



## Caracas and Margarita Island



Margarita Island Landscape

Roam the narrow streets of the small, story-book village close to capital city of Caracas. Take in some of Caracas's most impressive architecture and find out more about Venezuela's rich, colonial heritage. Explore lagoons, castles, forts, cathedrals and remote, pink and white beaches. Make your way to Venezuela, an increasingly popular destination.

You'll begin your tour in Plaza Bolívar—full of history and known for its symmetric, traditional, Spanish layout. Then, after you've seen the plaza, the colonial house where Bolívar was born and some of Caracas's most impressive architecture (the Capitolio, Palacio Legislativo, Palacio Federal and more), you'll check out some barrios, or shantytowns, set on Caracas's green hills. The homes in these barrios form an almost otherworldly, nativity-type landscape at night. You'll continue on to El Hatillo, a small town just outside of Caracas, with a central square surrounded by colonial houses that are now restaurants, bars and artisan shops.

After that, you'll set off for Margarita Island. Home to two national parks and three natural reserves (with local colonies of scarlet ibis, flamingoes and a parrot species—unique to the island—called “cotorra margariteña”), Margarita is known for its rich wildlife as well as its castles, fortresses, cathedrals and churches and wide range of distinctive beaches (from Playa El Agua, a quiet beach bordered by small restaurants, to Yaque, set apart by its world-class windsurfing and good nightlife; restaurants, bars, discos, nightclubs and casinos are not far off).

This trip can be customized to fit your individual travel dates and any specific requests you may have. Your travel consultant will prepare a customized itinerary for you. Yampu offers a choice of 3-, 4-, 5-Star and deluxe hotels. In Caracas the Deluxe option is with Marriot or the Tamanaco Intercontinental, and on Margarita Island the deluxe suite is at the Hilton—and it looks out on the ocean.

## Pricing

Occupancy Type	3-Star	4-Star	5-Star	Deluxe
Double	\$ 2488	\$ 2941	\$ 3339	\$ 3878
Single	\$ 3530	\$ 4164	\$ 4759	\$ 6007

Prices shown above are per person, in US Dollars (\$).



Caracas



Margarita Island Shore

## Itinerary

### Day 1

Caracas

Upon arrival to the airport, private transfer to your hotel. Unpack, settle in and, if you feel up to it, explore.

Founded by the Spaniard Diego de Losada, sacked by the English in 1595 and by the French in 1766 and freed from Spanish domination in 1821 by Simón Bolívar, Caracas has profound colonial heritage, apparent in its streets and palpable in the villages that surround it.

### Day 2

Caracas

Begin your day with a private tour of the city: You'll start off in Plaza Bolívar (a central part of Plaza de Armas, the historic city center), known for its symmetry and traditional, Spanish layout. Plaza Bolívar—originally called Plaza de las Armas—adopted its current name in 1883 on the hundredth birthday of Simón Bolívar (whose statue overlooks the square).

After you've seen the plaza, the colonial house where Bolívar was born and some of Caracas's most impressive architecture (the Capitolio, Palacio Legislativo, Palacio Federal and more), you'll check out some barrios, or shantytowns, set on Caracas's green hills. The homes in these barrios form an almost otherworldly, nativity-type landscape at night.

As if that weren't enough, you'll then continue on to El Hatillo, a small town of 70,000, just outside of Caracas, with a central square surrounded by colonial houses that are now restaurants, bars and artisan shops.

### Day 3

Caracas – Margarita Island

After breakfast private transfer to airport to take your flight to Margarita Island. Upon arrival transfer to your hotel. Afternoon at leisure.

### Day 4

Margarita Island

In the morning you'll head north toward the town of Pampatar, where you'll check out the Castillo de San Carlos Borromeo, a Spanish fort built between 1662 and 1684.

Once you're through exploring, you'll continue on through the Valle del Espíritu Santo (the spiritual capital and seat of the Virgen del Valle, the patron saint of the island) to Asunción, the official capital.

In Asunción, you'll visit the Castillo de Santa Rosa (one of seven forts built during Spanish rule to defend the island from pirate attacks) and take a walk around one of Venezuela's oldest cathedrals.

Rest of the afternoon at leisure. Relax at the beach or roam around the island some more.

## Day 5

Margarita Island

Full day at leisure. A day trip to Laguna de La Restinga or a day at sea (off of Island de Coche) are highly recommended.

## Day 6

Margarita Island

Another full day at leisure. Take a day trip, explore another island or just lie out on the beach.

## Day 7

Margarita Island – Caracas

Morning at leisure. In the afternoon you'll transfer to the airport to take flight back to Caracas, where you'll connect with your flight back home or overlap with an add-on of your choice.

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## Price includes:

Prices include international airfare from Miami to Caracas as well as roundtrip, domestic airfare from Caracas to Margarita Island, hotel accommodation (including a daily, continental breakfast; all transfers between airports and hotels; and assistance & baggage handling), guided tours in English (including entrance fees) and meals where specified.