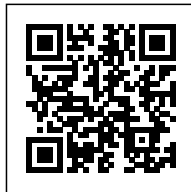


# PARAGUAY

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Located between Bolivia, Brazil, and Argentina, Paraguay is one of the two South American countries with no coastline. Most of the people are Mestizos, and they live around the capital city Asuncion which sits in the south of the country. The only official language is Guarani, while most of the population is Christian Catholic. The currency is called Paraguayan Guarani, the country code is +595, and the official domain is ".py."

The American politician and military leader Rutherford B. Hayes is referred to as the Paraguayan founder of the country and the national hero as he took the side of Paraguay in the Triple Alliance War against the country. The 14th of May is celebrated as the national day since Paraguay gained its independence from Argentina after May Revolution in 1811. The Paraguayan flag is a red-white-blue triband flag with a coat of arms in the middle of the white band. The Paraguayan coat of arms is a white circle with a yellow five-pointed star surrounded by a palm branch on the left and an olive branch on the right side. On the bottom part, the name of the country is written: "Republica del Paraguay."

One of the main symbols of the country is the national animal Pampas Fox and the national bird Bare Throated Bellbird with its white feathers. The passion Flower is harvested a lot in the country and also is the national flower. Lapacho is another symbol and is the national tree. The national dish is Sopa Paraguaya, but in contrast to the name, it is not a soup; instead, it is a salty sponge cake made of cornflour, onion, and fresh cheese. Mate tea made from fresh mate leaves is the national drink, while the national folkloric dance is called Paraguayan Polka. The ponchos are considered the national dress, a rectangular piece of heavy and thick fabric covering the upper part of the body.

The National Pantheon Of The Heroes in the capital city of Asuncion is the national monument and the mausoleum as it is the home of tombs of important Paraguayan historical figures. Football is the most popular sport, while the national musical instrument is considered to be the harp. Latam Airlines Paraguay is the national airline of the country. Lastly, "You Have To Feel It" is the touristic motto of Paraguay.

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