



[Smiley Aesthetics Medical Tourism](#) is your gateway to safe, high-quality, and transformative medical and dental procedures. We believe that everyone deserves to look and feel their best, and our mission is to make quality care accessible to all. With our expertise in Medical Tourism and a track record of excellent results, we are here to guide you on a life-changing journey of self-discovery and transformation.

## What is Medical Tourism?

Medical Tourism, also known as medical travel, health tourism, or global healthcare, has revolutionized how individuals seek and receive elective procedures. It offers a unique opportunity to combine world-class medical care with exploring a new destination, creating an enriching and memorable experience. By choosing medical tourism, you can access a wide range of exceptional providers worldwide, allowing you to select the best options for your specific healthcare needs.

### **Here are some of the most exciting and updated news about the medical tourism industry:**

- **The growing popularity of cosmetic procedures:** According to the International Society of Aesthetic Plastic Surgery, the demand for cosmetic procedures has increased by 20% in the past year. With the rise of social media, people are becoming more aware of the available treatments and seeking affordable options abroad.
- **Increased focus on safety and quality:** As medical tourism grows, there is a growing emphasis on ensuring that patients receive safe, high-quality care. Governments and organizations worldwide are working to create standards and regulations to protect patients and ensure they receive the best possible treatment.
- **Expansion of telemedicine:** Telemedicine has been snowballing recently, and the pandemic has accelerated its adoption. Patients can now consult with doctors and receive diagnoses and treatments from the comfort of their own homes. This has opened up new opportunities for medical tourism, as patients can now receive care from anywhere in the world.
- **Increased accessibility to affordable medical care:** The cost of medical care in many countries continues to rise, making it difficult for many people to access the care they need. Medical

tourism provides an alternative option for patients, as they can receive high-quality care at a fraction of the cost in their home countries.

## **Frequently Asked Questions About Medical Tourism in Colombia**

Medical tourism in Colombia offers an excellent opportunity for individuals seeking affordable and high-quality medical treatment. With its advanced medical facilities, qualified medical professionals, and affordable cost of living, Colombia is a popular destination for medical tourists worldwide.

### **Why should I consider medical tourism in Colombia?**

Colombia offers excellent healthcare services with state-of-the-art facilities and highly trained medical professionals. Additionally, medical procedures in Colombia are much more affordable compared to other countries, making it an attractive option for those seeking affordable medical treatment abroad.

### **Why should I choose Smiley Aesthetics?**

We ensure you have a comfortable and enjoyable experience at every step of your journey by providing you with clear information, beautiful facilities, friendly staff, and top-quality medical providers. Smiley Aesthetics is a U.S. company based in Nashville. Therefore, we are legally operating under U.S. laws and regulations.

### **What types of medical procedures are available in Colombia?**

Colombia offers a wide range of medical procedures, including plastic surgery, dental procedures, cosmetic treatments, orthopedic procedures, and more. The country is particularly well known for its plastic surgery procedures, with many clinics specializing in this area.

### **Are the medical facilities in Colombia safe and hygienic?**

Yes, the medical facilities in Colombia are safe and hygienic. The country has strict regulations in place to ensure that medical facilities maintain high standards of hygiene and safety. Additionally, many of the medical facilities in Colombia are accredited by international organizations such as the Joint Commission International (JCI).

### **Are the medical professionals in Colombia qualified and experienced?**

Yes, the medical professionals in Colombia are highly qualified and experienced. Many of the doctors in Colombia have received training and education from some of the best medical schools in the world.

Additionally, the medical professionals in Colombia are knowledgeable about the latest medical technologies and techniques, ensuring that you receive the best possible care.

### **How much can I expect to save by getting medical treatment in Colombia?**

The cost of medical procedures in Colombia is significantly lower compared to other countries. On average, you can expect to save anywhere from 30-50% on medical procedures compared to the cost in countries such as the United States or Canada.

### **Is it safe to travel to Colombia for medical treatment?**

Yes, it is safe to travel to Colombia for medical treatment. The country has significantly improved safety and security, and visitors are generally safe from crime and violence. However, as with any foreign country, it is important to exercise caution and be aware of your surroundings.

### **Does Smiley Aesthetics Provide Healthcare Advice?**

We are not medical professionals, doctors, dentists, surgeons, or specialists. We are a Medical Tourism Agency; we are medical tourism facilitators. We act as the bridge between our clients and partners, providing everyone with a caring and safe experience. We provide you with Lodging, Transportation, English Interpreter & after-procedure needs.

### **Is the language barrier a problem in Colombia?**

English is widely spoken in Colombia, especially in tourist areas and medical facilities. This means that you should be fine communicating with medical professionals and other staff during your stay. Additionally, many medical facilities offer translation services to ensure that you understand all the information related to your medical treatment. Smiley Aesthetics provides a bilingual Experience Expert to accompany you at all times.

### **How Can I Communicate with My Loved Ones?**

Make sure to check with your cellphone provider about international service fees. However, the Hotel and medical facilities have Wi-Fi for you to use. You can also ask your cellphone provider to unlock your phone; you can buy a pre-paid sim card in Colombia to get internet access.

