

COLOMBIA VS. AMERICA

MY CROSS-CULTURAL EXPERIENCE

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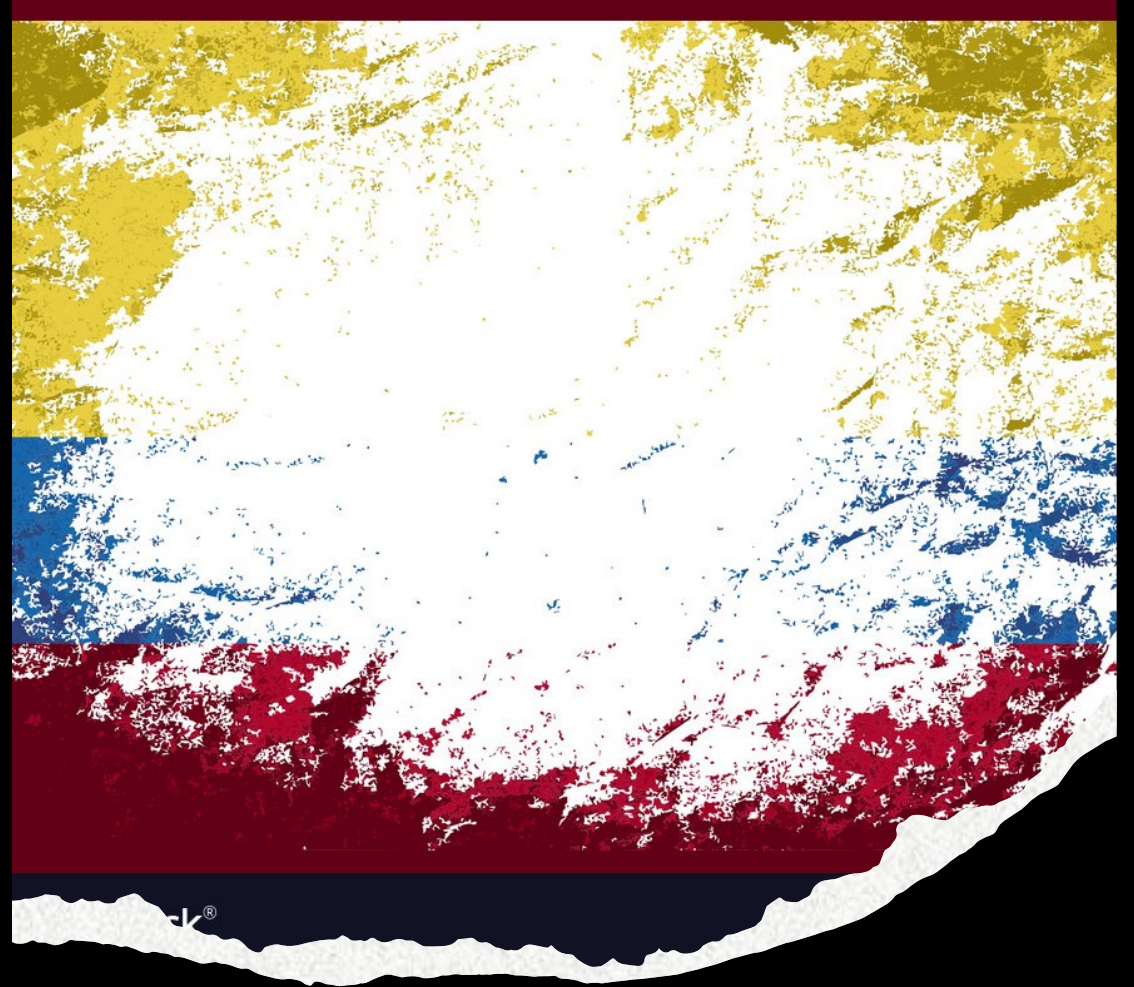
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Flag: Colombia

- The flag colors consist of Yellow, Blue, and Red.
- Red represents the blood shed by those who fought for the nation's independence.
- Blue stands for loyalty and vigilance
- Yellow is symbolic of justice and sovereignty.





Flag: America

- The colors of the American flag consist of Red, White, and Blue.
- White signifies purity and innocence.
- Red means hardiness and valor.
- Blue represents vigilance, perseverance, and justice.

