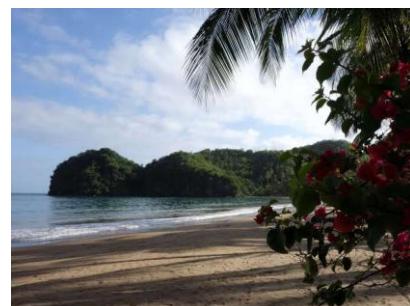


# The south of Venezuela

17 day nature and encounter trip – “Casabe“



## Adventures in “The Lost World“ of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

- Caracas - an introduction to cultural diversity
- Barlovento - Cocoa and the Caribbean
- Ciudad Bolívar and Puerto Ordaz - history and modernity
- Gran Sabana - Table mountains and waterfalls
- Orinoco Delta - In a labyrinth of water and life
- Mochima National Park - Caribbean paradise with dream beaches

**Map with route**

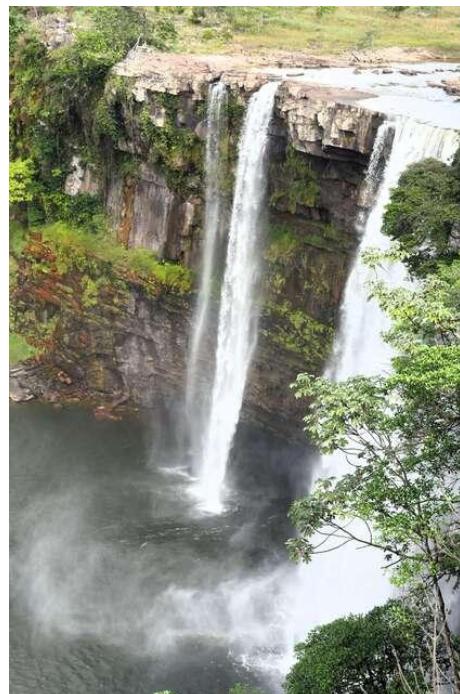


### **Included services**

All transfers within the country; Drinking water during the trip in the country  
16x overnight stays in a double room; 16x breakfast, 16x dinner, 7x lunch  
All entrance fees and boat trips according to the description  
Qualified English-speaking tour guide until 17day

### **Services not included**

Single room supplement 360,- Euro; Other catering / drinks; Tips  
International flights to Caracas and back. (If booked in good time, flights from Germany cost less than 1,000 euros. We will be happy to help you book the flights).



### **Dates and prices Venezuela's south – "Casabe"**

Date from ... until	Preis
20.12.2025 – 05.01.2026	2.950,- Euro
05.02.2027 – 21.02.2027	3.250,- Euro
Single room supplement	360,- Euro

**Group size 6 – 14 people**

## **Venezuela's south - "The Lost World" by Arthur Conan Doyle**

The Gran Sabana, with its majestic tepuis and endless savannahs, is the perfect setting for stories about a "lost world". Sir Arthur Conan Doyle set his novel "The Lost World" on these ancient mesas, which rise out of the landscape like natural fortresses. Their isolated plateaus and mysterious ecosystems evoke the idea of a world in which prehistoric creatures could have survived. 1912 novel "The Lost World" A good eighty years later, Steven Spielberg takes up this idea in the film "Jurassic Park" and brings the fantasy of dinosaurs living in a remote world to life.

This spectacular journey takes you to the south of the country, where we explore the Orinoco, in detail. In addition to these breathtaking natural wonders, we get to know the exciting cultures of some of the first peoples, such as the the land of the tepuis (table mountains) and one of the largest rivers in the world: the Orinoco.

### **Our highlights travel at a glance**

#### **1. Caracas - entry into cultural diversity**

Historical center: Explore the colonial and modern Caracas, where the German explorer Alexander von Humboldt once met Simón Bolívar.

Cultural insights: Visit a barrio and get to know the life of the locals.

Ávila Massif: Enjoy the birdlife and panoramic views from Caracas' local mountain.

#### **2. Barlovento - cocoa and the Caribbean**

Traditional cocoa cultivation: Visit one of the oldest cocoa plantations in Venezuela.

