

Best of Venezuela

17-day nature and adventure trip 'Avocado'



Species-rich wilderness, unspoilt Caribbean, breathtaking natural wonders

- **Wildlife safari in the Llanos:** Spot anacondas, caimans, capybaras and pink river dolphins on game drives and boat tours. Experience the authentic life of the Llaneros (Venezuelan cowboys) on a traditional ranch.
- **Adventure in the Andes:** Ride the world's highest cable car to an altitude of 4,765 metres. Enjoy the unique landscape of the Páramo on a hike in the rugged high mountains.
- **Angel Falls – the highest waterfall in the world:** Experience this UNESCO World Heritage Site on a combined boat and trekking tour. Feel the overwhelming power and magic of the Gran Sabana, the largest table mountain landscape on earth.
- **Caribbean paradise Los Roques:** Relax in the turquoise blue waters of this unique archipelago. Snorkel in pristine coral reefs with colourful fish and enjoy the tranquillity of secluded sandbanks (cayos).
- **Caracas – the vibrant capital:** Immerse yourself in the vibrant atmosphere of this cultural metropolis. Discover the dynamic barrios, the green lung of Avila National Park and the spectacular view of Caracas from above.

Discover the spectacular diversity of Venezuela

Services included

All transfers within the country; 16 nights' accommodation in a double room in hotels/posadas
15 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 9 dinners
All entrance fees, boat trips and cable car rides as stated in the itinerary
Qualified local tour guides (English/Spanish)

Services not included

Single room supplement €990
Flights from Germany to Caracas and back. If booked in good time, flights from Germany cost less than €1,000. We are happy to assist with booking flights.
Other meals/drinks; tips

**Key facts about Venezuela Highlights, 'Avocado' tour**

Duration	Price per person
16 days / 15 nights	4.250,- Euro
Availability	All year round, starting every Friday
Single traveller supplement	990,- Euro
Can be combined with	Orinoco Delta: Bocado MORICHE Roraima Trekking: Bocado RORAIMA

Bookable all year round for one or more people

Your travel highlights at a glance

1. The Llanos – South America's Serengeti

Pure wildlife: Observe crocodiles, anteaters, pumas and a wide variety of bird species on exciting game drives. Cultural encounters: Enjoy traditional music and dances while socialising with locals. Sustainable accommodation: Stay at Hato El Cedral, which combines nature conservation and hospitality.

2. The Andes – Alpine landscapes and colonial charm

Highest cable car in the world: Climb to the peaks of the Sierra Nevada at 4,765 metres with the Teleférico. Hikes (easy to moderate) in the páramo: Discover the surreal landscapes of the La Culata páramo. Hummingbirds and sacred forest: Visit the Casa de los Colibríes and the magical Bosque Sagrado. Colonial Mérida: Stroll through the charming old town and the colourful market.

3. Salto Ángel – Where the sky meets the earth

To the foot of the highest waterfall: Take a combined boat and trekking tour to the thunderous base camp of Salto Ángel. Explore the red waters of the Canaima Lagoon and the fascinating Salto Sapo on a boat trip. Encounter with culture: Experience the traditions of the indigenous Pemón community during a visit.

4. Caribbean – White sandy beaches and turquoise blue water

Caribbean natural paradise: Discover the turquoise lagoon and white sandy beaches of the protected archipelago. Snorkelling and relaxation: Experience the diverse underwater world and relax on pristine sandbanks.

Culinary delights on the beach: Enjoy fresh fish and seafood in an idyllic setting.

5. Caracas – Vibrant capital city with heart

Cultural diversity: Discover colonial and modern Caracas, as well as the lively cultural life of the barrios. Panoramic view: Enjoy the view of the city from Mount Ávila. Immerse yourself in the city's vibrant cultural life in the evening.



Map with route:

Your detailed itinerary

Day 1, Friday: Arrival in Caracas – Authentic city tour

After landing in Maiquetia, you will be transferred to your city hotel in Caracas. In the early afternoon, set off with your personal tour guide on an individual exploration tour through the historic centre. This introduction offers a deep insight into the vibrant urban life and cultural contradictions of the metropolis.

The evening is free for you to explore on your own.

Overnight stay in a city hotel (upscale category); incl. transfer and city tour.



Day 2, Saturday: From the lively neighbourhood to the mountain wilderness

After breakfast, explore Petare, South America's largest barrio, with your guide and immerse yourself in its colonial history and vibrant present.

In the afternoon, drive up to Ávila, the city's green local mountain, and enjoy the breathtaking panoramic view of the metropolis from the Hotel Humboldt.

Overnight stay in a city hotel (upscale category); incl. breakfast, tour, guided tour & transfers.

