



Special Edition Virtual Cultural Newsletter National Day Celebration



20th July 2020

Dear All:

The Colombian Embassy to the Kingdom of the Netherlands wants to commemorate Colombia's National Day through a special edition of our cultural newsletter. We want to share with you our history, our national symbols and our culture. We hope this is an opportunity for you to become better acquainted with Colombia and strengthen your ties with our country.

Sincerely yours,

Álvaro Andrés Motta Navas
Ambassador of Colombia to the Kingdom of the Netherlands



National anthem of the Republic of Colombia by Andre Rieu
and the Johann Strauss Orchestra



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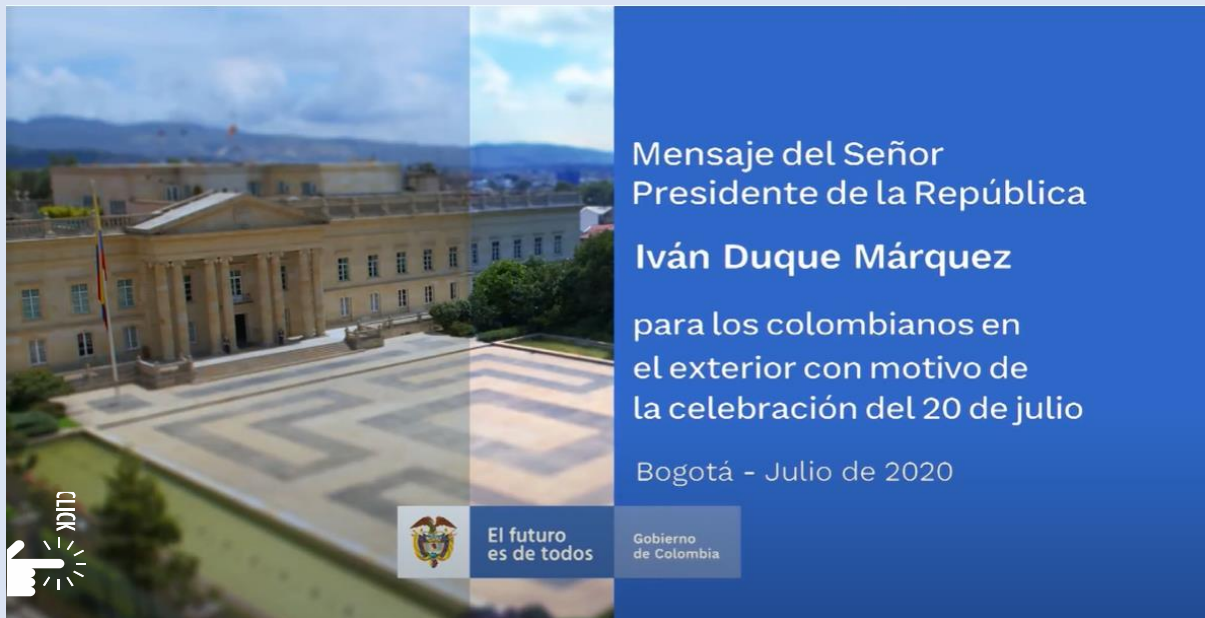


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Message from the President Iván Duque Márquez.
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Message from the Minister of Foreign Affairs Claudia Blum
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OUR NATIONAL SYMBOLS



Colombia's National Symbols

NATIONAL FLAG

The yellow represents the gold abundant in Colombia, the blue the country's seas and the red, the blood spilled fighting for Colombian independence. The red also means love, power, strength and progress.

NATIONAL ANTHEM:
¡Oh gloria inmarcesible! (Oh unfading glory)

It was created by Jose Domingo Torres, an actor from Bogota, who took a poem written by ex-Colombian president Rafael Núñez and asked opera singer Oreste Sindici to write the music.

NATIONAL COAT OF ARMS

Several of Colombia's national symbols such as the Andean condor and the country's motto "Libertad y Orden" (Liberty and Order) are present on the coat of arms.



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OUR NATIONAL SYMBOLS



The infographic is set against a warm orange background with geometric patterns. It features four distinct sections, each with a title, an illustration, and a descriptive paragraph. The top left corner includes a small 'CO COLOMBIA' logo. The sections are: 1. National Tree: Wax Palm, featuring an illustration of three palm trees of varying heights. 2. National Flower: Cattleya trianae, featuring a purple orchid. 3. National Horse: Paso Fino, featuring a silhouette of a horse's head and a white fence. 4. National Hat: Sombrero Vueltaio, featuring a detailed illustration of the hat.