Boat trip on the Rio Unare: Observe the species-rich birdlife in unspoiled nature.

#### **3. Ciudad Bolívar - Historical jewel on the Orinoco**

Travel back in time: Discover Ciudad Bolívar, a city full of colonial elegance and historical significance.

Stroll through the picturesque old town with its colorful houses and follow in the footsteps of

Alexander von Humboldt, who conducted research here. Enjoy the view of the mighty Orinoco and feel the spirit of history.

#### **4. Puerto Ordaz - Modernity on the Orinoco**

The power of water: discover Puerto Ordaz, a modern city in harmony with nature. Enjoy the view of the mighty Orinoco and the Caroní River, which meet here. Explore the Llovizna Park - a paradise for nature lovers and those seeking peace and quiet.

### **5. Gran Sabana - land of tepuis and endless expanses**

Pure nature experience: the Gran Sabana is a magical land full of contrasts: vast savannahs, golden grasslands and the majestic tepuis, ancient table mountains that seem like bridges between heaven and earth. Discover spectacular waterfalls, indigenous Pemón villages and the unique flora and fauna. A place that not only touches the senses, but also the soul.



### **6. Orinoco Delta - In a labyrinth of water and life**

Jungle experience: Explore the unique ecosystem that once fascinated Alexander von Humboldt. Explore the delta by canoe and observe exotic animals such as parrots, river dolphins and caimans.

### **7. Humboldt Cave - A wonder of nature**

Nature and history: The Humboldt Cave in Caripe is a fascinating natural monument that Alexander von Humboldt once explored. Marvel at the 130-million-year-old stalactites and the unique fat swallows that live in the darkness.

### **8. Mochima National Park - Caribbean paradise**

A dream destination for nature and beach lovers: with its palm-fringed beaches, crystal-clear water and offshore islands, it offers perfect conditions for relaxing, snorkeling and boating. Watch dolphins, schools of colorful fish and tropical birds.

#### **Why this trip?**

Sustainability: We support local communities and ecological projects.

Authenticity: encounters with locals and insights into their daily lives are the focus.

**Small groups: Maximum flexibility and individual support.**

## **Detailed itinerary**

### **Day 1: Arrival in Caracas**

After landing in Maiquetia, the airport of Caracas, you will be from there to taken our city hotel. Depending on your individual arrival time, you can take a few first steps in the city. In the evening, we will explore the Christmas-lit city together and get to know each other as a group over dinner.

**Overnight stay in a city hotel in Caracas; dinner; city tour**

### **Day 2: Cocoa and the Caribbean**

We set off early because we want to visit a cocoa plantation in the Barlovento region in the cool morning hours. In this region, it is mainly small farmers who grow cocoa using traditional methods. After a guided tour of the plantation and chocolate production, we drive on to the wild and romantic Caribbean beach of Boca de Uchire.

**Overnight stay in a beach posada in Boca de Uchire; breakfast and dinner; cocoa tour**

### **Day 3: Boat tour with birdwatching**

On a boat tour in the early hours of the morning, we marvel at the rich birdlife of the coastal region. In addition to various herons, kingfishers, storks, birds of prey and, with a bit of luck, red ibises and roseate spoonbills can also be spotted. We take the boat to Clarines, which is famous for its murales (wall paintings)Our bus takes us from there to Ciudad Bolívar, the former Angostura, on the Orinoco.

**Overnight stay in a posada in Ciudad Bolívar; breakfast and dinner; boat tour**

### **Day 4: Ciudad Bolívar and Parque Llovizna**

In the morning, we visit the historic center of old Angostura, the country's colonial old town. On the banks of the Orinoco, we plunge into the hustle and bustle of the fish market. With a bit of luck, the Jesús Soto Museum, one of the world's most important representatives of kinetic art, will be open. After a short drive, we reach the modern city of Puerto Ordaz, where we spend the afternoon in Parque Llovizna. This is where the waters of the Rio Caroní meet those of the Orinoco.