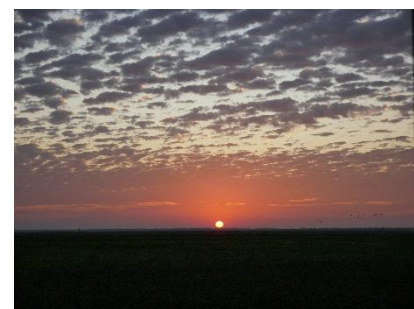


Day 3, Sunday: Immerse yourself in the vastness of the Llanos

A domestic flight takes you to the heart of Venezuela: the endless Llanos. You will spend three nights at the traditional Hato El Cedral ranch.

The adventure begins on the very first evening with an exciting night safari in search of the rare puma and the species-rich wildlife.

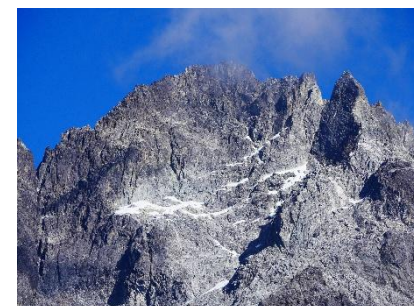
Overnight stay at Hato El Cedral (mid-range category); including breakfast & dinner, safari & all transfers.



Day 4, Monday: In the rhythm of the Llanos – safaris at dawn & on the water

Experience the Llanos in the magical light of early morning: your game drive at sunrise offers the best chance of encountering caimans, capybaras and, with a little luck, an anaconda. The day is free for further exploration, for example by boat through the waterways of the savannah.

Overnight stay at Hato El Cedral; incl. full board, morning safari and further safari.



Day 5, Tuesday: Authentic ranch life – from cheese making to Llanero culture

Immerse yourself in the traditional daily life of the Llaneros: early in the morning, you will help with milking and cheese making using ancient methods. In the afternoon, you will go on a safari by water or land. The evening will end on a high note with music and dancing, where the locals will share their cultural life with you.

Overnight stay at Hato El Cedral; incl. full board & safari.

Day 6, Wednesday: From the savannah to the Andes – hike in the mystical páramo

You leave the Llanos and drive up into the spectacular Venezuelan Andes. At almost 4,000 metres, a special highlight awaits you: a guided hike (easy) at Laguna de Mucubají. In the early evening, you reach colonial Mérida.

Overnight stay in a city hotel in Mérida; incl. breakfast & guided hike.

Day 7, Thursday: On the peaks of the Andes – With the highest cable car in the world

After a tour of the historic centre of Mérida, the journey begins: you board the legendary Teleférico de Mérida, the highest cable car in the world. In stages, you float up to a spectacular 4,765 metres – with enough time to acclimatise to the altitude and for short hikes (easy to moderate) at the intermediate stations.

Overnight stay in a city hotel in Mérida; incl. breakfast, city tour & cable car ticket.

Day 8, Friday: In the heart of the páramo – sacred forest & hummingbirds

A day trip takes you deep into the UNESCO-protected Páramo La Culata. After a hike through the bizarre high mountain landscape, you will visit the Bosque Sagrado, a sacred forest of the indigenous people, and let the flying jewels flutter around you in the Casa de Colibrí.

Overnight stay in a city hotel in Mérida; incl. breakfast, transport, hike & entrance fees.

Day 9, Saturday: Farewell to the Andes – Colourful market backdrop & return flight

In the morning, you will immerse yourself once again in Andean culture with a visit to the lively market in Mérida with its regional specialities. You will then be transferred to the airport for your return flight to Caracas. To prepare yourself for your next adventure, you will spend the night in a charming posada near the airport.

Overnight stay in a posada near the airport; including breakfast and all transfers.

Day 10, Sunday: Arrival at Canaima National Park – Welcome to the primeval world

An early flight takes you to the mythical Canaima National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. After a warm welcome from the indigenous community, you will check into your comfortable camp. In the afternoon, you will embark on your first excursion to the roaring waterfalls of the lagoon – your gateway to a primeval landscape.

Overnight stay in camp at Canaima Lagoon; incl. lunch, dinner & transfers.

Not included: breakfast, national park entrance fee (approx. 40 USD in cash).

Day 11, Monday: Salto Ángel – Where the sky meets the earth

At first light, you will set off in a traditional curiara canoe to the iconic Salto Ángel. After an adventurous river trip and a hike, you will reach your base camp at the foot of the highest waterfall on earth. An unforgettable panorama awaits you from Mirador Laime – followed by a swim in this sacred pool.

Overnight stay at base camp; incl. full board & boat trip.

Day 12, Tuesday: Back to the lagoon – Cultural encounters & relaxation in Canaima

After breakfast, you will glide downstream back to Canaima Lagoon. The afternoon is free for you to explore at your leisure: visit the indigenous community and immerse yourself in their traditional way of life. Explore the lagoon on your own or take part in optional activities. A day to pause and experience.

Overnight stay at the camp on the Canaima Lagoon; incl. full board & boat trip.

Day 13, Wednesday: Free day – Immerse yourself in the tranquillity of Canaima

A free day at the camp. Enjoy the tranquillity of the lagoon, go on an optional hike or book a spectacular flight over Salto Ángel or a tour to the mysterious Cuevas de Kavak (both at an additional cost).

