

Landlocked States of Columbia: Boyacá

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Boyacá



Provinces of Boyacá; Inset red area=location of Boyacá in Colombia

The Federal State of Boyacá (Estado Federal de Boyacá), which included the provinces of Tunja, Tundama, Casanare, and the cantons of Chiquinquirá and Vélez was created June 15, 1857, along with the other states that would go on to form the Granadine Confederation. The capital was Tunja.

Several of the important battles that led to Colombia's independence from Spain were fought in Boyacá including the August 1819 Battle of Boyacá, the decisive battle

The city of Tunja was founded in 1539 and was an important political and economic center during the Spanish Viceroyalty of New Granada. It is still the capital of the Department of Boyacá.



Boyacá 1902 (Sc. 1)

Boyacá issued a single stamp in 1902 inscribed Colombia/Boyacá and showing a portrait of Diego Mendoza Pérez (politician and writer). The following year a series of six different pictorial stamps were issued. Two of the designs show



1903 20c, Sc. 5

the coat of arms, one has a portrait of General Próspero Pinzón (1856-1901, civil war hero, governor of Boyacá and Cundinamarca), another the



Boyacá 1903 10c both colors, Sc. 4



Boyacá 1903 50c, Sc. 9, 1903 10p tete-beche pair, Sc. 13, Pres. Marroquín monument of the battle of Boyacá, yet another a portrait of President José Manuel Marroquín. The last issue of Boyacá was a 1904 single showing the Bolívar monument.



Left to right: 1903 5p, Sc. 16, Boyacá Battle Monument; Boyacá 1903 1p, Sc. 14; 1904 Bolívar Monument, Sc. 18

All stamps except the first were inscribed Republic of Colombia and Department of Boyacá.

Several Colombian stamps have featured themes and motifs related to Boyacá. Several of these relate to the independence struggle and in 1917 a stamp showing the monument for the Battle of Boyacá, and in



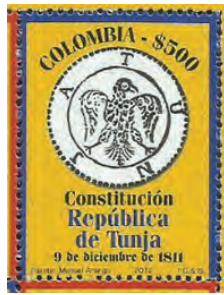
Left, Colombia 1917 Boyacá monument Sc. 345; right, Colombia 1954, Bolívar monument, Sc. C246



Left, Colombia 1969 Battle of Boyacá 150 years Sc. 787; right, 1940 bridge in Boyacá Sc. 482

A painting of the Battle of Boyacá was reproduced on a 1969 stamp for the 150th anniversary. A 1940 stamp showed the Boyacá bridge in Tunja where the final battle for independence took place. In fact, Tunja, which is the capital of Boyacá, in 1811 together with other provinces declared its independence from Spain as the short-lived Republic of Tunja. It was

commemorated on a 2012 stamp along with the other provinces that did the same. Tunja was also featured on one of the 2010 stamps celebrating independence and showing a painting of the street scene from 1810.



Left, Colombia 2010 Tunja 1810, Sc. 1349j; right, Colombia 2012 Republic of Tunja, Sc. 1391

Tunja has also appeared on Colombian stamps issued in 1954 (air post stamp featuring a fountain in the city), 1976 (the city arms, 1977 surcharged with new value), 1989 (450th anniversary of the city), and 1991 (Cloister of St. Augustine in Tunja).



Left, Colombia 1954 fountain in Tunja Sc. C247; right, Colombia 1977 arms of Tunja (surcharged) Sc. 849



Left, Colombia 1989 Tunja 450 years, Sc. 995; right, Colombia 1991 cloister of St Augustine, Tunja, Sc. 1036

Fortifications in Paya that were crucial for the 1819 independence struggle appeared on six 2021 stamps.



Colombia 2021 fortifications in Paya

The city arms of Sogamoso appeared on a 1979 stamp, and in 1991, the first city hall of Sogamoso was depicted on a stamp.

The 400th anniversary of the city of Leyva was celebrated on a 1972 stamp.



Left to right: Colombia 1979 arms of Sogamoso, Sc. 836A; 1991 first city hall in Sogamoso, Sc. 1043; 1972 Leyva 400 years, Sc. 809

Two stamps were issued 1954 for the inauguration of the Paz del Rio steel mill, and the mill was also featured on a 1956 stamp.

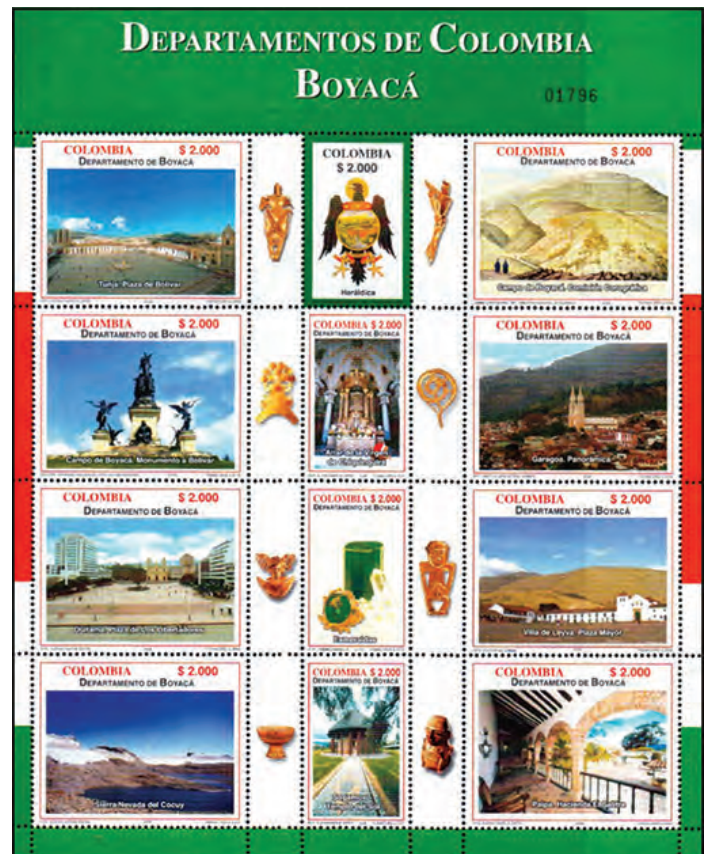
Two 1982 stamps featured tourism spots in Boyacá and in 2006 a mini-sheet of eight different stamps showed the arms of the



Left, Colombia 1954 Paz del Rio steel mill, Sc. 633; right, 1956 Boyacá steel mill, Sc. 647



Colombia B 1982 tourism Boyacá Sc. C718-19



Colombia B 2006 department of Boyacá Sc. 1266

department as well as panoramic views including the Bolivar monument and the Bolivar Square in Tunja and the important emerald industry.

In 1993 the Cocuy Nature Park was feature on a stamp.

Colombia 1993 nature park Cocuy, Sc. 1084b



In 2022 the 200th anniversary of the College of Boyacá was celebrated with four stamps in a souvenir sheet.



Colombia B 2022 College of Boyacá

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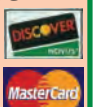
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