**Overnight stay in a posada in Puerto Ordaz; breakfast and**

### **Day 5: Off to the Gran Sabana**

Today we leave the lowlands of the Llanos and climb up to the Gran Sabana, the land of the , which is over a thousand meters high. tepuis (table mountains)On our journey we pass wild gold mining villages such as El Dorado or Kilometer 88 before we finally via the serpentines reach the high plateau (the ladder). At our destination, the refreshing bathing spots of the rapids await usof La Escalera Kamoirán .

**Overnight stay in a simple campamiento; breakfast, lunch and dinner**

**Day 6: Gran Sabana: Table mountains and waterfalls**

From Kamoirán, we drive at a leisurely pace to Santa Elena de Uairén through the land of the tepuis, which rise up to almost 3,000 meters. On the way, we make detours to waterfalls and rivers where we can swim and hike.

Overnight stay in an upscale campamento; breakfast, lunch and dinner

**Day 7: Gran Sabana: Santa Elena de Uiarén**

Santa Elena is a border town with Brazil and lies in the middle of a diamond-rich region. It was founded in 1923 to put a stop to the covetousness of the British from neighboring British Guiana. We visit the market of the Warao Indians, the mineral museum and other sights in the town and the immediate surroundings. If desired, a detour can be made to neighboring (without border formalities) Pacaraima in Brazil .

Overnight stay in an upscale campamento; breakfast, lunch and dinner

**Day 8: Gran Sabana: Quebrada de Jaspe and Abuela Kueka**

The Quebrada de Jaspe is a special natural wonder on our program. And the great thing is that this riverbed of smooth, red jasper, which is criss-crossed by crystal-clear streams, is also ideal for swimming. The is located in the immediate vicinity Abuela Kueka . This sacred stone of the Pemón Indians embodies an enchanted grandmother who was transformed into a stone. In 1998, the sacred stone was brought to Germany as an art object, and after a lengthy controversy, it returned to its place of origin in 2020 - a highly symbolic act of reparation

Overnight stay in a simple campamento; breakfast, lunch and dinner

**Day 9: Gran Sabana: The power of water**

Today we visit three natural wonders where we follow the power of water: The little-known Kawi waterfall Meru , which plunges over moss-covered rocks into a crystal-clear pool, the easily accessible Salto Kama, one of the most picturesque waterfalls in the Gran Sabana, and the Rapidos de Kamoiran, an impressive series of rapids surrounded by lush vegetation, which are a popular photo opportunity with their huge boulders.

Overnight stay in a simple campamento; breakfast, lunch and dinner

**Day 10: Return to the Orinoco**

Our stay in the Gran Sabana comes to an end and we return to the Orinoco. On the way, we pass the monument to the pioneer soldiers who built the road we are traveling on. Shortly before El Dorado, we stop at an iron bridge designed by Gustave Eiffel, which has a special history.

Overnight stay in a posada in Puerto Ordaz; breakfast, lunch and dinner

**Day 11: Into the water labyrinth of the Orinoco Delta**

We leave Puerto Ordaz and head into the Orinoco Delta, a labyrinth of water and forest the size of Belgium. This transitional landscape between water and land is a paradise for animal lovers. Ibises, toucans, parrots, river dolphins and caimans frolic here.

Overnight stay at Eco-Orinoco Camp; breakfast and dinner

**Day 12: Pure jungle romance**

In addition to extensive jungle explorations and trips in a dugout canoe, today we learn about the life of the Warao people, who still live mainly from what the jungle and the 80 river arms of the delta offer them: Wood and palm leaves for their wall-less pile dwellings, manioc, fish and game.

Overnight stay at Eco-Orinoco Camp; breakfast, lunch and dinner

**Day 13: The natural wonder of Humboldt Cave**

We leave the delta and drive into the mountains of Sucre, where the world-famous Humboldt Cave and its inhabitants, around 18,000 bat species, await us. At dusk, flutter like in a Hitchcock movie, the shadows of the cave's inhabitants pass us, accompanied by cawing and clicking.