Overnight stay at the camp on the Canaima Lagoon; full board included.

Day 14, Thursday: From the jungle table mountains to the Caribbean island paradise

With a short stopover in Caracas, you will fly on to the Caribbean island paradise of Los Roques. This nature reserve enchants visitors with its 42 islands, which lie like brushstrokes of white sand in the dazzling turquoise and emerald green of the Caribbean Sea.

Overnight stay in a posada on Los Roques; including breakfast, dinner and all transfers.

Day 15, Friday: Snorkelling in the Caribbean nature reserve – Los Roques at its most beautiful

Today you will experience the pure Caribbean: on a boat trip through the protected archipelago of Los Roques, you will immerse yourself in pristine coral reefs. Enjoy the turquoise sea, snorkelling in crystal clear water and the feeling of endless space.

Overnight stay in a posada on Los Roques; incl. full board & boat trip.

Day 16, Saturday: Farewell to Los Roques and cultural finale

One last time in the Caribbean: enjoy the morning on the white beaches of Los Roques. After the return flight to Caracas, an atmospheric contrast awaits you: a guided tour of historic La Guaira, where colonial architecture meets a lively harbour atmosphere.

Overnight stay in a posada near the airport; incl. breakfast, transfers & city tour.

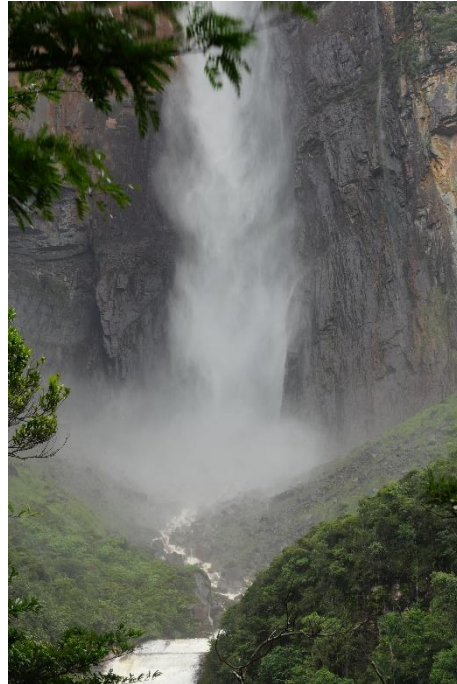
Day 17, Sunday: Journey home

After breakfast (included), you will board your flight home (not included).

And when will you be back?

Organisational matters

Throughout your trip to Venezuela, you will be looked after individually by our local partners. Your English-speaking tour guides have excellent local knowledge. Please note that local conditions such as weather or water levels may necessitate changes to the itinerary. In particular, the boat trip to Salto Ángel is dependent on the water level of the rivers and cannot be guaranteed.



Physical requirements

This nature and adventure trip is suitable for moderately active travellers and includes easy to moderate hikes. Some of the trails lead over rocky terrain and cross country, with moderate inclines and a few hundred metres of elevation gain. Sturdy hiking boots are required; if you are unsure of your footing, we recommend hiking poles.

Entry and health

To enter Venezuela, you only need a passport that is valid for at least six months. A yellow fever vaccination is strongly recommended but not mandatory. Malaria prophylaxis is not necessary on this route. International travel health insurance is mandatory for participation in this trip. Current entry information can be found on the website of the Venezuelan Embassy in Berlin:

<https://alemania.embajada.gob.ve/>

Your accommodation in Venezuela

Throughout your trip, you will stay in typical local accommodation in the mid-range to upmarket category. The availability of single rooms may be limited in some regions. If no single room is available at a particular location, we will refund the surcharge on a pro rata basis. This ensures that your trip is always calculated fairly and transparently.

Venezuelan cuisine: discover delicious diversity

Venezuelan cuisine is a tasty mix of European, African and indigenous influences. Staple foods include corn, manioc, plantains and beans.

There is a wide variety of fish, seafood and meat (pasture-raised beef, chicken, pork), enriched with fresh fruit and salads. Popular drinks include freshly squeezed juices, beer, rum and the typical breakfast coffee. (Tea lovers are advised to pack a few bags.)

Note: Please inform us of any allergies or intolerances before you travel.



Transport: Comfortable and safe travel through Venezuela

All transfers during your trip to Venezuela will be in private vehicles that are specially licensed for tourist transport. For longer distances between the highlights, domestic flights with national airlines ensure a time-saving and comfortable journey.

Pocket money & costs: Tips for your trip to Venezuela

Venezuela is not a classic low-cost travel destination. In Caracas in particular, the price level is roughly the same as in the United Kingdom. As a rough guide for planning your pocket money:

- Lunch: approx. £3–£10; dinner: approx. £7–£20 (depending on the restaurant)
- Alcoholic beverages: (not included in the tour price)
 - o A small beer: from 1 US dollar
 - o A glass of wine: approx. 5 US dollars

Please note: In remote regions such as Canaima (Salto Ángel) or Los Roques, drink prices can be significantly higher.