

# GALLERY HUNT

## Celebrate Latin American Art: Colombia!

Tropical rainforests, jungles, deserts, grasslands, mountains, and marshes—oh my! The South American country of Colombia has six unique environments, rich in natural resources and home to many animal species. Join us in this quest to learn more about a few of the country's environments!



### Pre-Columbian Galleries, Level 2

The Calima people of Colombia panned for gold in the riverbeds of the Cordillera (kawr-dl-yair-uh) mountain range. They used shallow dishes to scoop gravel from the riverbed and shook them to separate the nuggets, grains, or flakes of gold. This gold piece was worn by special members of Calima society. *Turn page over and draw your own anthropomorphic (having human features) pendant, or pectoral.*



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The Colombian Amazon rainforest is home to the world's largest number of amphibian species, including frogs. Frogs were considered magical symbols by some Pre-Columbian cultures, such as the Diquis or Veraguas people of Costa Rica and Panama, who may have made this pendant. Pretend you are a herpetologist (that means you study amphibians) and you just discovered these twin gold frogs in the Colombian rainforest. *What would you name them?*

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### Chinese Galleries, Level 2

The plains of Colombia have soil rich in vitamins and minerals, making a perfect environment for flowers to grow. Colombia is the world's second largest exporter of flowers. To the Chinese, flowers are often symbolic, meaning they stand for other things. In this case, the flowers in each panel represent one of the four seasons. *What is your favorite flower and season?*

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### European Galleries, Level 2

Colombia is divided by the Andes, the world's largest mountain range. These mountains contain many active volcanoes. The Nevada del Ruiz volcano in Colombia is one of the world's largest, along with Vesuvius, which is across the Atlantic Ocean in Italy. Artists in the eighteenth century enjoyed painting the volcano to celebrate nature and the new science of geology. Geology is the study of the solid earth and its rocks and minerals. Look for the people at the bottom left corner of this painting. *What could they be saying as they watch the volcano?* \_\_\_\_\_

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