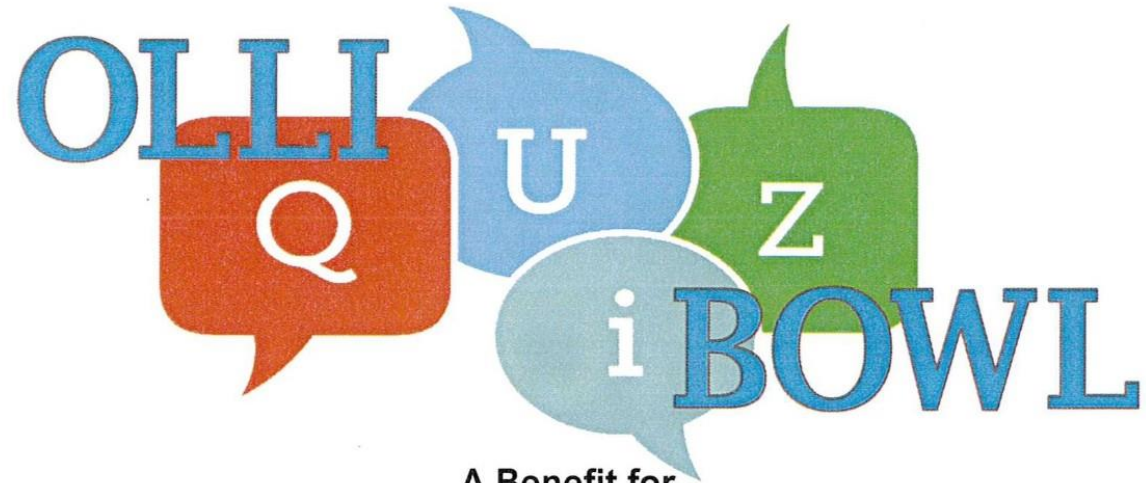


# Colombia and Venezuela

*Costume Challenged??*

# October 29 coming

- Better get that costume together
- Every social event that night is a costume party
- Except:



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Presented by



Saturday, October 29, 2022, 6–9 pm

An Evening of Trivia, Friendly Competition, Food, and Fun

# Support OLLI

- Spend that \$50 on great fun, food, and helping the OLLI program
- Instead of some silly costume you'll probably never wear again

# Villain in “Romancing the Stone”



# Is this your view of Colombia?

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WokoWHHAxp4>
- Actually “Romancing the Stone” was filmed in Mexico

# Colombian Flag



Yellow –riches of the country blue – sky and seas – red blood spilled for Columbia's independence from Spain July 20, 1810



# Top Map of Colombia



# Map of Colombia



# Colombia by Department



# Colombia by Region



# Colombia

- Area 440,831 square miles (between Alaska and Texas)
- Population 52 million (2022)
- Capital: Bogota (7.9 million inhabitants)
- Languages: 68 regional languages
- Government: Unitary presidential constitutional republic
- Very urbanized
- Motto: Freedom and Order
- Religion: 90% Christian (70-79% Catholic, 16% Protestant)
- Note: “Romancing the Stone” wasn’t even filmed in Colombia

# Economy of Colombia

- Per capita income \$14,437
- exports
  - Petroleum 45% of exports
  - Coal
  - Gold
  - Coffee
  - Culture exports
- Industries
  - Textiles
  - Telecommunications
  - Shipbuilding
  - tourism
- Negatives
  - Poor economic conditions during COVID-19 pandemic
  - High unemployment 10.63% in 2022
  - High income inequality

# Government

- three branches, executive, legislative, and judicial.
- President elected by popular vote to serve four years and can serve only one term
- Two chamber legislature
  - 166-seat Chamber of Representatives – elected by district
  - 102-seat Senate – elected nationally
  - Elected to four-year terms two months before the president
- Judicial – four high courts
  - Supreme Court – penal and civil Council of State – administrative
  - Constitutional court – constitution Superior Court of Adjudicature audits the judicial branch

