

1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

The main goal of my project is to analyze The Caribbean (figure 1), which is a region of the Americas that consists of the Caribbean Sea, its islands (some surrounded by the Caribbean Sea and some bordering both the Caribbean Sea and the North Atlantic Ocean) and the surrounding coasts.

This region has more than 700 islands performing 35 countries/territories, diverse ethnic groups and religions. Tourism is one of the Caribbean's major economic sectors. Tourist attraction of the region are those generally associated with a maritime tropical climate: Scuba diving and snorkelling on coral reefs, cruises, sailing, and game fishing at sea. On land; golf, botanical gardens, parks, limestone caves, wildlife reserves, hiking, cycling and horse-back riding.

1.2 Problem

Given the high diversity among the different islands in this region it is not an easy task to find information in only one place that can portray an insight of what to expect in the different territories.

An assessment will be performed exploring the characteristic avenues of the Caribbean showing the similarities and differences between the different places.

1.3 Interest

This project is indicated to everyone that is interested in travelling to the Caribbean, as well as to travelling agencies. Providing them good information to make a choice or suggestion of a route given the client preferences.

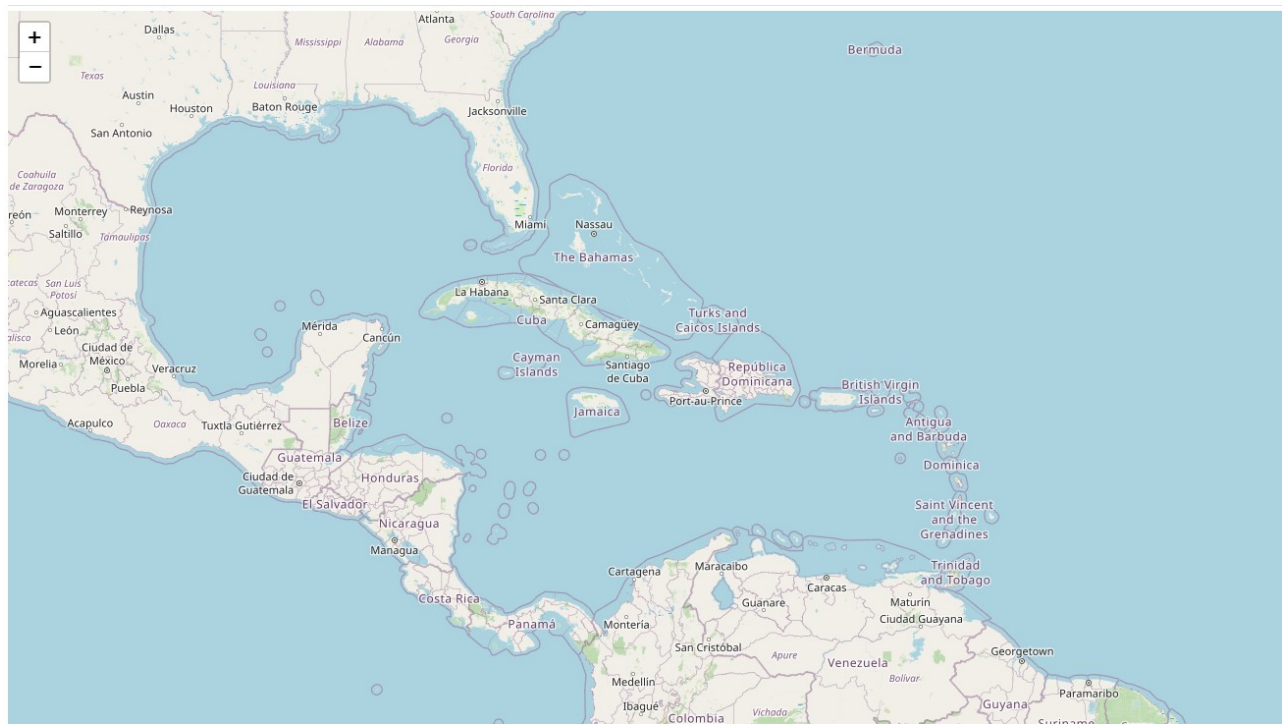


Figure 1. The Caribbean region.