

Quanta Research Institute: Rainforest or Hothouse?

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Geography Make up Colombia Information

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Time for Dinner!

Empanadas



Aji salsa (Dare to try?)



Major Imports / Exports II Economy

- Major imports include- different types of oil, cars, computers, planes, helicopters or spacecrafts, and broadcasting equipment.
- Major exports- oil in unique forms, coal, the drink coffee, and gold that they can use on a daily basis.

Typical foods III Customs and Traditions

- These meals are with a starch
- Weather is usually eaten alone since everyone is taking the time on their own time
- Meals are eaten in a restaurant or at home
- They usually eat Colombian food
- They are prepared a lot of food such as soups, made out of potatoes, beef, and chicken
- Many Colombians, especially women, have a tradition called "Café con leche" ... They gather for tea and coffee at a friend's house to socialize
- Dinner is eaten with all family members together and is a lighter meal than lunch or afternoon dinner can be. Dinner meal because it is sometimes the only time family members hang together and eat around a table
- Colombians are not known for the table. They like to relax and wait to eat as others can get their food.

III Customs and Traditions

- How people greet each other:
- Men generally shake hands when greeting and leaving.
- Colombians also kiss each other (family and friends) on the cheek when meeting for the first time or not.
- In formal introductions, it is customary for Colombians to address people by title like Señor and Señora
- Common greetings include Buenos días, Buenas tardes, Buenas noches, and ¿Cómo está?. Hasta luego and, less formally, Chao and Nos vemos are popular parting phrases.

Current Event

- Alderson, a Washington professor, called the state of Colombia "largely a 19th-century, 1977-looking affair" and he is "increasingly convinced that the only path to progress is to look to the future, not the past."
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What's going on in Colombia?



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Colombia Information (Cont.)

- The total population in Colombia was estimated 48.2 million people in 2015.
- In 1960, Colombia had a population of only 16.0 million people.
- Colombia is the fifth largest country in Latin America – almost twice the size of Texas.
- It shares borders with Venezuela, Brazil, Peru, Ecuador and Panam.
- Its five largest mountains are:
 - 1) Pico Cristóbal Colón
 - 2) Nevado de Huila
 - 3) Nevado del Huila.
 - 4) Alto Ritacuba
 - 5) Nevado del Ruiz

Colombia Information (Cont.)

- Predominant Religion(s): Catholicism is the main religion
- up to 75% of people there practice.
- They do have freedom of Religion and can choose where to worship.
- Education System: Colombia has an eleven-year system of elementary and secondary education that has five years of elementary education, four years of lower secondary education and two years of upper secondary education.
- There are three levels of university studies (College): profesional (professional/undergraduate), maestría/magister (master's degree), and doctor.