

Colombia



Capital: Bogotá

2600 mts altitude ★
"2600 mts closer to the stars"

Currency: Colombian peso

Population: 50,882,891

Language: Spanish

Climate: Tropical and Isothermal



Quindío wax palm



Fun Facts



Amazon river dolphin

* The name "Colombia" is derived from the last name of the explorer Christopher Columbus. and Panam.

* Colombia is the only country in South America that has a coastline on both the Pacific Ocean and the Caribbean Sea..

* The area covered by modern day Colombia was originally inhabited by the indigenous tribes Muisca, Quimbaya, and Tairona. In 1499 the Spanish arrived making the area a Spanish colony called New Granada.

* Colombia is the second most biodiverse country in the world, after only Brazil which is 10 times its size, and one of only 17 "megadiverse" countries. It has the highest amount of species by area in the world, including more species of bird than all of Europe and North America combined.

* Every day at 6 AM and 6 PM the radio and public television play the national anthem - by law. The radio uses the shorter format, which is also used at international events and the Olympic Games or the World Cup

* Colombia is on the 2nd place with the most national holidays. In total, they have 18: 12 Catholic and 6 Civic holidays. On the 1st place is India with 21 days.



Colombian Macaw

* The country has the tallest Palm trees in the world - Some can measure up to 60 meters. There are about 14 species of Wax Palm in the world and 7 of them are in Colombia. They can be viewed in the Cocora Valley.

* Colombia is home to pink dolphins. The Amazon River dolphin is one of the unique animals that can be spotted in the country.



Athletes from Colombia

- Juan Pablo Montoya (Formula 1)
- Radamel Falcao (football)
- James Rodríguez (football)
- Catherine Iburgüen (track & field - jumps)
- Nairo Quintana (cycling)
- Rigoberto Uran (cycling)
- Mariana Pajón (BMX)



Food

Arepa and empanada

Bandeja Paisa is regarded as the national dish of Colombia.

This hearty dish includes red beans, white rice, chicharrón, carne en polvo, chorizo, fried egg, ripe plantain, avocado and arepa.

Yes, empanadas are enjoyed all throughout Latin America.

However, Colombian empanadas boast an outer crust made with masarepa, which is Colombian precooked cornmeal."



Spectacled Bear

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