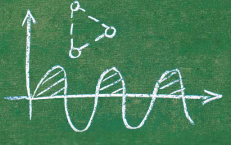
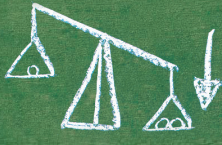


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The national flag has three horizontal bands of yellow, blue and red. Every color has a different meaning:
Red symbolizes the blood spilled in the war for independence.
Yellow represents the land's gold and abundant natural riches.
Blue signifies the land's seas, its liberty and sovereignty.

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COLOMBIA

This South American country is famous for its proud people, coffee, emeralds, flowers and, unfortunately, its illegal drug traffic. Colombia is also notable as a highly diverse country — it is estimated that 1 in every 10 species of flora and fauna on earth can be found here.



Sometimes called the May Flower or the Christmas Orchid, Colombia's national flower is rare and grows high in the cloud forests.

Cattleya trianae orchid

In a word

The official name of Colombia is the **Republic of Colombia**. It was named for the explorer **Christopher Columbus**. The country's name is pronounced koh-LOHM-bee-ah. Early Spanish colonists called the land New Granada.

Looking back

Before the Spanish arrived in 1499, the region was inhabited by the indigenous tribes Muisca, Quimbaya and Tairona. In 1819, Colombia, Venezuela, Ecuador and Panama declared independence from Spain.

Dinnertime

The national dish of Colombia is **bandeja paisa**. Servings of this specialty are so generous that it is often served on a large platter or tray. It is traditionally made up of minced meat, red beans with pork, white rice, fried pork, fried egg, plantain, chorizo, arepa, black pudding and a slice of avocado.



Bandeja paisa

Colombia is the fourth-largest exporter of **bananas** in Latin America.



Colombia exports almost 60% of the world's emeralds.



Colombia is the only country in South America that has coastlines on both the Pacific Ocean and the Caribbean Sea. One-third of the country is Amazon rainforest.

The **Andean condor** is the national bird. It is one of the world's largest birds and can live more than 70 years. This bird was often depicted in indigenous Andean art.



Magneuptychia pax butterfly



The **sombrero vueltiao** is a woven hat made by the Zenú indigenous people from a type of cane, known as caña flecha. The process of weaving this hat is very labor-intensive and can take up to a month.

Shakira Isabel Mebarak Ripoll is one of Colombia's most famous singer-songwriters. Sometimes called the Queen of Latin Music, this great talent made her recording debut at the age of 13.

Colombia is the third-largest exporter of **coffee** in the world after Brazil and Vietnam.



Coffee plant

Just the facts

Area	440,831 sq. mi. (1,141,748 sq. km)
Population	50,372,424
Capital city	Bogotá
Highest elevation	Pico Cristóbal Colón 18,947 ft. (5,775 m)
Lowest elevation	Sea level
Agriculture	Coffee, cut flowers, bananas, rice, tobacco, corn, sugarcane, cocoa beans
Fishing	Shrimp, billfish, dorado, tuna, peacock bass
Industries	Textiles, chemicals, natural gas, oil, cement, construction, iron and steel products, metalworking
Mining	Emeralds, gold, coal, copper, salt, limestone, gypsum, clay, mica, marble

Did you know?

Bogotá is the third-highest capital in the world at 8,660 feet (2,640 m) above sea level. In second place is Quito in Ecuador, and in the first place is La Paz in Bolivia. These cities have altitudes so high that some visitors need to use oxygen tanks while they adjust. Colombia has more than 300 beaches. Its hotels and resorts have the potential to contribute a lot to the nation's economy. Radio and public television in Colombia play the national anthem every day at 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. The second-most biologically diverse country in the world, Colombia ranks No. 1 in diversity of bird species. It also has the most species of butterflies and orchids. The traditional national sport of Colombia is called **tejo**, a team sport that involves launching objects at a target. At 4,265 feet (13,000 m), Colombia's Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta is the world's highest coastal mountain range.

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