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VENEZUELA

THE LAND OF GRACE

December 6 – December 15, 2026
Led by STS Tour Manager

Venezuela, a vibrant South American nation, is blessed with stunning natural beauty, including beautiful coastlines, breathtaking mountains, and the world's highest waterfall, Angel Falls. Rich in cultural diversity, Venezuela is home to warm and friendly people, known for their love for music, dance, and flavorful cuisine. Despite recent challenges, Venezuela's history and heritage are deeply rooted in its indigenous roots and Spanish colonial influences, visible in its distinct architecture and historical landmarks. Whether exploring the vibrant streets of Caracas, immersing oneself in the pristine wilderness of Canaima National Park, or indulging in the nation's delicious arepas, Venezuela offers travelers a unique and unforgettable experience. Undoubtedly, this captivating country continues to allure visitors with its fascinating blend of natural wonders, cultural treasures, and warm hospitality.

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Managing Director

Monday, December 6

Arrive in Maiquetia (VENEZUELA)



Upon arrival at **Maiquetia** "Simón Bolívar" International airport, meet, assist, and transfer to the *Gran Cacique Maiquetia Hotel* for check-in, or similar, enjoy the rest of the day free at leisure and overnight at the *Hotel*.

Note: Standard check-in time is 3:00 pm. if you arrive on December 8 or early morning of December 9, an extra hotel night needs to be booked.

Tuesday, December 7

Littoral - Orinoco Delta



Enjoy breakfast and then transfer to the domestic airport for your flight to **Puerto Ordaz**. Upon arrival, embark on a four-hour journey to **Boca de Uracoa**. Then, we switch gears and hop onto a speedboat, heading deep into the untamed beauty of the Orinoco Delta and arriving at Orinoco Queen Lodge. After lunch, we set off on an unforgettable boat adventure, gliding along the waters to visit the **Warao communities**. The Warao people have adapted to life along the river, building elevated stilt homes to withstand flooding. Their villages are a sight to behold open huts with hammocks circling a central firepit, and handcrafted stools carved into the shapes of animals. Canoes are their lifeline, navigating the labyrinth of waterways that weave through the delta. As the sun begins to set, we marvel at the incredible birdlife and unique flora surrounding us, and if fortune smiles upon us, we may even catch a glimpse of playful river dolphins! Night at *Orinoco Queen lodge*. **(B,L,D)**

Wednesday, December 8

Orinoco Delta



The adventure kicks off before sunrise as we step outside to witness the majestic dawn over the delta. After breakfast, we dive deep into the wilderness, trekking through the Morichal Largo River and the dense jungle. Midday brings a picnic-style lunch in the heart of the rainforest, followed by an adrenaline-pumping piranha fishing experience. As the day winds down, we reach a hidden freshwater beach with crystal-clear waters—an irresistible invitation to take a refreshing swim. As night falls, we return to camp for a starlit dinner, embracing the pure magic of the jungle. Night at *Orinoco Queen Lodge*. **(B,L,D)**

Thursday, December 9

Orinoco Delta - Canaima NP



After breakfast, transfer to the pier and then 3 hrs. to the airport for a charter flight to **Canaima** National Park. During the flight, enjoy views of the magnificent **Tepuys**, ancient flat-topped mountains among the oldest geological formations on Earth, and the spectacular Angel Falls. Upon arrival, meet your local Indigenous guide and transfer to the newly renewed **Tapuy** Lodge for check-in and a welcome drink. After lunch, enjoy a canoe excursion across the beautiful **Canaima** Lagoon, surrounded by impressive waterfalls. Later in the afternoon, take a guided walk through the forest to Sapo and **Sapito** Falls. Along the way, your guide will share stories about the Indigenous culture and the mystical significance of the ancient rock formations. Enjoy swimming at the famous red beach in front of the falls before returning to the lodge for dinner and overnight. **(B,L,D)**

Friday, December 10

Canaima NP - Auyantepuy (Angel Falls)



Departing in the predawn hours, embark on an extraordinary adventure that will take us deep into the heart of the Venezuelan wilderness. Our journey begins at **Ucama Port**, where we will board a traditional curiara, a magnificent dugout canoe, ready to navigate the winding, **Carrao River**. As we set off on our expedition, a short time into the journey, we will be captivated by the awe-inspiring sight of Auyantepuy, a colossal natural marvel that serves as the home to the world-famous **Angel Falls**. Rising tirelessly from the surrounding landscape, **Auyantepuy** stands as a medieval fortress of unimaginable dimensions, with its towering walls fiercely guarding the river on both sides. Entering the towering Canyon carved by the relentless power of the Carrao River, we will be greeted by a truly breathtaking spectacle. The Angel Falls reveals itself in all its grandeur. Majestic and ethereal, it cascades down from the heavens, a sheer marvel of nature that commands the utmost reverence. Upon reaching the base of the Angel Falls, we will find ourselves in the midst of a surreal world, as mist envelops the surroundings, creating an otherworldly atmosphere. We will have the incredible opportunity to spend the night in **Hammocks**, suspended amidst the vibrant wilderness that engulfs us. This is a truly unique experience, one that connects us intimately with the raw beauty of the natural world. **(B,L,D)**

Note: During the overnight at Angel Falls, accommodation is in a rustic camp with hammocks, shared bathroom and shower facilities, and no electricity. The setting is truly unforgettable, surrounded by lush jungle, the sound of rushing water, and vibrant rainbow mist, offering a unique and adventurous experience in Canaima National Park.