# Government (2)

- If no one receives 50% in the first round, there is a second round
- 2010 President Uribe was constitutionally barred from seeking reelection.
- 2010 Juan Manuel Santos became president
- 2018 Iván Duque Márquez of the Grand Alliance for Colombia was elected in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round
  - Democratic center
- June 2022 Gustavo Petro, first leftist, elected in runoff election since no candidate received a majority in the initial election



# History of Colombia

- 12,500 BC various indigenous people inhabited Colombia
- 1499 Alonso de Ojeda reached Guajira Peninsula (northwest near Venezuela)
- 1500—Rodrigo de Bastidas first exploration of Caribbean coast
- 1502 – Christopher Columbus
- 1508 – Vasco Nuñez de Balboa accompanied an expedition to the territory through the region of the Gulf of Urabá and founded Santa Maria la Antigua de Darien in 1510.
- 1525 Santa Marta founded
- 1533 Cartagena founded

# History of Colombia (2)

- 1542 -Region of New Granada with other Spanish possessions In South America, became part of the Viceroyalty of Peru, capital at Lima.
- 16<sup>th</sup> Century slaves from Africa imported. Spain could not directly purchase slaves so they awarded merchants licenses to sell slaves to their overseas territories.
- 1717 Viceroyalty of New Spain created
- 1739 Britain declared war on Spain and Cartagena became a principle target but Spain defeated Britain in the War of Jenkin's Ear.

# History of Colombia (3)

- 1810 Colombian declaration of independence 20 July now celebrated as Independence Day
- 1819 Venezuelan born Simón Bolívar proclaimed independence in 1819 and the Spanish resistance was defeated in 1822.
- Columbia was the first constitutional government in South America
- 1851 Slavery was abolished
- 1863 two year war after which “the United States of Columbia” was created
- 1886 became Republic of Colombia

# History of Colombia (4)

- 1899-1902 The Thousand Days war
- 1903 separation of the Department of Panama and the U.S. finally paid Colombia \$25 million in 1921.
- 1934 – war between Colombia and Peru over a territory dispute in the Amazon basin and the disputed area was awarded to Colombia

# History of Colombia (5)

- Late 1940's early 50's La Violencia caused by mounting tensions between the two political parties after the assassination of the Liberal Presidential candidate Jorge Eliécer Gaitán. Riots claimed the lives of at least 180,000 Colombians.
- 1953-54 Military dictatorship of Gustavo Rojas as a result of coup d'état conceived by Conservative and Liberal parties to reestablish order
- 1954-57 Gustavo Rojas, President of Colombia, was deposed by national protest "coup d'état of public opinion" Military junta of five generals assumed command.
- 1958-74 National Front – Liberal and Conservative parties agreed to rotate the Presidency, changing every four years (survived 'til 1990)

# History of Colombia (6)

- 1960's despite reforms and progress, guerrilla groups were created such as FARC, the ELN, and M-19 to fight the government
- 1991 new constitution in Colombia
  - Decentralized state with some autonomy for its territories
- 2002-2010 President Álvaro Uribe instituted counter-insurgency campaigns
- 2016 November President Juan Manuel Santos and FARC signed a peace deal, for which Santos was awarded the Nobel Peace prize
- 2018 Iván Duque of the Democratic Center party becomes President
- 2022 June 19 Gustavo Petro (first leftist President) elected
- [Will Gustavo Petro live up to his promises to Colombia's women? | Women's Rights News | Al Jazeera](#)

# Education in Colombia

- Free and compulsory for all children between 5 and 15
- Elementary education 5 years
- Lower secondary education four years
- Upper secondary education two years
  - Two tracks: academic and technical
- University 3 levels and technical degrees
- Controlled by the national ministry of education
- Literacy rate: 94.65%

# Health care in Colombia

- WHO rates it 22 in the world: above U.S. and Canada
- Many top hospitals
- Basic right for all citizens and foreigners under 1991 constitution
- Three tiers
  - SISBEN free government-subsidized healthcare for very poor and homeless
  - EPS public healthcare is mandatory and costs 12.5% of gross monthly income
  - Private health insurance



