



7th “Green Standards” Week 3-5 April 2017 Manizales, Colombia

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

1. Venue:



The event will be based at the **Recinto del Pensamiento**. The Recinto was created by the Caldas Coffee Growers Committee with the aim of establishing spaces for reflection and debate on local development, education, protection of the environment and recognition of regional cultural identity. It continues to serve its initial purpose, but with its infrastructure and services it is now used for business meetings, congresses and events. It has eight meeting rooms and can accommodate up to 790 people.



Note: The meeting rooms indicated are those we will use for our event.

▶ Salones disponibles en este recinto

DISPOSICIÓN POR NÚMERO DE MESAS

PABELLÓN DE MADERA	AUDITORIO PRINCIPAL	MÚLTIPLE
Auditorio 1 000	Auditorio 250	Auditorio 200
CONFERENCIAS 1	CONFERENCIAS 2	CONFERENCIAS 3
Auditorio 100	Auditorio 30	Auditorio 60
CONFERENCIAS 4	CONFERENCIAS 5	CONFERENCIAS 6
Auditorio 60	Auditorio 35	Auditorio 35



Its facilities also include:

- Juan Valdez Shop
- Recinto Shop
- Parking
- Internet
- Chapel
- Restaurant
- Estelar Recinto del Pensamiento Hotel & Convention Center, Manizales

Access

Nuestra ubicación



2. Transport and general information on Manizales

Despite the mountainous relief of the city of Manizales, it has a network of avenues and boulevards linking the city's different sectors and linking the city with the country's regions.

It also has a modern road transport terminal situated on the Pan-American Highway in the sector of los Cábmulos. From here vehicles set off for other cities in the country.

There are plenty of taxis available, with taximeters to calculate fares according to distance and length of time travelled. Fares range from 3 000 pesos (USD 1.5) up to 10 000 pesos (USD 5).



Fares in the airport zone are 2 300 pesos (USD 1). A multitude of different routes covered by buses, minibuses and taxis enable visitors to get to any of the city's neighborhoods.

Manizales has a national airport (La Nubia), with a runway of about 1 400 metres in length. It operates from 06h00 to 18h00. Owing to weather conditions it is often closed because of poor visibility.

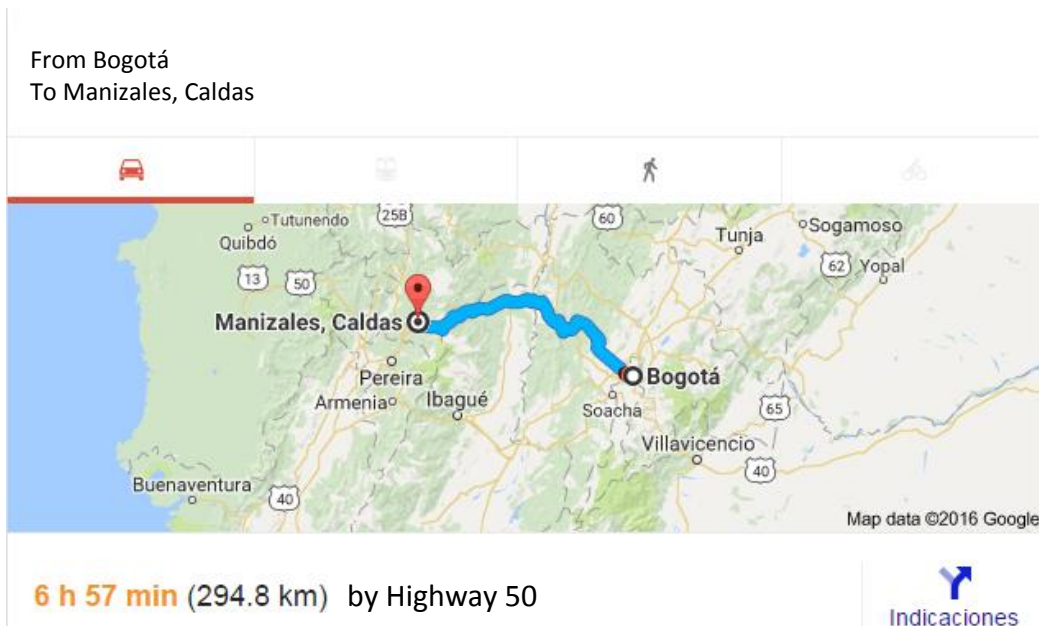
There is also has a cable car system with two lines: Los Cábmulos – Fundadores and Los Cábmulos – Villamaría.



