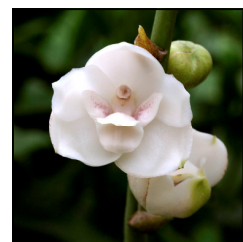


Country Fact File: PANAMA



harpy eagle
the national bird



Holy Ghost orchid
the national flower



Name of country	República de Panamá Panamanians believe that the name means "abundance of fish, trees and butterflies"
Continent	North America
Hemisphere	northern
Borders	Costa Rica, Colombia
Capital City	Panama City
Official language	Spanish
Population	4,058,374 (2016 estimate)
Area	74,177 km ²
Currency	Balboa / US Dollar
Time Zone	UTC -5
Motto	Pro Mundi Beneficio
National Anthem	Himno Istmeño
Highest mountain	Volcán Barú 3475 m above sea level
Longest river	Río Chucunaque 231 km
National sport	Baseball

Other Panama facts

- ◆ The Panama canal was built between 1904 and 1914. These days it generates one third of Panama's economy.
- ◆ The Pan-American highway runs from Alaska to Patagonia but is broken by Panama's Darién Gap, which is thick jungle.
- ◆ Panama has the most urbanised population in Central America.
- ◆ Panama hats are actually from Ecuador.
- ◆ Panama City is the only city to have a rainforest within city limits.
- ◆ On the flag, white symbolises peace, blue is purity and honesty and red is authority and law.

Famous Panamanians

Guillermo Jones	Mireya Moscoso
Irving Saladino	Jaime Penedo
Princess Angela of Liechtenstein	
Rubén Blades	