# FARC

- Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia or People's Army
  - Guerrilla movement
  - Marxist-Leninist peasant force
  - Operations funded by kidnap, ransom, and extortion
  - 2012: 239 attacks on the energy infrastructure
  - Responsible for 12% of civilian deaths according to UN, with right-wing paramilitary responsible for 80% of deaths and the government 8%
  - <https://www.hrw.org/news/2014/03/20/colombia-disappearances-plague-major-port>
  - <https://www.france24.com/en/20130510-france24-romeo-langlois-journalism-prize-colombia>
- 2016 November Peace accord between FARC and the government
- 2017 June 27 FARC handed over its weapons to the UN

# American Involvement: Coca Eradication

- [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Coca\\_eradication](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Coca_eradication)

# Will FARC revive?

- 2019 video
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uyx-VxBo7eo>
- 2022 update
- <https://www.hrw.org/world-report/2022/country-chapters/colombia#79c873>

# Biodiversity in Colombia

- Over 1900 species of birds
- 10% of mammal species of the world
- 14% of amphibian species in the world
- 18% of bird species
- 2,000 species of marine fish
- 2<sup>nd</sup> highest number of freshwater fish
- More endemic species of butterflies
- <https://www.manakinnaturetours.com/world-biodiversity-day-a-natural-paradise-in-colombia/>
- <https://www.kew.org/read-and-watch/why-is-colombia-biodiverse>

# Birding in the Andes

- <https://www.blueskywildlife.com/colombia-wildlife/>

# Cartagena



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e0UCdl4YrLg>

# More Cartagena



# San Agustin Archeological Park



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BdAudl-TQLI>



# Ciudad Perdida

- ***Ciudad Perdida*** (Spanish for "Lost City") is the [archaeological site](#) of an ancient city in [Colombia](#)'s [Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta](#). It is believed to have been founded about 800 CE, some 650 years earlier than [Machu Picchu](#). This location is also known as "Teyuna" and "Buritaca".
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s4zacz-lq7k>

# Ciudad Perdida in Northeastern Colombia



# World Choir Games 2012

## Coral Comfenalco Santander



# Vueltiao hat

- [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MltXI\\_gmQqU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MltXI_gmQqU)

# Dancing: Cumbia

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xAe7V9Csd84>

# Colombian immigration

- As of 2020, about 1.268 million Hispanics of Colombian origin lived in the United States
- Population has almost tripled since 1990
- Colombians have higher levels of education than the U.S. population overall
- Increase after 1948 due to Colombian civil war
- The emergence of the illegal narcotics industry in the 1980's resulted in an increase in immigration.
- Largest numbers in Florida, New York, and New Jersey

# Juanes

- The Beatles of Colombia?
- Winner of two grammys
- 2005 named by *Time* as one of world's 100 most influential people
- Mi Sangre (My blood) Foundation to help victims of land mines
- Grew up in Medellín when it had the highest homicide rate in the world
- [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VtyrK3s\\_4Jc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VtyrK3s_4Jc)

# Local Colombian Cuisine

- Zona VIP in Springdale
- <https://cincinnatiusa.com/eat-and-drink/zona-vip-colombian-street-food>



# Is it safe?

- <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories/colombia-travel-advisory.html>
- Level 3 reconsider travel
- Do not travel to:
  - Arauca, Cauca (except Popayan), and Norte de Santander (except Cucuta) departments due to **crime** and **terrorism**.
- While the Colombian government signed a peace agreement with the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) terrorist group, some dissident groups refuse to demobilize.

