

## Venezuela : *a captivating country in humanitarian crisis*

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The Avila mountain can be viewed from almost the entire city of Caracas, Venezuela. Due to its overall presence Caracas has been named *Sultana del Avila* (Sultan of the Avila) which separates the city to the north with the sea.

Different excursions and walks – like the walk to Sabas Nieves - could be made in the past in this National Park. It was also possible to sleep in the mountain, with the proper equipment.



*Panoramic view of the Avila mountain*

In the nineteen seventies and the nineteen eighties Caracas is called the city of the “Red Rooftops” *La Ciudad de los Techos Rojos* because of its colonial house and clinker roads with attractive atmosphere.



*Caracas : city of the Red Rooftops*

Caracas was named also “Heaven’s Sub-office”, *Sucursal del Cielo*, because of its imposing architecture mingled with parks, museums, malls and a variety of the most important universities and research laboratories in the country , Caracas offered abundant theatres, concerts and nightlife until the early nineteen nineties.



*Teresa Carreño Theatre – now home of events for the government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.*

Forty five minutes from Simón Bolívar airport which serves Caracas, driving along the coastline one arrives at Camurí Grande Club — even today it remains an oasis of buildings , bungalows, gardens, olympic pools, tennis courts, and water sports like kayak, stand up paddle, surf and windsurf.



*Children's pool Club Camurí Grande*



*Ocean side Club Camurí Grande*

Mérida "The City of Gentlemen" *La Ciudad de los Caballeros* is the most attractive tourist city in Venezuela. Mérida is home of the Universidad de los Andes. Mérida is located in the valley of the Chama river, which crosses the length of the city. It has an altitude of 1,630 m above the sea level.

Mérida hosts a cable car. It consists of four sections for a total length of 12.5 km in four stages. - longest in the world - reaching an altitude of 4765. In the horizon, the highest Venezuelan summit: the Bolivar Peak.

*Merida and the Cable Car*

*and*

*Pico Bolivar*



And how many of you know about the Angel Falls ? the highest uninterrupted waterfall in the world ! Fifteen times the height of Niagara Falls, with a drop of 3.230 feet originating from the flat top of Auyantepuy into the robust jungles of Guayana of Venezuela.



*Kerepakupai Meru (Angel Falls)*

Cumaná is where Antonio Jose de Sucre, was born. Sucre won the battle of Ayacucho, which consolidated the independence of Venezuela and South America from Spain. Sucre was also the first president of Bolivia. Founded by the Spanish, back in 1521, its name, in the language of the Cumanagoto native tribe, means the union between the sea and the river.



*Cumaná lies between sea and river*

On June 2016, one of the largest social explosions in Venezuela was here in Cumaná, the most neglected part of the country. Although one can not generalize, because of the intensity of its violence many fear it will also happen in other parts of the country.

Venezuela's immediate needs are :

- 1 Misery — no food, no medicines, no electricity.
- 2 A fragmented country, not well conducted
- 3 Lawlessness, lack of order

Finally one of the wonders of the world which you can visit with a small plane that flies twenty minutes from Caracas, the capital of Venezuela to Los Roques, a coral archipelago— a string of small islands in sea and sand with amazing colors in the underwater of fauna and flora.



### *Los Roques National Park*

And, let's not forget that Venezuela has the mayor oil reserve in the planet :  
296.500 millions of barrels!

The main challenges of Venezuela today are how to cool the streets.

And how to create unity behind one person, so that a symphony of voices can conduct Venezuela to a safe harbor.

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