Saturday, December 11

Canaima NP - Auyantepuy (Angel Falls)



After breakfast, head back to **Canaima** town to enjoy a delicious snack. After lunch you will have free time to enjoy the lagoon or visit the Indian community and buy some handcrafts or try some local food! Back to **Tapuy** lodge for dinner and overnight. **(B,L,D)**

Sunday, December 12

Caracas



After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight to **Caracas**. Upon arrival, transfer to the *Hotel Tamanaco* for check-in and begin a full-day tour of the vibrant capital, set in a lush valley surrounded by **Avila National Mountain**. Explore both the colonial and modern areas of the city, discovering historic architecture alongside impressive skyscrapers that reflect Caracas' dynamic character. Continue with a cable car ride to Avila Mountain, where you will enjoy spectacular panoramic views of the capital from above. At the summit, visit the iconic **Humboldt Hotel**, an architectural landmark located at approximately 2,850 meters above sea level. Enjoy lunch during the excursion, followed by a free afternoon at **leisure** to explore or relax before returning to the hotel. Overnight at *Hotel Tamanaco* **(B,L)**

Monday, December 13

Los Roques NP



After breakfast, transfer to the airport for our charter flight to the heavenly **Coral Archipelago Los Roques**, one of the largest Marine National Parks in the Caribbean, just 99 miles from Caracas. Transfer to the "**Posada**". prepare with your swimming suit to board a motorboat and start sailing to a desertic little key of the Archipelago. Enjoy a good day of sunbathing on these exceptionally white sandy beaches and multicolor crystalline warm waters. Cold drinks will be served along with a picnic lunch on the beach. Beach and snorkeling equipment will

be provided to discover the fauna under the sea. Return to *El Gran Roque* to the Posada to take a shower. In the afternoon you can walk to the light tower and enjoy the sunset. Return to the *lodge* for dinner and overnight. **(B,L,D)**

Tuesday, December 14

Los Roques NP



After a delightful breakfast, a boat will be waiting to take you to discover a new island to spend the day. Lunch, snacks, umbrella, and chairs are provided. In the afternoon, head back to the lodge for shower & walk to runway to take your flight back to Caracas. Return to *Gran Cacique Maiquetia Hotel* for check-in, or similar for dinner and overnight. **(B, L)**

Note: To ensure the best experience, do not forget to bring your swimsuit, sun protection, and a sense of adventure!

Wednesday, December 15

Caracas - USA



Enjoy breakfast then transfer to the airport for your flight back to the US or continue to Catatumbo lighting. **(B)**

"We (STS) reserve the right to replace lecturers, change hotels or the order of activities if/as needed. The program is also subject to changes based on the schedule of internal flights within the country".

Tour Cost (Land Only): \$6,995.00

Single Supplement: \$995.00

Price based on group size minimum of 8 participants and maximum of 14 participants

Trip Grade: III Lodging Level: *_****

Tour Includes:

- Airport/Hotel/Airport transfers.
- A/C transportation in 4x4 vehicles and minibuses throughout the tour.
- Accommodation at mentioned Hotels (best available to superior 2-4*).
- Meals as mentioned in the itinerary (B: breakfast, L: lunch, and D: dinner).
- All activities described in the tour and entrance fees to all sites mentioned unless listed as optional.
- Bottled water and snacks during tours & meals plus soft drink or local beer with meals.
- Professional English-speaking guide throughout and local guides at various villages.
- Escort of a Tour Lecturer (*provided minimum number of travelers is reached*).
- All domestic flights.
- Gratuities to guides, drivers, and porters (*provided minimum number of travelers is reached*).

Tour does not include:

- International air USA-Venezuela-USA.
- **Venezuelan Visa:** Currently an E visa for \$180- Subject to change.
- Alcoholic beverages and any drinks with or without meals and meals not mentioned.
- Items of a personal nature (camera fees, laundry, excess luggage, etc.).
- Transfers if not arriving/departing on tour dates.
- Dayroom/overnights necessitated by changes in airline schedules or misconnections.
- Trip surcharge to operate below required minimum participants.
- Gratuities to your tour manager (Optional).
- Travel protection insurance (**HIGHLY RECOMMENDED**).

Trip Grade:

III Challenging: Parts of the trip are physically challenging, involve hiking on rough terrain or in tropical jungle or at high altitudes. There may be very long drives on rough roads, weather conditions with high heat or humidity, and the presence of insects. You may have simple picnic lunches, primitive bathroom facilities along the road and remoteness from modern towns or cities.

Lodging Level:

★ **Simple** - One or more properties on the trip are very basic, rustic, primitive, with shared bathroom facilities (1 or 2 stars).

★★★★ **Superior** - Lodges and hotels with additional amenities, refined service, and comfort level acceptable to western standards. (3 or 4 stars).



Trip remarks:

- Venezuela is a developing country with limited healthcare and lower hygiene standards than in the Western world.
- Travelers should bring essentials such as hand sanitizer, sunscreen, and insect repellent.
- Flights currently operate via Panama or Colombia, with potential direct connections from Miami expected soon.
- Comprehensive travel and health insurance is required for participation.
- All arrangements are made with trusted local partners, with safety as a top priority.
- The trip involves several long boat rides through the jungle and many drives over bumpy roads on some of the treks outside main towns and villages.
- US State department had a change announced on March 19, 2026, which moved the country's ranking from Level 4 to Level 3 warning and specified that some areas such as the borders between Venezuela and neighboring Colombia, Brazil or Guyana are highly risky area to visit, but our tour is avoiding all such regions anyhow. Travelers to Venezuela are advised to enroll in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) to receive government updates and alerts.