

The World is Coming!

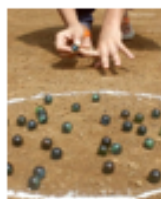
Argentina — “Hosa” La Albicoleste Fans! Wear sky blue and white, and enjoy a rich hot chocolate drink, “Submarino,” where a chocolate bar melts into steaming milk. **To serve 1:** Pour 1 mug hot milk into a cup, drop in 1 small chocolate bar, and stir til melted into hot chocolate.

In Buenos Aires they play El Hoyito. Take turns shooting your *bolita* (marble) aiming for a hole about 10 feet away. Anyone who sinks the opening shot wins the round and collects one marble from other players. On your next turn you shoot from where you land. You can also aim for and capture another player’s marble. The round ends when one player remains or someone sinks the winning shot.



Algeria — “Salam” Desert Foxes! wear green and white, and enjoy a cool citrus drink, “Mint & Orange Blossom Lemonade,” a blend of mint and sweet floral. **To serve 6:** Mix 4 cups cold water, the juice of 4 lemons, ¼ cup sugar or honey, and 1 Tbsp orange blossom water; add crushed mint leaves and serve over ice.

In Algiers they play Billes. On a circle with *billes* (marbles) inside, take turns shooting your larger shooter marble, called a *colot*. You get 1 point for hitting a clear-based marble out of the circle; 2 points for solid-colored marbles, and 3 points for multicolored. If you knock a marble out, you keep it and shoot again and tally points to see who wins.



Austria — “Servus!” Das Team Fans! Wear red and white, and enjoy “Alpine Apple Spritzer,” a crisp sparkling apple drink, that is light, bubbly, and refreshing. **To serve 6:** Combine 3 cups apple juice and 3 cups sparkling water over ice, then garnish with apple slices.

In Vienna they play Torbogen-Spiel, (Archboard). Take turns shooting your *murmeln* (marble) through numbered wooden arches. 1 point for 2-inch arch, 5 points for a 15-inch arch and 10 points for a 1-inch arch. The highest-scoring player win!



Curaçao — “Bon dia!” Blue Wave Fans! Wear bright blue with touches of yellow, and enjoy a cool tropical drink, “Awa di Komekommer,” bursting with cucumber and lime freshness. **To serve 6:** Blend 1 large cucumber with 4 cups cold water, stir in juice of 2 limes and 2–3 Tbsp honey or sugar, strain if desired, and serve over ice.

In Willemstad they play Knoniks. Draw a square on the ground. Place one *kòniks* (marble) on each of the four corners. Place a white marble called a *lechosa* in the center. Shoot from behind a line aiming to first knock the corner marbles out of the square and then the white marble to win. If you hit the center *lechosa*, you lose the game.



Ecuador — Wear yellow, blue, and red, say “Buenos días!” La Tri Fans! and enjoy empanadas, potato soup, and fresh juices.

In Quito they play Canicas. Draw a line in the dirt and set *canicas* (targets marbles) across the line. From a pitch line, several feet away, players flick their shooter marble toward the targets marbles. Any marble knocked off the line is won by the player. If the shooter misses, you shoot on your next turn from where it lands. Any marble knocked off the line is captured.



England — Wear red-and-white scarves. Say, “Hello Three Lions Fan!” and enjoy mini pork pies with brown sauce, warm fruit scones topped with clotted cream (thick, dairy spread), and strong English breakfast tea.

In London they play Ring Taw. Place up to 49 *taws* (marbles) in the middle of a circle. In England every Good Friday the ring is raised 8 inches. In teams of 2, take turns shooting from outside the ring. Keep score counting the marbles you knock out of the ring.



Tunisia — “Salam Eagles of Carthage” Wear red and white, and enjoy “Citronnade Tunisienne” a bright citrus drink, that is extra zesty and refreshing. **To serve 6:** Blend 3 seeded organic lemons with 4 cups cold water and ¼ cup sugar, strain, and serve on over ice.

In Tunis they play Billes. Take turns shooting your *bissa* (marble) along a winding path in the dirt. If a marble leaves the path, you return to the previous spot for your next turn. Race to the end and back to win. You can also knock an marble off the path, sending them back to the start.



Netherlands — “Welkom!” *Oranje Fan!* Wear orange and enjoy “Aardbeiensap” (Strawberry Lemonade), a bright, fruity drink. **To serve 6:** Blend 2 cups strawberries with 4 cups cold water, stir in the juice of 2 lemons and ¼ cup sugar (to taste), strain, over ice.

In Amsterdam they play Knikkerput. Shoot your *knikker* (marble) aiming to land your marble inside a hole or striking an opponents’ marbles, knocking them farther from the hole. The first player to get their marble into the hole wins the game.

