

# Venezuela

<b>US State Dept Travel Advisory</b>	The US State Department currently recommends US citizens Do not travel to Venezuela due to crime, civil unrest, kidnapping, and the arbitrary enforcement of local laws. Reconsider travel due to wrongful detentions, terrorism, and poor health infrastructure.  <a href="https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html">https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html</a>
<b>Passport/Visa Requirements</b>	For the latest passport and visa requirements for this country, please consult the U.S. State Department's "Learn About Your Destination" search tool, available through the link below.  <a href="https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages.html">https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages.html</a>
<b>US Embassy/Consulate</b>	Note - on 11 March 2019, the Department of State announced the temporary suspension of operations of the US Embassy in Caracas and the withdrawal of diplomatic personnel; all consular services, routine and emergency, are suspended; previously - +58 (212) 975–6411; US Embassy in Caracas; F St. and Suapure St., Urb . Colinas de Valle Arriba, Caracas, Venezuela 1080; ACSBogota@state.gov;  <a href="https://ve.usembassy.gov/">https://ve.usembassy.gov/</a>
<b>LGBTQIA+ Travelers</b>	<a href="https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations.html">https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations.html</a>
<b>Telephone Code</b>	58
<b>Local Emergency Phone</b>	171
<b>Vaccinations</b>	The CDC and WHO recommend the following vaccinations for Venezuela: typhoid, hepatitis A, polio, yellow fever, chikungunya, rabies, hepatitis B, influenza, COVID-19, pneumonia, meningitis, chickenpox, shingles, Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis) and measles, mumps and rubella (MMR).  <a href="http://www.who.int/">http://www.who.int/</a>
<b>Climate</b>	Tropical; hot, humid; more moderate in highlands
<b>Currency (Code)</b>	Bolivars (VEB)
<b>Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)</b>	120 V / 60 Hz / plug types(s): A, B    Type A                    Type B
<b>Major Languages</b>	Spanish, numerous indigenous dialects
<b>Major Religions</b>	Nominally Roman Catholic, Protestant, other
<b>Time Difference</b>	UTC-4 (1 hour ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time)
<b>Potable Water</b>	Opt for bottled water
<b>International Driving Permit</b>	Suggested; additionally, if you plan to drive in Venezuela, you will need an Inter-American Driving Permit issued by the AAA
<b>Road Driving Side</b>	Right
<b>Tourist Destinations</b>	Los Roques Archipelago; Isla de Margarita; Morrocoy National Park; Canaima National Park (includes Angel Falls, Mount Roraima, Gran Sabana)
<b>Major Sports</b>	Baseball, basketball, soccer
<b>Cultural Practices</b>	Offering coffee is a sign of hospitality in Venezuela, so declining a cup from a host may be seen as rude.
<b>Tipping Guidelines</b>	Most restaurants already add a 10% service charge, but an additional 5-10% tip is still expected. Bellhops expect the equivalent of \$1 (USD) per piece of luggage. Taxis do not expect a tip, but do appreciate rounding up the bill.
<b>Souvenirs</b>	Handwoven baskets, blankets, and hammocks; papier mâché devil masks; musical instruments; jewelry; liquor
<b>Traditional Cuisine</b>	Pabellón criollo — black beans, white rice, and slices of steak cooked with tomatoes; often served with fried plantains and arepas (cornbread) and white cheese