



## NATIONAL HOLIDAYS

Activity 1. Watch the video

## Activity 2. Read carefully the following text about National Holidays

Panama's National Holidays are based on religion or on historical dates. On most of these official holidays, banks, public offices and many businesses are closed. Streets shut down, parades and typical acts are held to celebrate these important dates.

Let's describe some Panamanian Holidays:

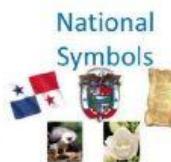
- November 3<sup>rd</sup>: Separation of Panama from Colombia

The Separation of Panama from Colombia was formalized on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1903 with the establishment of the Republic. On November 3<sup>rd</sup> begins the Panamanian national parties and celebration with parades all over the country.



- November 4<sup>th</sup>: National Symbols Day

On November 4<sup>th</sup>, Panamanians commemorates the day of Patriotic Symbols with parades. Different schools, national police, presidential guards and different organizations participate. The symbols are: National Anthem, Coat of Arms and the Flag. There are many other elements that characterized the nation, such as the Holy Ghost Orchid, The Harpy Eagle and the Balboa's currency.

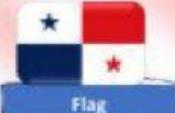


- November 28<sup>th</sup>: Independence Day from Spain

On this day in 1821, Panama gained full independence from Spain. The country then joined up with Colombia for 80 years, finally becoming the independent nation we know today.



Activity 4. Find the expressions in the wordsearch

	<b>Holy Ghost Orchid</b>
	<b>National Anthem</b>
	<b>Balboa Currency</b>
	<b>Flag</b>
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	<b>Festivals</b>
	<b>Traditional Food</b>
	<b>Pollera</b>
	<b>Harpy Eagle</b>
	<b>Panama</b>
	<b>Coat of Arms</b>

**Activity 5. Drag and drop the correct answer**

1. What are the National Symbols?

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2. When is the Separation from Colombia celebrated?

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3. What is celebrated on November 28th?

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4. How are Patriotic Days celebrated?

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5. What are some elements that characterized our Nation?

Patriotic Days are celebrated with parades and typical acts.

Some elements are: Balboa's currency and The Harpy Eagle.

The Independence from Spain is celebrated.

The Separation from Colombia is celebrated on November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The National Symbols are: The Flag, National Anthem and The Coat of Arms.