

Venezuela Project

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Introduction

Right now, you just landed from a 9 hour flight. Where are you, you might ask? You are in Venezuela. You see a parade going through so many beautiful places, once you got out of the airport. There is a river, it is long, and it's a beautiful shade of blue. Surrounding the river, there is many beautiful trees, that tickle the clouds. The clouds are like fog, but beautiful fog. Because when you look up, it looks magnificent. Then they pass by a parade. There are people parading through the streets. Woman with beautiful dresses, and gentleman with nice suits, and the music is on. Then all kinds of people, walking, and biking. And then you see a venezuelan flag up. Then they passed one last place. It's a stream, it's long, and it comes from the top of a mountain, and if you be quiet you can hear it : splash, shhhhhhhhhh, splush.

Government\President

The president is Nicolas Maduro Moros. The vice president is Elias Jaua. Venezuela's **political system** is a **Constitutional Democracy**. The current Venezuelan **constitution** was adopted in 1999. The government consists of five branches, The Executive, Legislative, Judicial, Citizen, and Electoral. In America we only have three branches, The Executive, The Legislative, and The Judicial.

Natural Environment

In Venezuela they have a lot of natural environment. Some of the animals are Spectacled Bears, Bush Dogs, Tiger Cats, and **The Maragay**. A **Maragay** is a long tailed cat. They also have a national tree and flower. The national tree is a Araguaney. The national flower is a Orchid. In Venezuela you can find 25,000 different species of Orchid. In Venezuela there are 43 national parks and 21 natural monuments. The largest lake in Latin America, Lake Maracaibo is in Venezuela. One of the oldest geological formations Guyana's Massif, and the third largest river in South America, Orinoco River are located in Venezuela. Their maximum temperature is 95F. The average temperature in Caracas is 74.3F. They also have two seasons a dry and hot one lasting December to

April, and a wet and hot one lasting May to November. Caracas is Venezuela's capital

Food

At Christmas time Venezuelan people eat **Hallaca**. **Hallaca** is a cornmeal pie stuffed with pork or chicken, olives, and raisins, wrapped in **plantain** leaves and boiled. **Plantain** is just a type of banana. They also have a national bread, **Arepa** prepared with corn flour. The variety of fruits is very rich, because they are a tropical country.



Above: Some of the foods they eat in Venezuela

Holidays

Christmas is an annual festival celebrating the birth of Jesus. Since traditions has it that Jesus was born at night, on December 24th a midnight **mass** or prayer is said. Popular modern customs of the holiday are gift giving, completing a Advent calendar or Advent wreath, a special meal, christmas music and caroling, an exchange of christmas cards, garlands, mistletoe, and wreaths. Venezuelan children also believe that Child Jesus brings them presents instead of what most Americans believe, Santa Claus. They also celebrate New Year's Day and Eve. New Year's Eve is on the last day of the year(December 31). On New year's Eve they dance, eat, and drink special beverages. They also watch fireworks to mark

the new year. Some christians attend watch night services. New Year's Day is celebrated on January 1st, because it is the first day of the modern Gregorian calendar as well as the Julian calendar. In present day, with most countries using the Gregorian calendar as their De Facto calendar New Year's day is probably the most celebrated public holiday, often observed with fireworks at the stroke of midnight as the new year starts in each time zone. Other global new year's traditions include making a new year's resolutions & calling one's friend or family and wishing them a happy New Year.

Money

The current currency of Venezuela is Bolivar Fuerte. A Bolivar Fuerte is basically a dollar. A Bolivar Fuerte is equal to 100 centimos. Centimos are basically pennies. They have 0.099 US dollars. They also have 10,billion dollars in the bank.



Tourist Attractions

In Venezuela there are many attractions. One of them is Los Roques Archipelago. Los Roques is an island In Los Roques Archipelago there are beaches,turquoise water,coral reefs,white sand, and places to windsurf, fish & sail. There also is Mendos National Park. In Mendos National Park there are sand dunes up to 40 meters tall.

Conclusion

We hope you learned something out of our book about Venezuela. We talked about, : the Government./ President, Natural Environment, Food, Holidays Money, and Tourist Attractions. We hope you have a good flight back!!!!