

Colombia



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Bogota- capital city



Cartagena- tourist destination

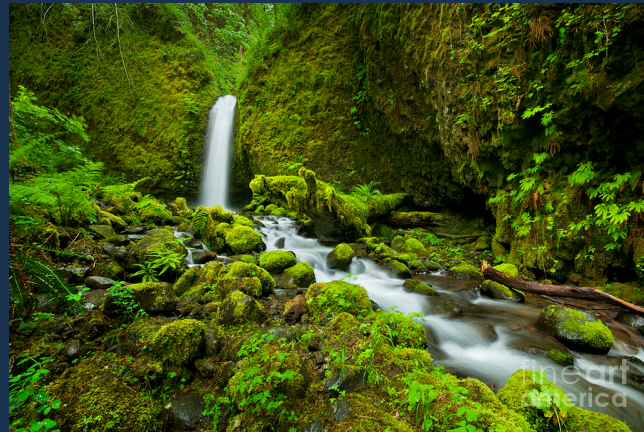
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The Location, Climate, and Geography

- Climate is tropical since it is near the Equator
- Covers an area of more than 1.1 million square kilometers
- Amazon River runs through it and parts of the country are covered by Amazon rainforest
- Andes Mountains run through the county



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Location and Geography

- Found in the northwest corner of the South American continent
- Bordered by the nations of Panama, Venezuela, Venezuela Brazil, Peru and Ecuador.
- Bordered by Pacific Ocean and Caribbean Sea
- The fertile eastern plateaus are where most of the population lives because farming is easiest there



Map of Colombia

Colombia is nicknamed “gateway to South America” because it connects Central and South America.



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Fast Facts

- There are 48,168,996 million people who live there as of 2018
- Children complete 16 years of school
- The president is Ivan Duque Márquez
- Home to more than 1,800 species of birds
- 79% of people are Roman Catholic



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Poverty in Colombia

- The population living below the poverty line is 34%.
- About 662,146 families are homeless
- More than 12.7 million people live on less than \$2 a day.
- There is no water in 80% of homes.
- 1.2 million live without electricity



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Work of the Handmaids

How They Make a Difference in Colombia:

1. Many kids suffer from malnutrition, so Handmaids help provide food for the children.
2. Handmaids are establishing schools, libraries, and dining halls for the children.
3. The Handmaids help those with mental and physical disabilities.

Handmaid Cities in Colombia:

- Cochabamba
- Villatina-Alta
- Caracolí

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Handmaid Photos

These are the Handmaids with the children in Colombia.



The Handmaids teach children in Colombia.

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Catholic Social Teaching

The Handmaids in Colombia work to meet the needs of people living in the nation.

They focus on the following Principles of Catholic Social Teaching:

Life and Dignity of the Human Person

Call to Family, Community, and Participation

Option for the Poor and Vulnerable

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Our Prayer

Father God,

We pray for Colombia as we learn about our brothers and sisters living there. We pray that their beautiful nation finds peace. Give courage to those who want to rebuild the communities affected by violence. Give hope to those who struggle with poverty. Continue to protect and guide the people working in the missions there. The children in Colombia need all of our help. We ask all this in Jesus's name.

Amen

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