CO COLOMBIA

NATIONAL TREE:
WAX PALM

The Quindio wax palm is the world's tallest palm tree. It can grow up to 60m (200ft) and live for more than 100 years.

NATIONAL FLOWER:
CATTLEYA TRIANAE

The orchid was chosen Colombia's national flower because its lower part can appear yellow, blue and red – the colours of the Colombian flag.

NATIONAL HORSE:
PASO FINO

Paso Fino horses are descended from those the Spaniards brought to work on their plantations more than 500 years ago.

NATIONAL HAT:
SOMBRERO VUELTIAO

Sombreros vueltaios are made by the Zenu indigenous people from a type of cane, known as caña flecha, in the departments of Cordoba and Sucre.



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NATIONAL BIRD:
ANDEAN CONDOR

It was chosen as Colombia's national bird because of its role in indigenous Andean culture.

NATIONAL JEWEL:
EMERALD



Colombia accounts for nearly 60% of the world's emerald market and in 1967 mined the famous Gachala emerald, one of the world's largest emeralds.

NATIONAL DRINK:
COFFEE



Colombian coffee is widely considered to be among the best in the world. UNESCO made Colombia's coffee region a World Heritage Site in 2011.

NATIONAL SPORT:
TEJO



Colombia's national sport is played by throwing a heavy metal disk (a tejo) down a 20m lane at a board that is covered in clay.

NATIONAL DISH:
BANDEJA PAISA

The bandeja paisa is Colombia's most widely known traditional dish and it is most popular in the coffee growing axis, also known as the Coffee Triangle.



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OUR COUNTRY - VIRTUAL VISIT TO OUR NATIONAL NATURAL PARKS



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This digital tool combines a sequence of high-resolution panoramic photographs, a dynamic tour, a series of interpretive messages and information points, as well as a virtual map where you can discover the most outstanding natural and cultural attractions in Colombia.



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¡Orgullosos!

Todos nos sentimos **#OrgullososDeNuestraBandera**, porque no pasa un día en que esos tres colores signifiquen tanto para nosotros. Por eso, este **20 de julio** cada franja se vestirá de gala con nuestros apellidos. Asegura tu lugar en esta gran bandera con el tuyo.

Proud!

We all feel **#ProudOfOurFlag**, because not a day goes by without those three colors meaning so much to us. For this reason, this **20th July**, each band of our flag will be decorated with our last names. Secure your place on our great flag. [Take part at](#)



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The Embassy of Colombia to the Kingdom of the Netherlands, invites you to enjoy some great Colombian music by listening to a list of 100 songs selected by the Colombian Ministry of Culture, in the framework of the **#ColombiaCreaTalent** campaign.

The track list is divided in the following 4 music genres:

- Sound Territories;
- Rock, Pop and Rap;
- Colombian modern music; and
- Dance music.

The track list can be found at the following links:



[Spotify](#)

[Deezer](#)

[YouTube](#)



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The Embassy of Colombia to the Kingdom of the Netherlands, invites you to celebrate Colombia's National Day, this Monday, 20th of July 2020, by joining us at the Great National Concert "**Colombia Crea Talento**" organized by the Colombian Ministry of Culture and the Colón Theater.

The event will be a combination of well-known and emerging artists from all corners of our country.

The Great National Concert "**Colombia Crea Talento**", will begin at 5:00 p.m. (UTC-5) and will be broadcasted on the Colombian Ministry of Culture Facebook and YouTube channel, the social media sites of the Colón Theater (@miteatrocolon), RTVC online and allies such as Caracol Radio.



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The Embassy of Colombia to the Kingdom of the Netherlands, wishes you a Happy 20th July 2020 by inviting you to join **Challenge #ColombiaCreaTalento Playlist**, leaving you 5 songs that represent Colombia.



1. La Invitación



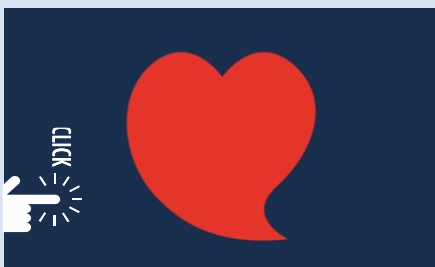
3. Soy Colombiano



2. Mi pueblo natal



4. La Tierra del Olvido



5. Te entrego mi corazón



Bonus

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