



**VSC**  
British Venezuela  
Solidarity Campaign

## Venezuela Solidarity Tours 2006



**You will meet leaders in the revolution among people in the barrios, small towns, missions and in government. You will be introduced to "real Venezuelans" who are empowered - people who govern themselves through participatory democracy, unlike anywhere in the world. You will have the opportunity to dine on authentic Venezuelan cuisine, enjoy comfortable lodging all in the surrounds of spectacular mountain scenery and stunning cityscapes. For many, these tours offer a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to experience the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela during an unprecedented time in human history.**

Over the coming years, Venezuela's Bolivarian wave will be felt throughout Latin America and the rest of the world. You can be part of this amazing process. Witness for yourself the foreshadowing of this social and political renaissance of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

**Since 2003 Venezuela has ...**

- **Introduced free health and education for all**
- **Discounted foods and medicines for Venezuelans**
- **Provided discounted heating oil**
- **Eliminated Illiteracy**
- **Redistributed land to 100,000s**
- **Increased Indigenous Food Production for Self-Sufficiency**

The Bolivarian Revolution within Venezuela has emerged from enormous struggles over recent years and has built the engines of social justice and economic equality for all the people of Venezuela. As part of this work, they have welcomed expressions of international solidarity and encourage people from other countries to visit Venezuela and learn first-hand about their struggles and successes.

Normally, visitors from Britain face **language difficulties** in Spanish-speaking Venezuela. Our interpreters speak **superb English and Spanish**. They also have excellent relationships inside the government, unions and progressive organisations and a depth of understanding of the Bolivarian Revolution and of Venezuelan history that is unsurpassed.

No-one in the world offers tours of this nature and calibre.

**Full details of the delegation and meeting arrangements confirmed on booking but can include:**

- **Contact with trade unionists and other activists**
- **Witnessing the social missions in action**
- **Barrio Adentro - Health**
- **Mission Ribas/Sucre/Robinson - Education**
- **Mission Mercal - food, soup kitchens**
- **Mission Identity**
- **Other Missions such as Negra Hipólita designed to rehabilitate street people and children into society.**

***CUSTOM-DESIGNED SOLIDARITY TOURS***

### In helping build solidarity and awareness you can...

- **Have direct contact with Venezuelans in the Barrios**
  - beneficiaries and participants of the Missions. Learn directly from the Venezuelan people how things have changed since President Chavez came to power
  - 23rd January neighborhood in Caracas – One of the most powerful in the country advancing the Bolivarian process with deep community organisation
- **Visit largest maternity hospital in Latin America** - Maternidad Concepción Palacios in Caracas
- **Visit Endogenous Development Centres** – Fabricio Ojeda.
- **Visit the Missions** and meet members of the community who serve them and participate in them.
- **Visit a community radio & TV station** and participate in a radio program speaking directly to the Venezuelan people.
- **Meet and discuss with Venezuelans** who will explain the contemporary history of Venezuela and the importance of the Bolivarian project for all of Latin America
- **Learn about participatory democracy versus representative democracy.**
- **Meet organisers within ministries and unions**– (e.g. Health)
- **Understand the role of private media versus community media**
- **Meet with National Assembly members** and local councilors.

The tour includes:

- **Flight between Britain and Caracas**
- **Hotel and Breakfast**
- **Greeting at Airport**
- **Transportation**
- **Interpreters**
- **Literature and Film Documentaries**
- **Free time for sight-seeing**



**Costs:** The final cost of each tour is based on group requirements, the time of year, airfare, length of stay, etc. However, for purposes of general planning, £1250 - £1650 (per person) is a reasonable amount to consider for the total cost of this comprehensive package. **In order to offer maximum benefit to each participant, groups are each limited to five (5).** Groups and individuals contact us with any additional requirements.

*We encourage those who cannot afford to pay these costs personally to solicit funding from Organisations, Unions, Alternative Media Organisations, other institutions and individuals who have an interest in sending a delegate to help build solidarity with the Venezuelan people.*

**Participants should contact Venezuela Solidarity Campaign at: C/O W-ton TUC P.O.Box 2917, Wolverhampton WV2 2YA Britain [www.venezuelasolidarity.org.uk](http://www.venezuelasolidarity.org.uk) or email [vsc\\_tours@venezuelasolidarity.org.uk](mailto:vsc_tours@venezuelasolidarity.org.uk), Tel: +44 (0) 121 288 1388.**

The **Venezuela Solidarity Campaign** (VSC) developed following the April 2002 coup in Venezuela and subsequent rise of people's resistance to regain their democratically elected President. Since that time VSC has obtained support from a range of individuals, organisations, trade unions and others. These include the **Trade Union Councils National Conference, Midlands TUC, West Midlands UNISON** and **County Association of TUC's**. In addition, numerous **trade union branches** and **Trade Union Councils** have expressed support. Venezuela solidarity work has the support of the **Trades Union Congress**, which passed a unanimous resolution in support of solidarity and backing trade union supported campaign bodies (**September 2005**).

We have hosted delegations, tours, public meetings, film showings, presentations, distributed documentaries and undertaken a range of campaigning activities to raise the profile and build solidarity with Venezuelan trade unions and activists. Including international multi-way conferences over the internet, arranged meetings between Britain, Venezuela, USA, New Zealand and others. We have spoken at multiple trade union and public meetings raising the profile of Venezuela.

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VENEZUELA SOLIDARITY TOURS

The following information is required for your participation in a VSC-Axis of Logic Solidarity.

Please complete details

**Solidarity  
Tours  
2006**

**Application / Expression of Interest form**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(Important Note Write name *exactly* as it appears on Passport)

Email \_\_\_\_\_  
@ \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Website www \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Trade Union \_\_\_\_\_  
(if any)

Post Code \_\_\_\_\_

Country \_\_\_\_\_

If you are booking a group (trade union, solidarity group, media, other) please give further details. **VSC can agree tour dates for delegations of 2 – 5 for up to 10 days.**

Number of Participants \_\_\_\_\_ Organisation / union \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Travel dates Depart: \_\_\_\_\_ Return \_\_\_\_\_

Around 5 -10 days (including free-time) Are alternative dates possible? \_\_\_\_\_

Objectives of the delegation, any specific requirements?  
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**Venezuela is a tropical country; please seek appropriate medical advice in preparation for travel. Ensure you have appropriate health & travel insurance.**

If you have any special requirements regarding flights etc please specify. We will use best endeavours to comply.

Choice of Seating (if possible)

Please return this application to **VSC, C/O W'ton, TUC P.O.Box 2917, Wolverhampton, WV2 2YA Britain.**

Full costs and payment deadlines agreed on discussion. Depending on Numbers, time of year etc but likely to be around £1250 - £1650

Please feel free to contact us at [vsc\\_tours@venezuelasolidarity.org.uk](mailto:vsc_tours@venezuelasolidarity.org.uk) or 0121 288 1388 to discuss details etc.

Cheques payable to **Venezuela Solidarity Campaign.**

Have you travelled to Venezuela before? \_\_\_\_\_ Do you speak any Spanish? \_\_\_\_\_

Please write additional relevant information.  
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Signature \_\_\_\_\_