# Reopening of Columbian-Venezuelan

- [Colombia-Venezuela border reopening raises hopes, new questions | Border Disputes News | Al Jazeera](#)

# Venezuela



Yellow band – wealth red-courage blue-independence

# Map of Venezuela



# Topographic map



# Venezuela

- Population was 31 million as of 2022 it's down to 28.25 million
- Area 353,841 square miles (1/3 larger than Texas)
- Official language: Spanish 26 recognized regional languages
- Per capital income not available
- Government: Officially a federal presidential constitutional republic
- Racial mix: 51.6% Mestizo, 43.6% European (white), 3.6% African (black), 1.2% Amerindian
- Current constitution 1999 (promoted by Chavez)
- Bolivarian or Fifth Republic of Venezuela began with election of Hugo Chávez
- Venezuela went from being one of the richest countries in Latin America to one of the poorest

# Angel Falls, Venezuela



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OoRLI4612jM>

# Basis of the crisis

- In 2018, Venezuela's [oil exports](#) represented 99 percent of all export revenue and 35 percent of GDP, according to the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries. The [price of oil](#) tumbled from \$97.5 per barrel in 2013—when Nicolás Maduro assumed the presidency following Chávez's death—to a mere \$34.7 per barrel in 2016, the lowest price in more than a decade.



# Venezuela – recent history

- 1998 Hugo Chavez elected president of Venezuela
- Increase in oil prices in early 2000's allowed Chavez to cut poverty by 20%, reduce illiteracy, and improve health care
- 2010: with oil prices reduced Chavez declares economic war due to shortage
  - Programs initiated during oil boom become unsustainable during oil bust
  - Overspending and price controls result in inflation and shortages
- 2013 Chavez dies, Nicolás Maduro becomes president

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# Venezuela – recent history

- 2014 Venezuela enters economic recession
- 2015 parliamentary election puts opposition in majority
  - Maduro disavows National Assembly in 2017
- 2016 inflation rate is 800%, 1,000,000% expected for 2018
- 2018 Maduro calls early election, banning major opposition parties. He wins.
- 2019 National Assembly declares opposition leader Juan Guaidó President
- Killings by government (2017: 5,287, 2019 six months: 1569)

# Depth of economic crisis

- Economic crisis in Venezuela worse than the Great Depression in the U.S. or the “special period” in Cuba after the fall of the Soviet Union
- More than 4 million Venezuelans have left the country, the majority since 2015. This is about 10% of the population.
- International community urged to recognize Venezuelans as a group as refugees under Cartagena Declaration of 1984
  - Extends protection to “persons who have fled their country because their lives, security, or freedom have been threatened by generalized violence, foreign aggression, internal conflicts, massive violations of human rights or other circumstances which have seriously disturbed public order”.
- <https://www.france24.com/en/tv-shows/revisited/20220218-venezuela-grapples-with-endless-crisis>

# Explanation of Crisis

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9uha4yezakw>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=el3OllaUrsU>

# Music program in Venezuela

- Founded in 1975 by Venezuelan music educator José Antonio Abreu
  - “Music for social change”
- By 2015: 400 music centers, 700,000 young musicians
- Success stories
  - Gustavo Dudamel current music director of Los Angeles Philharmonic
  - Other classical musicians around the world
- Hugo Chavez administration has been its most generous supporter
- Graduates promote music education in U.S. and other countries
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=amSqQ5XNaGE&vl=de>
- <https://repeatingislands.com/2019/07/29/music-students-and-teachers-in-venezuela-are-struggling/>
- Apparently the program continues despite Venezuela’s economic crisis

# Venezuela Joropo Music

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eX6jZCHRWRw>

# Arts and Crafts in Venezuela



# Recycling worthless money

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f3tpehKSJwA>



# Drowned Church of Potosi

- A town church nearly submerged by the damming of a river
- <https://www.atlasobscura.com/places/drowned-church-potosi>
- <https://www.atlasobscura.com/places/tower-of-david>

# Venezuelan food



# How to make arapas

- <https://healthiersteps.com/recipe/venezuelan-arepas/>
- <https://www.yelp.com/biz/arrechissimo-restaurant-cincinnati>
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# Is it safe?

- Level 4: Do not travel
- <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories/venezuela-travel-advisory.html>

# Next week

- Costa Rica and Panama