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## Venezuela

### US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens **DO NOT TRAVEL** to this country due to **COVID-19, 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

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

### 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.

<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>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>Telephone Code</b>	58
<b>Local Emergency Phone</b>	171

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)

[US State Dept Travel Information - Overall information about foreign travel for US citizens. https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html](https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html)

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

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

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