The city has an urban mobility system “Manizales by Bike”, an alternative way of getting around which reduces gas emissions and pollution as well as improving mobility.



Getting to Manizales overland



To get to Manizales overland you should get a ticket for Manizales Transport Terminal situated at Diagonal 23, No. 69 – 60, office 502. Routes to the city, the Capital of Caldas Department, are covered by:

Profesionales Del Transporte, Palmira, Tax La Feria, Flota Águila, Tisquesusa, Bolivariano, Rápido Tolima and Arauca.

A ticket costs between 45 000 and 60 000 Colombian pesos.

For more information please call (+57) 423-3630 or line 145.

Getting to Manizales by air



Distance Bogotá to Manizales by plane (straight line): 168 km (104 miles). Flight time: 40 minutes.

Go to El Dorado Airport, Terminal 2, and obtain a ticket from Avianca (the only airline that flies to Manizales).

Ticket prices vary according to date and airline availability.

3. Passport, visa and invitation letter

Foreign nationals wishing to visit Colombia must be in possession of a valid passport and a visa obtained from a Colombian consulate or embassy.

Nationals of the following countries require only a valid passport to enter Colombia:

- Andorra
- Antigua and Barbuda
- Argentina
- Australia
- Austria
- Bahamas.
- Barbados.
- Belgium
- Belize
- Bolivia
- Brazil
- Canada
- Chile
- Croatia
- Cyprus
- Czech Republic

- Denmark
- Dominica
- Dominican Republic
- Ecuador
- Egypt: citizens of both countries with a diplomatic passport do not need to obtain a visa in advance
- El Salvador
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Granada
- Greece
- Guatemala
- Guyana
- Honduras
- Hong Kong
- Hungary
- Indonesia
- Iceland
- Israel
- Italy
- Jamaica
- Japan
- Republic of Korea
- Liechtenstein
- Lithuania
- Luxembourg
- Malaysia
- Malta
- Mexico
- Monaco
- Norway
- New Zealand
- Netherlands
- Panama
- Paraguay
- Peru
- Philippines
- Portugal
- Romania
- Saint Kitts and Nevis
- San Marino.
- Saint Lucia
- Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
- Singapore
- Slovakia
- Slovenia
- Spain
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- Trinidad and Tobago
- Turkey
- United Kingdom
- United States
- Uruguay
- Venezuela: Venezuelan citizens can enter Colombia as tourists for a 90-day period without obtaining a visa in advance.

For more information on obtaining a visa, contact:

Turisman Travel Agency

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4. Climate in April

Month	April
Record high °C (°F)	27.4 (81.3)
Average max. °C (°F)	21.4 (70.5)
Daily average °C (°F)	17.2 (63)
Average min. °C (°F)	12.8 (55)
Record low °C (°F)	6.3 (43.3)
Average precipitation mm (inches)	176.2 (6.937)
Average days of precipitation	23
Average relative humidity (%)	84
Average hours of sunshine per month	102.0
Average hours of sunshine per day	5.4

5. Hotels

The city has a range of hotels and hostels, from 3 to 5 stars.

Details of hotels and prices can be obtained from the following link:

<http://www.booking.com/searchresults.es.html?aid=357026;label=gog235jc-city-XX-co-manizales-unspec-co-com-L%3Aes-O%3Awindows7-B%3Achrome->

[N%3Ayes-S%3Abo-U%3Aalo;sid=230c029b334cf9d320b1b974419a7397;city=-591834](http://www.hotelesestelar.com/hotel-estelar-recinto-del-pensamiento-hotel-centro-de-convenciones/)

Moreover, the Recinto del Pensamiento facilities include the Estelar Hotel.



32 rooms

STANDARD and JUNIOR SUITE
Fully equipped, with fireplace access

Services:

Zeri Bamboo Pavilion / Gym / Turkish Bath / Jacuzzi / Massage Room (on appointment) / Laundry Service / Wireless Internet / Parking / Butterfly Station / Orchids Forest and Ecological Path / Chairlifts / Chapel / Birds Station / Room Service / Transport Service.

