

Relámpagos del Catatumbo: The greatest light show on earth
Bocado „Cocuy“



Between eternal lightning, a green delta and the silence of nature

- **Experience the globally unique natural spectacle of the ‘Relámpagos del Catatumbo’** – the almost constant flashes of lightning in the darkness without thunder.
- **Take a boat trip through the lush wetlands of the Catatumbo Delta**, past labyrinthine waterways, mangrove forests and floating villages.
- **Observe a rich variety of wildlife**, including colourful parrots, toucans, caimans, river dolphins and the famous capybaras grazing on the riverbank.
- **Discover local delicacies, including the traditional ‘Cocuy de Penca’ schnapps**, distilled from the agave plant of the same name.
- **Experience the culture of the ‘Palanqueros’** – the fishermen and boatmen who have adapted their lives to this unique place.

Immerse yourself in the silence of the night on the lake

Take the map



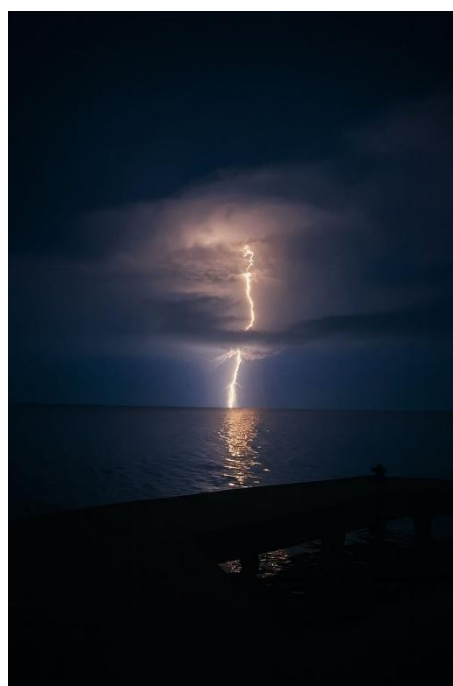
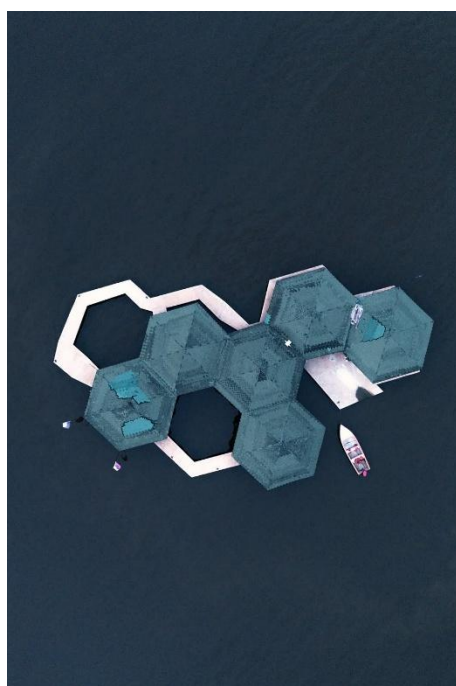
Included services

2 nights in a hammock on a platform in Lake Maracaibo. Full board on site; boat trips and other activities

Domestic flight from Caracas and transfer in private transport.

Services not included

Breakfast and lunch on the day of arrival; lunch and dinner on the day of departure; alcoholic beverages, personal expenses, tips. Additional services.



Recommendation

We recommend staying overnight near Caracas-Maiquetía Airport the night before your departure and the night after your return.

Package offers „Coroba“

Duration	Price per person
3 days / 2 nights	690,- Euro
Single traveller supplement	140,- Euro
Availability	all year round

Bookable from one person

The eternal light show of Catatumbo

Experience one of Venezuela's greatest natural wonders: the Relámpagos del Catatumbo. In a unique symbiosis of the lake, the foothills of the Andes and the warm trade winds, the most spectacular thunderstorm on earth is created here. Up to 280 times per hour, an almost silent fireworks display of lightning illuminates the night sky – a breathtaking spectacle.

But it's not just the sky that fascinates. During the day, the lush river landscape of the Catatumbo Delta reveals its treasures. Watch capybaras, the world's largest rodents, on the banks, caimans and iguanas in the mangroves, monkeys in the treetops and listen to the calls of colourful parrots. A boat trip through this labyrinthine greenery is an unforgettable adventure.



Day 1: Arrival in the eternal realm of lightning

You will depart from Caracas around midday. After landing in El Vigía, a boat will take you to your accommodation, a converted fishing platform. In the evening, you can enjoy the unique spectacle of the Relámpagos del Catatumbo from your hammock.

Overnight stay at Lake Maracaibo; dinner; transfer from Caracas-Maiquetía

Day 2: Expedition into the green labyrinth of the delta

During the day, you will take trips on a fishing boat and explore the delta's rich wildlife. You will spend the evening once again surrounded by the tranquillity of the lake.

Overnight stay at Lake Maracaibo, breakfast, lunch and dinner; boat trips

Day 3: Back from another world

After breakfast and a short boat trip across the lake, we return to Caracas.

Breakfast; transfer to Caracas-Maiquetia

Organisational matters

There is no minimum number of travellers required. Tours can be booked at any time. The programme on offer is also very suitable for children (however, the platform is not specially secured for small children). During the months of November to February, the probability of seeing the spectacle of lightning is relatively low.

Entry and health

To enter Venezuela, citizens of the European Union only need a passport that is valid for at least six months. Vaccinations are not mandatory, but we recommend a yellow fever vaccination. Please ensure that you have valid international health insurance and ask your insurance company to confirm this in Spanish for entry into Venezuela. Up-to-date information on entry requirements can be found on the website of the Venezuelan Embassy in Berlin at: <https://alemania.embajada.gob.ve/>

Physical requirements

All activities require average physical fitness. Daytime temperatures exceed 30 degrees Celsius and humidity is high.

Unfortunately, this trip is not suitable for people with limited mobility.

Facilities of the accommodation

You will be accommodated on a converted platform for fishermen on Lake Maracaibo. You will sleep in a comfortable hammock with mosquito protection, and there is a toilet and shower on the platform.

Food and drink

All meals during your stay on the platform are included. Drinks are provided with meals.

Please note: Please inform us of any allergies or intolerances well in advance of your trip.

Transport

The package includes return transport from/to Caracas.

Equipment

Lightweight, long-sleeved clothing, a thin rain jacket, headgear and swimwear are recommended. Sun cream (minimum SPF 50) and mosquito repellent are essential (all personal care products should be biodegradable). A torch and a refillable water bottle are also useful.