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Lonely Planet is committed to expanding our sustainable-tourism content and the following list represents Venezuela's best-chance opportunities for ecotours, sustainable lodges and hotels, and environmentally friendly and responsible points of interest. If you think we've omitted someone who should be listed here, or if you disagree with our choices, email us at [www.lonelyplanet.com/contact](http://www.lonelyplanet.com/contact). For more information about sustainable tourism and Lonely Planet, see [www.lonelyplanet.com/about/responsible-travel](http://www.lonelyplanet.com/about/responsible-travel).

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## MAP LEGEND

### ROUTES

|  |                |  |                     |
|--|----------------|--|---------------------|
|  | Freeway        |  | Mall/Steps          |
|  | Primary        |  | Tunnel              |
|  | Secondary      |  | Pedestrian Overpass |
|  | Tertiary       |  | Walking Tour        |
|  | Lane           |  | Walking Trail       |
|  | Unsealed Road  |  | Walking Path        |
|  | One-Way Street |  | Track               |

### TRANSPORT

|  |                 |  |                    |
|--|-----------------|--|--------------------|
|  | Boat, Ferry     |  | Rail               |
|  | Metro           |  | Rail (Underground) |
|  | Trole Bus Route |  | Teleférico         |

### HYDROGRAPHY

|  |              |  |             |
|--|--------------|--|-------------|
|  | River, Creek |  | Lake (Salt) |
|  | Water        |  | Glacier     |

### BOUNDARIES

|  |                     |  |             |
|--|---------------------|--|-------------|
|  | International State |  | Marine Park |
|  | Cliff               |  |             |

### AREA FEATURES

|  |                     |  |        |
|--|---------------------|--|--------|
|  | Airport             |  | Land   |
|  | Area of Interest    |  | Mall   |
|  | Beach               |  | Market |
|  | Building            |  | Park   |
|  | Campus              |  | Rocks  |
|  | Cemetery, Christian |  | Sports |
|  | Forest              |  | Urban  |

### POPULATION

|  |                    |  |                 |
|--|--------------------|--|-----------------|
|  | CAPITAL (NATIONAL) |  | CAPITAL (STATE) |
|  | Large City         |  | Medium City     |
|  | Small City         |  | Town, Village   |

### SYMBOLS

|                      |                       |  |                     |  |                               |
|----------------------|-----------------------|--|---------------------|--|-------------------------------|
|                      | Beach                 |  | Shopping            |  | Airport, Airfield             |
|                      | Fort                  |  | Sleeping            |  | Border Crossing               |
|                      | Christian             |  | Camping             |  | General Transport             |
|                      | Monument              |  | Information         |  | Bus Station                   |
|                      | Museum, Gallery       |  | Bank, ATM           |  | Parking Area                  |
|                      | Point of Interest     |  | Embassy/Consulate   |  | Petrol Station                |
|                      | Ruin                  |  | Hospital, Medical   |  | Por Puestos, Carros, Carritos |
|                      | Trail Head            |  | Information         |  | Geographic                    |
|                      | Zoo, Wildlife Reserve |  | Internet Facilities |  | Lighthouse                    |
| <b>Eating</b>        | Eating                |  | Police Station      |  | Mountain                      |
| <b>Drinking</b>      | Drinking              |  | Post Office, GPO    |  | Parque Nacional (PN)          |
|                      | Cafe                  |  | Telephone           |  | Pass, Canyon                  |
| <b>Entertainment</b> | Entertainment         |  | Toilets             |  | Picnic Area                   |
|                      | Entertainment         |  |                     |  | River Flow                    |
|                      |                       |  |                     |  | Waterfall                     |

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## HOW TO USE THIS BOOK

Sleeping and Eating reviews are listed in budget order. For details of map symbols, see the Map Legend on the last page of this book.

|  |   |
|--|---|
|  telephone                        |  good vegetarian selection |
|  opening hours                    | apt apartments  |
|  parking available                | d double rooms  |
|  nonsmoking rooms/areas available | dm dorm beds  |
|  air-con available                | f family rooms  |
|  internet available               | q quad rooms  |
|  wi-fi access                     | r rooms   |
|  swimming pool                    | s single rooms  |
|  wheelchair access                | ste suites  |
|  | tr triple rooms   |

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| USA         | US\$1   | BsF4.30 |

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|----------|------------|----------|
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| Top end  | >BsF400    | >BsF60   |

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| 0.22L bottle of beer          | BsF8     |
| Street snack ( <i>arepa</i> ) | BsF15    |
| Souvenir T-shirt              | BsF65    |

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## BUSINESS HOURS

|             |  |
|-------------|--|
| Banks       | 8:30am-3:30pm Mon-Fri                                    |
| Businesses  | 8am-noon & 2-6pm Mon-Fri, though many work shorter hours |
| Shops       | 9am-6pm or 7pm Mon-Fri, 9am-1pm Sat                      |
| Restaurants | noon-9pm or 11pm; many closed Sun                        |

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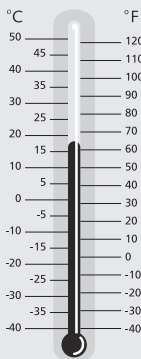
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## PHRASES

|                 |                     |
|-----------------|---------------------|
| Hello. (inf)    | <i>Hola.</i>        |
| Goodbye.        | <i>Adiós.</i>       |
| See you later.  | <i>Hasta luego.</i> |
| Please.         | <i>Por favor.</i>   |
| Thank you.      | <i>Gracias.</i>     |
| You're welcome. | <i>De nada.</i>     |

## CONVERSIONS

|                            |
|----------------------------|
| 1in = 2.54cm               |
| 1cm = 0.39in               |
| 1m = 3.3ft = 1.1yd         |
| 1ft = 0.3m                 |
| 1km = 0.62 miles           |
| 1 mile = 1.6km             |
| 1kg = 2.2lb                |
| 1lb = 0.45kg               |
| 1g = 0.04oz                |
| 1oz = 28g                  |
| 1 imperial gallon = 4.55L  |
| 1L = 0.26 US gallons       |
| 1 US gallon = 3.8L         |
| 1L = 0.22 imperial gallons |



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