

in very rare cases and then only with the approval of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. A business visa, however, can mean unnecessary complications if you just want to visit the country without intending to obtain remuneration while there.

Business Calls and Entertainment

Depending on circumstances, two to four calls a day, plus a lunch, is a reasonable schedule. However, you must make allowance for delays caused by traffic problems or prolonged discussions. Many Colombian business people speak English and interpreter services are available when required either through large hotels or, on advanced request, through the Commercial Division of the embassy.

Business entertainment usually includes lunch, cocktails or dinner at hotels or well-known restaurants and, to a lesser extent, private clubs if a Colombian is the host. If you are invited to a Colombian home, it is customary to send flowers in advance.

Mail

The embassy may be used as a mailing address for letters, cables and any materials not subject to duty. Large amounts of literature are usually held at Customs and clearance time is lengthy.