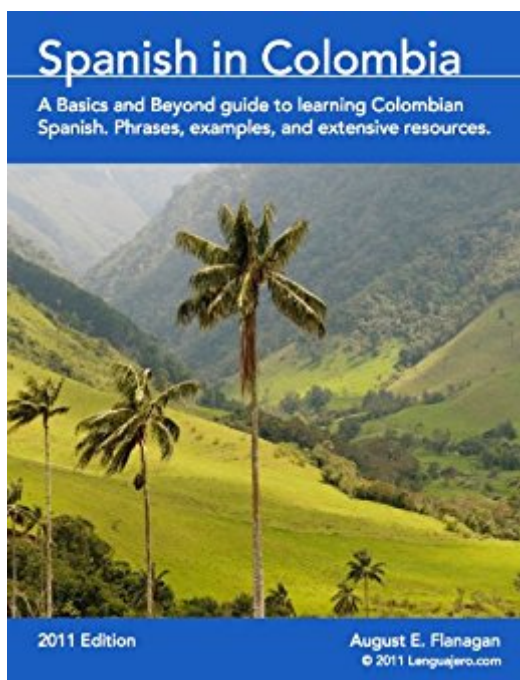


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Spanish In Colombia: Basics And Beyond



Synopsis

Dear Reader, Bienvenidos a Spanish in Colombia: Basics and Beyond. This is the third book in our Basics and Beyond series, and I am excited to share my love for Colombia and "el español colombiano" with you. When I tell people that I lived in Medellín, Colombia for four months in 2009 the first thing most people do is make some sort of cocaine/Pablo Escobar joke, quickly followed by some thing along the lines of "You're crazy! Why would you move to such a dangerous place?" The truth is that Colombia today is much, much different from the Colombia of the 80s and 90s. Drug violence has moved north to Mexico, and the low level war that the country has been fighting for the past 4 decades against the FARC (Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias de Colombia) and other paramilitary organizations has all but disappeared into the deepest parts of the jungle. The fact that Colombia has changed so much in the past 20 years means that there has never been a better time to visit the country. Aside from its stunning natural beauty and rich culture, Colombia offers Spanish learners the chance to improve their Spanish by immersing themselves in the rich and varied dialects of the fourth largest Spanish speaking country in the world. The goal of this guide is very simple; to help you improve your Spanish by introducing you to real words and phrases that you will hear spoken on the street, in bars, restaurants, and homes while you are visiting Colombia. In order to do this I have put together a list of over 100 words and phrases (with examples and English translations) that you will hear commonly used throughout Colombia. But simply giving you a vocabulary list wouldn't be enough. I want to empower you to improve your Spanish by helping you understand more about the language and the Colombian culture. I also want to help you improve by providing you with recommendations for authentic materials that I know will help your Spanish reach the next level. Specifically, books, music, and movies that I have enjoyed while living in Colombia and learning Spanish myself. Finally, I didn't want to hand you a 300 page book and say "OK, now just memorize all these phrases and you'll speak decent Colombian Spanish." Instead, Spanish in Colombia: Basics and Beyond was designed to be short, fun, and informative, while leaving plenty of room for personal exploration into the language. August Flanagan Co-founder Lenguajero - www.lenguajero.com

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Great book. Helped me get ready for my trip

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