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Venezuela

US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently warns US citizens to NOT TRAVEL to this country due to crime, civil unrest, poor health infrastructure, kidnapping, and arbitrary arrest and detention of US citizens. Consult its website via the link below for any updates to this advisory.

https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html

Passport/Visa Requirements

US citizens should make sure their passport will not expire for at least 6 months after they enter the country even if they do not intend to stay that long. They should also make sure they have at least 1 blank page in their passport for any entry stamp and or visa that will be required. A visa is required. US citizens will need to get in touch with the country’s embassy or nearest consulate to obtain a visa prior to visiting the country. If you are a dual citizen you must have a valid Venezuelan passport in your possession.

US Embassy/Consulate

[58] (212) 975-6411, 907-8400 (after hours); US Embassy in Caracas, F St. and Suapure St., Urb. Colinas de Valle Arriba, Caracas, Venezuela 1080

Vaccinations

An International Certificate of Vaccination for yellow fever is required for travelers arriving from countries with a risk of yellow fever transmission and for travelers having transited through the airport of a country with risk of yellow fever transmission. See WHO recommendations.

http://www.who.int

Climate

Tropical; hot, humid; more moderate in highlands

Currency (Code)

Bolivars (VEB)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

120 V / 60 Hz / plug type(s): A, B

Major Languages

Spanish, numerous indigenous dialects

Religions

Nominally Roman Catholic 96%, Protestant 2%, other 2%

Time Difference

UTC-4 (1 hour ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time)

Potable Water

Opt for bottled water.

International Driving Permit

Suggested; additionally, if you plan to drive in Venezuela, you will need an Inter-American Driving Permit issued by the AAA

Road Driving Side

Right

Cultural Practices

Offering coffee is a sign of hospitality in Venezuela, so declining a cup
from a host may be seen as rude.

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Please visit the following links to find further information about your desired destination.

- **World Health Organization (WHO)** - To learn what vaccines and health precautions to take while visiting your destination. [http://www.who.int](http://www.who.int)


**To obtain an international driving permit (IDP).** Only two organizations in the US issue IDPs:
- **American Automobile Association (AAA)** ([www.aaa.com](http://www.aaa.com)) and
- **American Automobile Touring Alliance (AATA)** ([www.aataidp.com](http://www.aataidp.com))

US citizens may call the US Dept of State (+1-202-501-4444) for emergencies abroad.

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