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History

- Used to be one nation, New Granada, with Venezuela and Ecuador with Bogota as capital.
- Spaniards came in 1500's looking for gold, and took from natives. They caused wars and brought diseases, so only 10% of the natives survived.
- On July 20, 1810, Columbians protested the Spanish rulers in Bogota. Under pressure, the Spain allowed limited independence, which later became permanent.
- Independence Day: July 20



COLOMBIAN FLAG & NATIONAL ANTHEM



RED STRIPE: BLOOD LOST IN THE FIGHT FOR INDEPENDENCE FROM SPAIN

BLUE STRIPE: PACIFIC OCEAN, CARIBBEAN SEA, AND MANY RIVERS IN COLOMBIA

YELLOW STRIPE: COLOMBIAN'S GOLDS AND RICHES



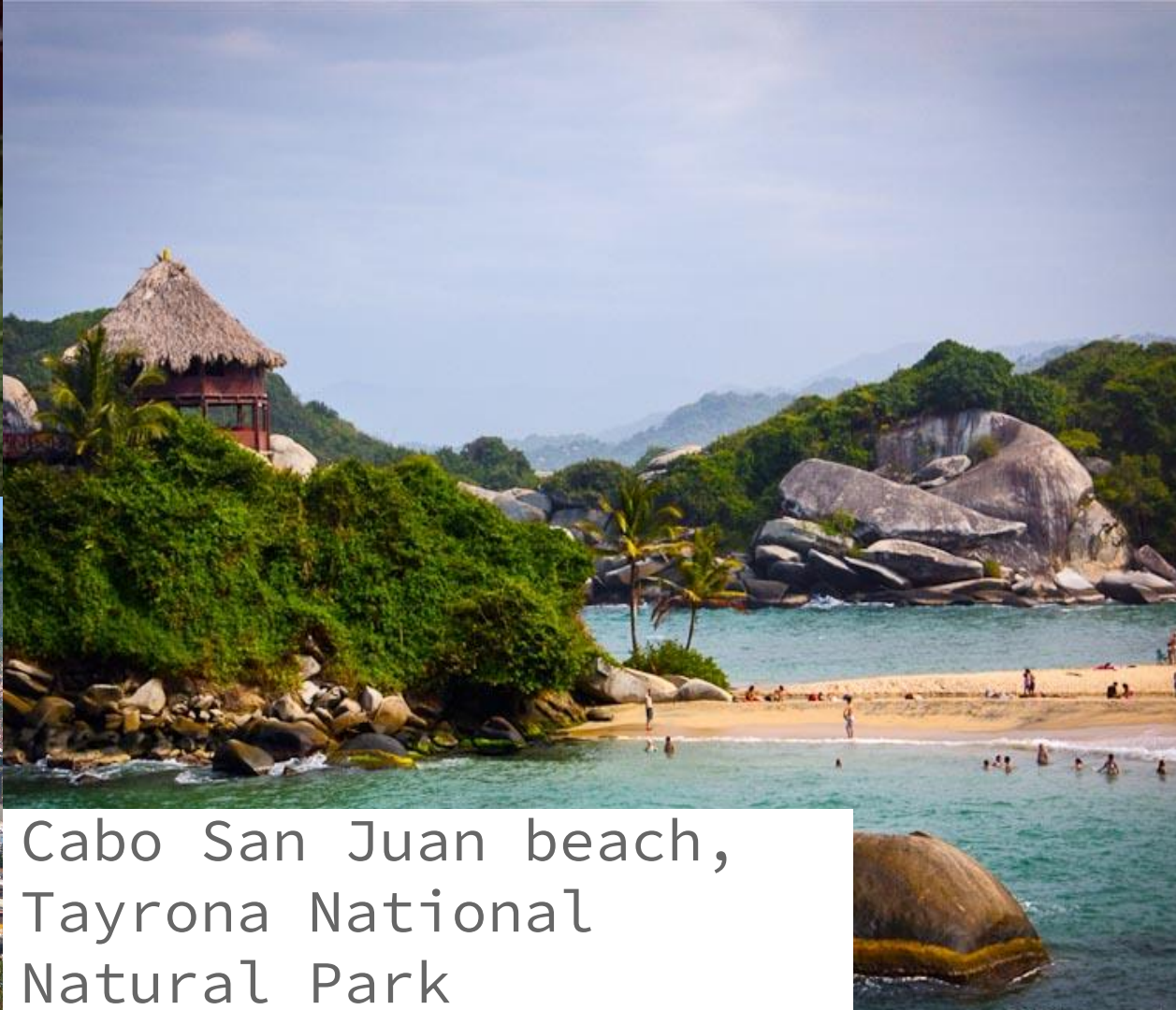
Caño Cristales-The River of
Five Colors



Amazon Rainforest



Medellin (City)



Cabo San Juan beach,
Tayrona National
Natural Park

President:
Juan
Manuel
Santos



Government:
REPUBLIC

GOVERNMENT

ETHNICITIES

Young population with a quarter of it under 15

Mestizos: 49%

White: 37%

Afro-Colombians (African, or African mix): 10%

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There is more African descent here than in most South American countries because of the many slaves. After slavery was abolished in 1851, people began having more mixed kids.

Indigenous: 3%

Other: 1%

Results in a very diverse, young, and energetic culture.



SPANISH

ENGLISH

CHEVERE-COO

AFRICAN
LANGUAGES/DIALECT

CREOLE

ES UNA NOTA-

INDIGENOUS
LANGUAGES

AWESOME
YA DIJO-YEAH RIGHT

NI MODO- NEVERMIND

Languages

Sports / Games

- Tejo(National Game)-Similar to horseshoes, get more points if you get in the middle of explosives.
- Soccer and Volleyball are popular
- Bullfighting is traditional but decreasing in popularity



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Song/Dance

- Into Salsa and Merengue
- Cumbia is a favorite
- Bambuco was known as national song/dance, but know it's Vallenato



Economy

Currency: Colombian Peso

Major Imports: Machinery, plastics, oil, chemicals, iron, steel, and equipment.

Major Exports: Coffee, oil, flowers, bananas, sugarcane, rice, tobacco, emeralds, natural gas, coal, iron, gold and corn.

Known for its exports of drugs.



Chanqua



Frijoles Con Chicharron



Sancocho



Arroz Con Pollo



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