### **How long do I stay in Colombia?**

It depends on the procedure and the Doctor's recommendations. But on average, you can expect the following durations:

- 5 Nights - Dental Procedures
- 8 Nights - Dental Procedures - Implants
- 8 Nights - Cosmetic Procedures - Facial
- 10 Nights - Cosmetic Procedures - Body
- 12 Nights - Bariatric Procedures
- 16 Nights - Cosmetic Procedures- Tummy Tuck
- 17 Nights - Gender Affirmation Procedures - Sex Change

### **What is Bogota like?**

Bogota is a vibrant and safe city located in South America. It boasts numerous neighborhoods filled with music, food, dance, and art, offering a rich cultural experience. With a lower violent crime rate than Indianapolis, Bogota is considered one of the safest urban areas in the region. Additionally, it is renowned as one of the world's best destinations for coffee lovers. The climate in Bogota is cool and often overcast, with temperatures ranging from 44°F to 66°F throughout the year. It's advisable to pack sweaters, a jacket, and comfortable clothes suitable for the fall-like weather with a touch of spring. If you're undergoing a cosmetic or bariatric procedure, avoid bringing jeans or tight clothing. Upon arrival, taking a Tylenol can help ease the adjustment to the altitude. The local cuisine in Bogota offers a variety of typical Latin American dishes, including rice, beans, salad, seafood, pork, red meat, and chicken. There is an abundance of restaurants to explore, or you can opt for dining at your hotel or even getting delivery.

### **What is not included in the Packages?**

Airfare is not included! We recommend booking your trip with an airline that offers direct flights. Delta and American Airlines offer direct flights out of most US cities. We will be happy to assist you in your search and recommend the best flights for you!

### **Whom will I be communicating with during my trip?**

Each client is assigned a Virtual and In-person expert who will take care of all details relating to your trip; they are your main point of contact. They will ensure you have the best experience and a successful return home.

### **Should I get Travel Insurance?**

That is up to you! Travel insurance is coverage designed to protect against risks and financial losses that could happen while traveling. The risks range from minor inconveniences, such as missed airline connections and delayed luggage, to more severe issues, including injuries.

### **Does Smiley Medical Tourism offer insurance?**

Yes, we provide you with Medical Treatment Insurance. The Insurance is part of your Cosmetic & Bariatric packages and is not optional. It covers all Medical expenses, hospitalization, and emergency needs you might need as a consequence of complications from a medical procedure.

However, if you would like to get extra coverage you can get a medical tourism insurance policy through our partners at Global Protective Solutions [here](#).

### **How can I register with the U.S. Embassy?**

The Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) is a free service to allow U.S. citizens and nationals traveling and living abroad to enroll in their trip with the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate in the world!

- Receive important information from the Embassy about safety conditions in your destination country, helping you make informed decisions about your travel plans.
- Help the U.S. Embassy contact you in an emergency, whether natural disaster, civil unrest, or family emergency.
- Help family and friends get in touch with you in an emergency.
- Register [here](#)

### **What Apps should I download before my trip?**

- Whatapp: A communication app that allows you to message, call, and video call internationally. You will communicate with your Journey Coach through Whatsapp. You should have your loved ones in your home country download it, too, so you can call them from Colombia at no cost. Learn more about WhatsApp [here](#)
- Currency Conversion: You should download any currency conversion app, to help you understand the Colombian Peso conversion to your home country's currency.
- Banking App: Download your bank's app in case you need to communicate with your bank. Please ensure to let your bank know about your travel arrangements. If you don't, they might block your card if you use it in Colombia without letting them know. You will need a credit card for incidentals when you check in at the hotel.

- Uber or Cabify App: You can use Uber in Colombia; it works the same way in the U.S.! However, it would be best if you sat in the front seat due to transit regulations. Cabify is an app that allows you to schedule cars and taxis.
- Rappi: A delivery app that allows you to order food and items from nearby restaurants and supermarkets from your phone! You can learn more about Rappi [here](#).
- Google Translate App: The best translating tool

### **What Travel Documents will I Need?**

It depends on your country of origin and/or citizenship status. Travelers from 102 countries and territories, including the USA, Canada, the U.K., New Zealand, Australia, and most European countries, can enter Colombia visa-free as tourists. You will need a valid passport, a Negative Covid test or proof of vaccination, and a Visa (depending on where you are from). Colombian Migration Document, you get it 24 hrs. before your flight. You can learn more about the travel requirements for Colombia [here](#).

### **The Experience**

At Smiley Aesthetics, we understand that traveling to another country for medical treatment can be a stressful experience. That's why we strive to provide a stress-free journey for our clients by planning each step and removing all uncertainty.

We offer customizable packages that can be tailored to meet our client's unique needs and budgets. Our specialized bilingual Virtual and In-Person Medical Tourism Experts are assigned to each client to guide them through the treatment process, ensuring a smooth experience.

Our In-Person Experts will meet our clients at the airport and accompany them to their hotel. They will manage their entire stay, including transportation, accommodation, pre & postoperative care, and any other form of hospitality. They will be there for our clients every step of the way, providing support and guidance.

At the end of their stay, our In-Person Experts will take our clients to the airport, help them with their bags, and ensure they know where to go to board their plane. We aim to provide our clients with a seamless experience, from when they arrive to when they depart.



## Medical Tourism Experience Includes:



### Procedures

- Dental
- Cosmetic
- Bariatric
- Gender Affirmation



### Accommodations

- Hotel
- Meals
- Transportation
- Medicine & Care Package



### Bilingual Expert Support

- Pre, During & Post Trip Support
- Virtual
- In Person

