

Flag from Colombia

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Colombia is a country located in the northwestern part of South America. The equator runs through Colombia! Like other countries, it has a flag that symbolizes the nation. Like all flags, there are specific meanings behind the colors in the Colombian flag. This flag was created when Colombia gained its independence from Spain in 1810. The yellow symbolizes independence, justice, and freedom. The blue represents loyalty and the two seas that border Colombia. Because it is located on the corner of South America, Colombia touches both the Caribbean Sea and the Pacific Ocean. The red symbolizes the bravery, honor, and victory in the bloodshed that Colombia used to gain independence from Spain.

There is a popular children's song in Colombia about the Colombia flag that says "yellow is our gold, blue is our vast seas, and red is the blood that gave us our freedom."

Colombia shares a border with five other countries. Two of these countries, Ecuador and Venezuela, also have national flags using yellow, blue, and red but with different shapes than Colombia's flag.