



Caracas, Angel Falls, Ciudad Bolívar, Orinoco Delta and Paria Peninsula



Playa Manzanillo

Let Yampu guide you to many unique but complementary sides of Venezuela. With this tour you will explore Amazon rain forests; indigenous communities; historic, cocoa plantations; Canaima National Park, home to the world's tallest, single waterfall, and so much more.

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 Simon Bolívar, Caracas has profound colonial heritage apparent in its streets and palpable in the villages that surround it.

You'll begin your tour in Plaza Bolívar—full of history and known for its symmetry and 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 Canaima National Park, where you'll explore the Canaima lagoon, Auyantepuy, a Spanish fort built between 1662 and 1684 and the world's tallest, single waterfall (3,212 feet): Salto Angel, or Angel Falls, named for its discoverer, Jimmie Angel, a North American pilot.

From there, you'll head to Ciudad Bolívar, a small town set on the banks of the narrowest part of the Orinoco River. Founded in 1595, Ciudad Bolívar's is full of colonial charm, from its cobblestone streets to the houses and buildings lining them.

A labyrinth of channels and islands full of forests and mangroves, the delta of the Orinoco River is the second largest delta in South America. Generated by Venezuela's largest river, it is made up of forty main canals and several secondary ones.

In the Orinoco region, you'll explore Warao Indian communities and find out more about their culture—firsthand.

The Moriche palm, a local plant, is the main staple food and raw material for the Warao Indians, whose current population is 24,000. The typical Warao dwelling is the "palafito," a house perched on the trunks of Moriche palms buried in the mud. The Warao are adept fishermen and craftsmen; their masterpiece is the "curiara," a dugout boat made from the trunk of the palm, a good, simple means of transportation between channels and islands. Aboard a curiara and knee-deep in the mud with a Warao Indian as a guide, you'll hear about Warao traditions and see some local fauna for yourself, from parrots and alligators to herons, monkeys and piranhas.

Then, to wrap up your tour you'll head to Paria Peninsula, known for its historic cocoa plantations, remote beaches, tropical forests and high concentration of hummingbirds. A good note to end on, wouldn't you say?

This trip can be customized to fit your individual travel dates and any specific requests that 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.

Pricing

Occupancy Type	3-Star	4-Star	5-Star	Deluxe
Double	£ 3781	£ 3866	£ 4128	£ 4192
Single	£ 4817	£ 4998	£ 5350	£ 5479

Prices shown above are per person, in Sterling (£).



Angel Falls



Aerial View of Orinoco Delta

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.

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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.

You'll 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 – Canaima National Park

After breakfast private transfer to airport to take your flight to Puerto Ordaz. One of our representatives will assist you with your air taxi to Canaima upon arrival. After you've settled into your lodge and had lunch, you'll set off to explore the Canaima lagoon.

Day 4

Canaima National Park

Before sunup you'll transfer to Puerto Ucaima, the upper part of the Canaima lagoon waterfalls, where you'll set off in a "curiara," or wooden canoe, and take in the Carrao river and the Auyantepuy (the park's largest rock formation). After a hour-and-a-half trip, you'll take a break and

have some breakfast.

Later you'll explore the Churún River (2 hours) and make your way back to base camp on Ratón Island. Once you're back at camp, you'll ~~take~~ take a hour trek through the jungle to Mirador Laime, which looks out on Angel Falls. You'll return to base camp in time for lunch.

After lunch you'll go back to Canaima, where you'll have the chance to check out El Sapo waterfall, walk under the falls and take a swim.

Return to the lodge.

Note: This tour can only be done during rainy season (May to November). Please ask one of our travel consultants about alternative tours if you are traveling during other months.

Day 5

Canaima National Park – Ciudad Bolívar

After breakfast transfer to the airport and take a flight in a small airplane to Cañón del Diablo (the source of Angel Falls, the world's tallest, single waterfall). From Cañón del Diablo, you'll see the irregular surface of the Auyantepuy and hear the falls and the Carrao River.

