

# Venezuela



Participate in this opportunity to visit a people and country where cooperatives abound, education is a priority and health care is available to those in need. Visit with government representatives and church leaders. See the processing of cacao. Contrast the frenzy of Caracas with the calm of the countryside. Meet with ordinary people who have opted for a different economic model, reap the fruits of their labors, and find hope in unexpected places.

**The program includes several presentations that orient the participant to the reality of life in Venezuela, for example:**

- Learn about grass-roots literacy programs for adults
- Visit FUNDALATIN—an umbrella group for religious organizations
- Visit one cacao growing area and experience the chocolate-making process
- Listen to a vibrant Afro-Caribe youth music and dance group
- Dialogue with government officials
- Enjoy a boat ride while bird watching
- Learn of the Afro-Venezuelan perspective
- Visit the barrios (housing for the poor) surrounding Caracas and learn of their hope
- See community run radio and TV stations
- Experience organic agriculture initiatives

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**Global Awareness Through Experience (GATE) offers the opportunity to learn from the poor, as well as social analysts, teachers, theologians and economists. For 26 years, GATE has offered cultural immersion trips to Latin America. GATE's experienced staff believes that global solidarity is built on people-to-people experiences and connects participants with the marginalized who, though struggling, find hope in their reality.**



Accommodations are normally two to a room. Private room is an additional cost; arrangements should be made with GATE office at the time of registration. Participants are accompanied by GATE staff who serve as translators and facilitators of the experience. Local guides may also assist GATE staff. Contact GATE office for program details. Above activities are subject to change.



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