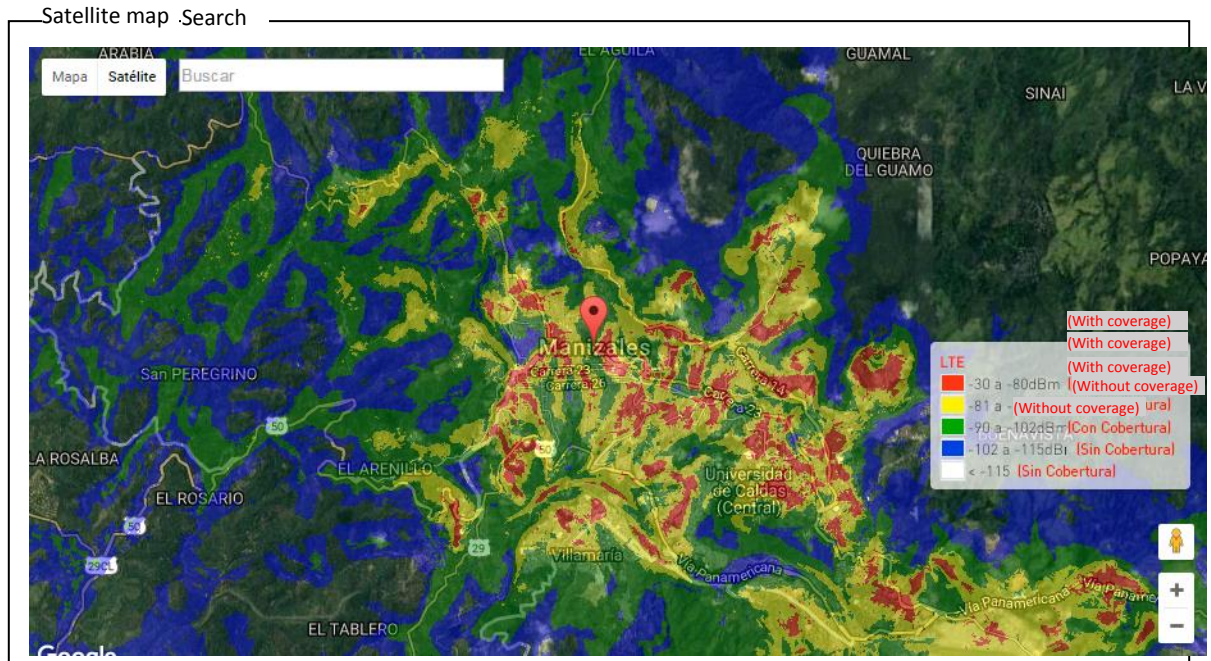
Restaurants and Bars:

2 Restaurants / Juan Valdez Cafe

Contact: + 57 (6) 889 7072

<http://www.hotelesestelar.com/hotel-estelar-recinto-del-pensamiento-hotel-centro-de-convenciones/>

6. Internet access and wireless coverage



We show here the LTE coverage map for Claro, the main cellular telephone operator in Colombia. Almost the entire centre of the city has good 4G LTE coverage. Where there is no LTE, there is 3G H+ with speeds similar to those of 4G.

7. Technical assistance

The emergency service numbers are as follows:

Red Cross and ambulances	8863001 132
Fire service	8847540 119
Police	8822203 123
Traffic/Highways police	880 10 10 / 8733131 / 8775551
Civil Defence	884 54 01 144

8. Electricity

Colombia uses type A and B electric plugs. Standard voltage is 110 V / 60Hz.



9. Useful tips

Colombia uses the Colombian peso (COP). Exchange rates: 1 COP = USD 0.000338, or USD 1 = 2 958.57988 Colombian pesos.

10. Additional information

In Manizales there is no standard tip and no regulations but a service charge of 15 per cent is commonly applied to bills.

Like the rest of the country, our local time is UTC – 5 like New York, but as there are no seasons the time does not change during the year.

11. The region around Manizales

Manizales is a Colombian municipality, capital of Caldas Department and the coffee capital of Colombia. The city is located in Colombia's western central region, in the Central Mountain Range of the Andes, near the Nevado del Ruiz volcano, and forms part of the so-called "Coffee Triangle". It has approximately 397 488 inhabitants, according to official demographic forecasts for 2016. Together with Risaralda, Quindío, north-west Tolima, the northern valley area and the south-west Antiochia area, it forms part of the Colombian coffee-producing "corridor".

Manizales has been called the "City of Open Doors" thanks to the hospitality of its inhabitants. It is also known as "Manizales del Alma" ("Manizales of the Soul") thanks to a bull-fighting "pasodoble" of that name, as well as "Pearl of Ruiz", "Capital of Feeling", "World Capital of Coffee" and "Hill of Lights".

It has road links with some of the country's main cities, including Bogotá, Medellín, Cali and the rest of the coffee-producing corridor.

12. Persons to contact

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