Geography of Colombia

- Located in South America.
- The temperature depends on what part of Colombia you are in.
- For example, Cartagena is mostly hot since it is next to the equator. Meanwhile places like Medellin it is usually cooler.



Geography of America

- Located in North America
- The temperature depends on what part of the United States of America you are in.
- For example, New York has all four seasons; Summer, Fall, Winter, and Spring. While in Florida it is typically very hot year-round.





Colombian Food

Typical Foods:

- Arepa
- Bandeja Paisa
- Sancocho
- Empanadas
- Bunuelos

The most common dish in Colombia is a Bandeja Paisa which consist of red beans, white rice , steak, chorizo, chicharron, plantains, arepa, fried eggs and a slice of avocado.



American Food

Typical Foods:

- Hamburgers
- Hot Dogs
- French Fries
- Pizza
- Cookies
- Pies
- Sandwiches

One of the most common dishes in America is a hamburger which consist of ground meat, cheese, tomatoes, lettuce, pickles ketchup, mustard, in between two buns of breads.

Holidays/Traditions Celebrated in Colombia

- Carnaval del Diablo translated this means Festival of the Devil. This is based on Catholic beliefs, people come together in costumes, dancing food, music. At the end of the Festival they say a few words burning the devil back to the ground.
- In Medellin they host the Festival of Flower, there are all different types of flowers, with parades, concerts, food, and drinks.
- Day of the Candles is on December 7th where it officially starts the Colombian Christmas season
- Christmas is celebrated because it is when Jesus was born.



Holidays/Traditions Celebrated in America

- Some common holidays and traditions that are celebrated in America is Christmas, Thanksgiving, New Years, 4th of July, Easter, and the list continues.
- Christmas the day Jesus was born
- Thanksgiving is the day of giving Thanks.
- 4th of July is Independence Day



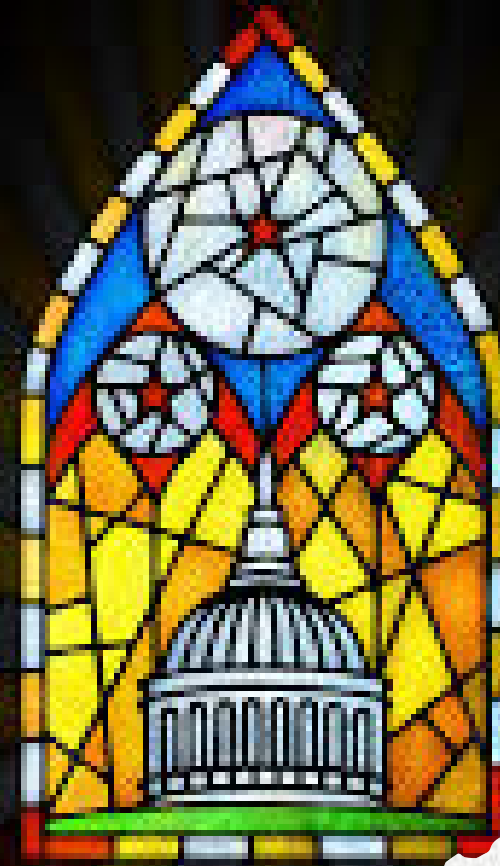
Religions In Colombia

- Even though Colombia does not have an official religion most people are Catholic.
- Some norms in Colombia are: Covering your mouth when you are yawning, Slouching and leaning against things, and slamming car or house's doors.
- Some values in Colombia are success, maturity, affection, power, tradition, beauty and emotion.



Religions In America

- In the United States of America is very diverse "Melting Pot" filled with many different religions, beliefs, values, and norms.
- Some religions are Christianity, Buddhism, Hinduism, and the list continues.
- Some norms in America are shaking hands when you meet someone new, when speaking to someone make eye contact, tipping when you go to a food place with a waiter.
- Some values in America are Equality, Achievement, and Individualism.





Conclusion

In conclusion, Colombia and America are very different but similar at the same time. When it comes to their norms, values, traditions, and holidays they share a few in common but they have a few differences in food, culture, and some traditions.

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