

# Country Fact File: COLOMBIA

<b>Name of country</b>	República de Colombia named after Christopher Columbus
<b>Continent</b>	South America
<b>Hemisphere</b>	southern
<b>Borders</b>	Panama, Venezuela, Brazil, Ecuador, Peru
<b>Capital City</b>	Bogotá
<b>Official language</b>	Spanish
<b>Population</b>	49,034,411 (2017 estimate)
<b>Area</b>	1,141,748 km <sup>2</sup>
<b>Currency</b>	Colombian peso
<b>Time Zone</b>	UTC -5
<b>Motto</b>	Libertad y Orden
<b>National Anthem</b>	¡Oh Gloria Inmarcesible!
<b>Highest mountains</b>	Pico Cristóbal Colón 5776m above sea level; Pico Simón Bolívar 5775m above sea level
<b>Longest river</b>	Magdalena 1528 km
<b>National sport</b>	Tejo



Cattleya Trianae orchid  
the national flower



Wax palm tree  
national tree

## Other Colombia facts

- ◆ Became independent from Spain in the early 19th century
- ◆ 10% of the species on Earth live in Colombia
- ◆ The only South American country to have both a Pacific coast and a Caribbean coast.
- ◆ El Dorado was a mythical city in ancient Colombia.
- ◆ On the Pacific Ring of Fire
- ◆ World's main producer and exporter of roses
- ◆ 10% of the Amazon rainforest is in Colombia. It covers a third of the country.

## Famous Colombians

Shakira	Juan Pablo Montoya
Sofía Vergara	Policarpa Salavarrieta
Fernando Botero	Gabriel García Márquez
Faustino Asprilla	John Leguizamo