Afternoon visit to Ciudad Bolívar, a small town set on the banks of the narrowest part of the Orinoco River. Founded in 1595, Ciudad Bolívar's is full of colonial charm, from its cobblestone streets to the houses and buildings lining them. You'll see the town's principal highlights and then transfer to your hotel.

(Salto Angel, or Angel Falls, is named for its discoverer, North American pilot Jimmie Angel. In October of 1937 Jimmie flew over the falls. On account of technical difficulties he landed on the top of the Auyantepuy, and unable to take off again, he, his wife and two other passengers decided to follow the river and descend; after eleven days, they reached civilization.)

Day 6

Ciudad Bolívar – Orinoco Delta

In the morning departure by private car to Boca Uracoa. Upon arrival transfer by boat (1 hour) to your selected camp and check-in to bungalows.

After you've unpacked and settled in, you'll canoe to the Warao communities, explore their camps and find out more about their culture.

In the late afternoon, you'll return to your lodge, and then, at sunset, you'll set off on a boat ride. You may even see some Orinoco dolphins; keep your eyes out.

Dinner and overnight stay.

Day 7

Orinoco Delta

After an early breakfast, you'll take a fast boat to one of the most remote and primitive areas of the delta—with stops in Warao communities and some of the narrowest caños, or channels.

Return to the lodge for lunch.

Then, in the late afternoon, aboard a curiara and knee-deep in the mud with a Warao Indian as a guide, you'll hear about Warao traditions and see some local fauna for yourself, from parrots and alligators to herons, monkeys and piranhas.

Dinner and overnight stay.

Day 8

Orinoco Delta – Paria Peninsula

After breakfast you'll take one last canoe trip around the camp and try your hand at piranha fishing. You'll then transfer to Boca de Uracoa (by boat) and to Posada Playa de Uva located near Río Caribe, a small fishing town dating from colonial times (by car). Lunch and afternoon at your leisure.

Dinner and overnight stay.

Day 9

Paria Peninsula

Day at leisure. Explore one of the many cocoa haciendas and look in on the cultivation and processing of the cocoa or simply lie out on Playa Medina, one of the region's finest beaches.

Dinner and overnight stay.

Day 10

Paria Peninsula

Another day at leisure. Do what you didn't have a chance to do the day before. Explore one of the many cocoa haciendas or simply lie out on Playa Medina.

Dinner and overnight stay.

Day 11

Paria Peninsula – Caracas

After breakfast you'll transfer to Carúpano Airport to take your flight to Caracas and connect with your flight back home or overlap with an add-on of your choice.

Price includes:

- Prices include international airfare from Miami to Caracas as well as roundtrip, domestic airfare from Caracas to Canaima and from Paria Peninsula to Caracas, 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.
- **On Day 4 your itinerary varies dependent on the season:**

From the base of the Angel Falls (May to November, 9-10 hours)

This morning you will leave early at 4:30 am and transfer to Puerto Ucaima, near the Canaima lagoon. Navigating down the Carrao River you will reach Orquidea enjoying beautiful views of the Auyantepuy, the park's largest rock formation. After an hour and a half, you will break for breakfast before navigating down the Churun River to reach Isla Raton. Here, disembark and hike one hour along a jungle path to Mirador Laime; from here you will have a pristine view of the magnificent Angel Falls. Returning to Isla Raton you will have lunch and then transfer to the Canaima Lagoon where there will be time to swim near the falls before returning to your lodge.

Full Day Excursion to Kavak (December to April, 6-7 hours)

This morning you will depart on a small plane and take flight over the Angel Falls arriving at Kavak, a small indigenous village of the Pemón community. Here, at the base of the Auyantepuy, the Park's largest rock formation, the village is built with traditional huts of thatched roofs made with Moriche Palm leaves. Leaving the village you will enjoy a short walk in the savanna and then a thick forest for a better view of the Auyantepuy and then to the Kavak cave. Here a deep canyon offers a 13 meter drop into a refreshing pool of clear water where it is possible to enjoy a swim. After some leisure time, you will return to the village for lunch and then transfer to your hotel.