

## Traveling Classroom Venezuela

The traveling classroom is a unique blend of learning Spanish and traveling adventure. Based in a beautiful country of huge diversity with golden palm fringed beaches, exotic jungles, spectacular and mysterious mountains, ancient indigenous cultures and the beat of exotic Latino! Based at our Caribbean Lodge on one of Venezuela's best beaches, Playa Colorada (the colored beach!), in Mochima National Park, you take adventure travel expeditions while learning Spanish.

### Program Highlights

**LANGUAGE:** Spanish classes for 100 hrs (8 wks), 150 hrs (12 wks) and 180 hrs (24 wks). Classes will take place outdoors in many cases, not confining you to 'stuffy' indoor classrooms.

**SAFETY:** Students will always travel with an experienced guide and staff from the school, making this program a safe way to travel Venezuela.

**ADVENTURE:** The program includes jeep safaris to the amazing Gran Sabana, a walk to the top of Roraima (The Lost World), leisurely sea kayaking amongst pristine Caribbean islands and the exotic Orinoco Delta Jungle, and treks to the remote untouched areas.

**VOLUNTEER:** The 12 week and 24 week programs include at least 1 month of volunteer experience, giving the student the opportunity to incorporate service into their adventure and Spanish learning.

**HISTORY AND CULTURE:** Participants will learn about the history and culture of Venezuelans as well native Indian tribes through hands on experiences and visits to local villages.

**PARTICIPANTS:** This program is open to anyone with a sense of adventure and a thirst to experience life. You do not need to be super fit to participate and there is not minimum language level required.

**ALL INCLUSIVE:** All trips, accommodation, meals, Caracas International Airport meeting and escorting to domestic terminal for internal flight and transfer to Playa Colorada, and more are included in the program price

### SAMPLE ITINERARY

(subject to change or substitution)

DATES	LOCATION	CULTURE	ACTIVITIES
Weeks 1- 2	Colorada Beach, Student Lodge	Intro to modern Venezuela with emphasis on etiquette and safety.	Intensive Spanish classes. Trips to islands, waterfalls and neighboring villages. Introduction to local cooking and culture including Salsa and Merengue dancing. 3-day Kayaking expedition and Dolphin encounter. Introduction to rock climbing/repelling.
Week 3	Caripe, Camping in tents	Coffee plantations and local fruit and vegetable farming culture	Intensive Spanish classes. Trip to Caripe including the study of the Guachero cave and its inhabitants. Visits to coffee plantations, fruit and vegetable farms, and local markets. Mountain trekking and camping.
Weeks 4 - 5	Orinoco Delta, Sleeping in hammocks	Orinoco Delta Kayaking expedition and Ancient Warao Indian culture	10 – 12 day kayak trip deep into the Orinoco Delta. Visiting remote Warao families and settlements. Exploring the waterways, jungles and sabanas, and there amazing abundance of wildlife and flora. Fishing, gathering, traveling, living, and learning how to survive in the jungle as the Warao have done for over 20,000 years.
Week 6	Colorada Beach, Student Lodge	History and Culture of Venezuela	Intensive Spanish, history and culture classes. Beach volleyball tournaments with locals, cooking classes, snorkeling and visits to the islands. Visits to historical sites in Barcelona and Cumana.

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<b>Week 7 - 8</b>	Gran Sabana and Roraima, Camping in tents	Ancient Pemon Indian culture	Begin with a Jeep Safari to the Mystical highlands of Venezuela, visiting various indigenous settlements, and finally end with a week hiking to the top of Roraima. Spanish classes are taken during the 1 <sup>st</sup> week only.  *The 8-week program end here. You will be transferred back to Colorada Beach for departure.
<b>Weeks 9-12</b>	Colorada Beach, Student Lodge	Volunteer Work Experience Program	This month is dedicated to working on a community project. Working with local people we try to give something back to our host in this underdeveloped country. Spanish classes are in the morning and the volunteer project is in the afternoon.  *12-week program ends here.
<b>Weeks 13-20</b>	Various Options Live with a host family, in the camp, or student lodge.	Work Experience Program	Students can choose two programs for 4 weeks each from the following: teaching English, working in the National Park, photography, leading tours, adventure sports training, journalism, tourism, bar, restaurant and hotel management, building and construction and many more.
<b>Weeks 21-22</b>	Canaima, Angel Falls	Pemon culture and Modern Venezuela	Students will spend 1 week walking to Canaima from La Paragua, stopping at isolated villages along the way and sleeping in the wilderness. During the 2nd week you will take Spanish classes in the Village of Canaima, and there will be an optional day trip to see the world highest waterfall. Fly back to La Paragua.
<b>Weeks 23-24</b>	Colorada Beach, Student Lodge	Reflection	Time to relax and polish of your Spanish skills before going home. Plenty of fun on the beach and farewell parties.