim

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**Comment #2** [Ronny from Ft Lauderdale, Florida](#) - Sun Sep 9 19:29:36 2007

Until an American visits Colombia they cannot possibly imagine what they have missed just reading the junk published in the newspapers.