

Country Fact File: VENEZUELA

Name of country	República Bolivariana de Venezuela The region reminded Italian explorer Amerigo Vespucci of Venice, so he named it "Veneziola" (Little Venice).
Continent	South America
Hemisphere	northern
Borders	Colombia, Brazil, Guyana
Capital City	Caracas
Official language	Spanish
Population	31,775,371 (2016)
Area	916,445 km ²
Currency	Bolívar
Time Zone	UTC -4
Motto	Dios y Federación
National Anthem	Gloria al Bravo Pueblo
Highest mountain	Pico Bolívar 4979 m above sea level
Longest river	Río Orinoco 1630 km
National sport	baseball

Other Venezuela facts

- ◆ Christopher Columbus first arrived in what is now Venezuela in 1498, during his third voyage.
- ◆ The Angel Falls are the world's highest waterfall.
- ◆ Venezuela is one of the world's ten most biodiverse countries.
- ◆ Venezuela has the largest oil reserves in the world.
- ◆ Venezuela's rail network does not connect to any other countries.
- ◆ There are three colours on the Venezuelan flag. The yellow symbolises wealth, the blue is the sea separating the country from Spain, and the red is the blood shed in the fight for independence.

Famous Venezuelans

Andrés Bello	Miguel Cabrera
Rubén Limardo	Simón Bolívar
Carlos Raúl Villanueva	Karen Clifton
Carolina Herrera	Teresa Carreño



Venezuelan troupial
the national bird