Overnight stay in a posada in Caripe; breakfast and dinner; entrance to Humboldt Cave

**Day 14: Coffee and the deep blue Caribbean**

We leave the mountains and drive to Mochima National Park. There we explore by fishing boat the beaches and islands. The crystal-clear, warm waters over undisturbed coral reefs make swimming and snorkeling an unforgettable experience. The coastal waters are an ideal habitat for dolphins, sea turtles, rays, starfish and other marine animals.

Overnight stay in a posada in Mochima National Park; breakfast and dinner; boat tour

**Day 15: Caracas me encanta**

We drive back to Caracas along the beautiful coast. After our arrival, we immerse in the evening ourselves in the nightlife of San Agustín. This barrio (poor district) is famous for "drum" festivals. Colorful houses, lots of street art and hospitable for vibrant cultural life and lively music scene.

Overnight stay in a city hotel in Caracas; breakfast and dinner; barrio tour

**Day 16: Caracas from above**

Our program includes a very special excursion: we take a real rustic jeep up to the more than 2,000-metre-high Ávila, Caracas' local mountain. There we go on short hikes and visit the emblematic Hotel Humboldt. Our descent is towards the Caribbean: we enjoy the sunset one of the Spanish forts above the historic port of Caracas: La Guaira.

Overnight stay in a boutique hotel in La Guaira; breakfast and dinner; guided hike

**Day 17: Return flight**

Today it's time to say goodbye to one of the most beautiful and diverse countries in the world.

Breakfast; transfer to the airport and return flight to Europe

### **Organizational matters**

Due to local conditions, there may be changes to the itinerary.

If the minimum number of 6 participants is not reached, we reserve the right to cancel the trip up to 21 days before the start of the trip. If all interested parties agree, the trip can be carried out with a small group supplement.

### **Physical requirements**

Journey with easy to moderate hikes with walking times of 2 to 3 hours. Partly with stony routes and sometimes cross-country. Moderate inclines with differences in altitude of up to 600 meters. A head for heights is not required. Light hiking boots are required and we recommend the if you are unsteady use of hiking poles .

### **Formalities**

A passport valid for at least six months is all that is required to enter Venezuela. Vaccinations are not mandatory and malaria prophylaxis is not required for most trips. Current information on entering the country can be found on the website of the Venezuelan embassy in Berlin at:

<https://alemania.embajada.gob.ve/> Contact us if you are not a citizen of the European Union.

### **Accommodation**

We stay in typical local accommodation of modest-medium to medium-high category. The number of single rooms may be limited locally (see detailed itinerary). If no single rooms can be provided in individual accommodations, we will reimburse the single room supplement on a pro rata basis.

### **Food and drink**

Venezuela has a varied and very tasty cuisine on based , African and indigenous influences. Typical foods are maize, manioc, plantains and beans. There is a large selection of fish, seafood and meat (beef, chicken, pork). Fresh fruit and salads enrich the menu. Drinks are dominated by freshly squeezed juices and the usual soft drinks, with beer, wine and rum being the most common alcoholic beverages. Coffee is usually drunk at breakfast southern European and if you prefer tea, please take a few tea bags with you.

Note: Please inform us of any allergies in good time before the start of your trip or intolerances

### **Transportation**

Our tour bus offers space for 30 people so that we can spread out comfortably with our small group. The bus is air-conditioned (the air conditioning is switched on or off depending on the outside temperature) and has a music system.



### **Pocket money**

Venezuela is not a classic budget travel destination. The price level, especially in Caracas, corresponds to that in Germany. The tour price includes half board. You should plan between five and fifteen US dollars for lunch, depending on your requirements. Alcoholic drinks are not included in the tour price, a small beer costs from one, a glass of wine around five US dollars.

### **Tour guide**

Jörg Bütefür has a degree in geography, lived in Venezuela for six years until recently and has traveled the entire country himself. He has organized and conducted several trips to Venezuela. Languages: German, Spanish and English.

Rodrigo Capriles Mazzei studied Human Sciences in Caracas and Sustainable Development in Madrid. He has been working as a tourist guide for fifteen years and is on the board of the Venezuelan association for sustainable tourism "Ahete Red de Turismo Sostenible". Languages: Spanish and English.