# Venezuela

**US State Dept Travel Advisory**

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens **DO NOT TRAVEL** to Venezuela due to arrest and detention of US citizens without due process or fair trial guarantees, or as a pretext for an illegitimate purpose; crime, civil unrest, poor health infrastructure, kidnapping, and COVID-19. Consult its website via the link below for updates to travel advisories and statements on safety, security, local laws and special circumstances in this country.

[https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html](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; ACSBogota@state.gov; https://ve.usembassy.gov/

**Telephone Code** 58

**Local Emergency Phone** 171

**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](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

Tourist destinations: Los Roques Archipelago; Isla de Margarita; Morrocoy National Park; Canaima National Park (includes Angel Falls, Mount Roraima, Gran Sabana)

Major Sports: Baseball, basketball, soccer

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

Tipping Guidelines: 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.

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))

How to get help in an emergency? Contact the nearest US embassy or consulate, or call one of these numbers:

from the US or Canada - 1-888-407-4747 or from Overseas - +1 202-501-4444

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