

3. SOME INTERESTING INFORMATION ABOUT VENEZUELA

BASIC DATA:

Population:	18.105.265 of inhabitants (1.990)
Area:	916.700 Km ²
Population Density:	20/Km ²
Main Cities:	Metrop. Area (Caracas) (2,8 million) Maracaibo (1,3 million) Valencia (1,0 million) Barquisimeto (0,8 million) Maracay (0,8 million)
Economy:	Free market economy. There is a significant amount of State-owned companies, except in the agricultural and food sectors. However, there is a tendency of privatizing the different sectors.
Currency:	Bolivar (Bs.); C\$ approximately amounts to 47,18 Bolívares (15/04/91)
Weights and Measures:	Metric System
Language:	Spanish
Electricity:	110/220 volt, 60 Hertz
Telephone System:	Venezuela is part of the world telephone system. The country code is 058. Each city has an area code, i.e. Caracas area code is 02. Anyone can make a direct phone call from Canada to Caracas dialing: 058-2-951-6166 (The Canadian Embassy phone number in Caracas)
Government:	Venezuela is ruled by a democratic system including several political parties. The head of the State is the President and there are three powers: Executive, Legislative and Judicial.