

Uruguay



Population
3.3 million
(1999 projection)

Capital
Montevideo

Total area
176 215 km²

Language
Spanish

National day
August 25
(1825 Proclamation
of Independence)

Currency
peso

GDP
\$19.3 billion (1999)

GDP per capita
\$3819 (1999)

Canadian exports
\$37.5 million (1999)

Canadian imports
\$89.1 million (1999)

Head of state and government:
President Jorge **Batlle**

Born October 25, 1927. Received a doctorate from the Faculty of Law and Social Sciences, Universidad de la República. Practised law and journalism. First elected to the Senate in 1985, serving until 1990. Re-elected in 1995; resigned on being named presidential candidate for the Colorado Party. Elected President in March 2000.



Snapshot of the Americas



Number of countries

34

Total population

800 million

Main languages

English, French, Spanish, Portuguese

Other languages

Hundreds of Indigenous languages and Creole

First inhabitants

Came mainly from Siberia over 11 000 years ago

European settlement

Began in the late 15th century

Total GDP

\$17 trillion

Total area

42 million km²

Total length

15 000 km

Northernmost point

Ellesmere Island, Canada

Southernmost point

Tierra del Fuego, Argentina

Canadian exports

\$322.3 billion

Canadian imports

\$263.8 billion

Venezuela



Population
24 million (2000 est.)

Capital
Caracas

Total area
912 050 km²

Language
Spanish

National day
July 5
(1811 Independence Day)

Currency
bolívar

GDP
\$106 billion (2000 est.)

GDP per capita
\$3028 (1999)

Canadian exports
\$524.0 million (1999)

Canadian imports
\$1.013 billion (1999)

Head of state and government:
President Hugo R. **Chavez** Frias

Born July 28, 1954. Embarked on a military career at an early age; also studied history and social sciences. Entered politics in 1998 and was elected President of Venezuela in December of that year. Re-elected in July 2000.

