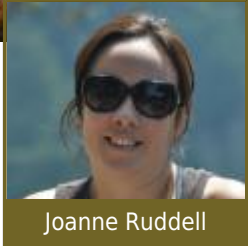


Tour | Diving in Venezuela's Morrocoy National Park

Trip Duration: 4 days / 3 nights



Joanne Ruddell

Trip Review

"fantastic adventure, lodge is the best accommodation I've stayed in so far, staff very friendly & helpful, awesome dive as promised. I'll be back!" Katie Fletcher

Trip Highlights

If you want to go to an unexplored site for snorkeling and diving, choose Morrocoy. Beautiful Morrocoy National Park is located between Tucacas and Chichiriviche in the eastern Caribbean coast of Venezuela. Its complex mangrove channels and estuaries are an ideal hideaway for snorkelers, divers, water-skiers, kayakers, windsurfers and beach lovers. After diving you can relax in the white sand keys full of palm trees or swim in the warm, clear waters of the Caribbean Sea. You can observe scarlet ibis, pink flamingoes, crested herons, cormorants and ducks. This is an ideal site for bird watching!

Type

Destination Tour- When time is of a premium and you are only interested in seeing a specific detination and/or doing a specific activity in the South America country you are visiting, this is the tour for you. The tours starts and ends in that specific destination.

Level

Moderate- These trips may include hiking, biking, rafting, kayaking and other activities that require only an average/moderate level of fitness to enjoy. You will need a good level of fitness and be in good health.



Adventure Map:



Why should i book with TURPIAL TRAVEL?

A New Way of Touring

Turpial Travel specializes in a new way of touring, which includes small groups, direct contact with nature, experimented guides, and flexible itineraries. Our main concern is the convenience and custom made tours we provide to our clients.

Reasonable Prices

Turpial Travel offers much more for your money. We have the best prices in the market because we work directly with the local vendors in each destination. We have created a network of contacts throughout South America, so that our customers can enjoy more for less.

Sustainable Tourism

We are a responsible tourism company. We care about the environment and the people who inhabit it. Our greatest commitment is to bring progress to the communities we visit with minimal deterioration of their habitat. We believe in sustainable tourism and largely return to the regions we visit what they offer to our customers.

Technology

Turpial Travel's website is a next-generation platform with an online booking system that allows the traveler to fully customize his/her adventures. For the convenience of our clients, all the booking process can be made at once or by easy steps.

Memberships

Turpial Travel is a proud member of some of the most respected tourism associations in the world, such as the Adventure Travel Trade Association, and the American Association of Travel Agencies. In addition, Turpial Travel works in partnership with Fundacion AndigenA, a Venezuelan foundation for the conservation of the neotropical biological diversity, financing since 2006 programs for environmental conservation destined to school children that live in the rural areas visited by our clients. This is our way to give back and to raise awareness among the youth of the importance of the environment.

Testimonials

Our aim is to provide the best quality service to all our travelers. This is attested by the numerous testimonies we have collected throughout the years.

Destinations Visited

In this tour you will visit the following destination

Caracas

Caracas, Venezuela's capital, has over four centuries of history buried beneath its urban city. Simón Bolívar described Caracas as: "si se opone la naturaleza lucharemos contra ella y la haremos que nos obedezca" (if nature opposes us, we'll struggle against her until she obeys us). Caracas is the place where you can see the legacy of Bolívar's defiant proclamation. It sits in the Cerro Avila Valley, where mountain ranges soar 8000 feet from the Caribbean. Once inhabited by Toromaimo Indians, the city was founded by the Spanish in 1567. In Caracas you find an array of cultural activity, world-class museums or eclectic cuisine, from the arepa joints of Sabana Grande to the haute cuisine of hubs like Las Mercedes and Los Palos Grandes. Nightlife is also one of the best in the country. Things not to miss include: La Plaza Bolivar, La Casa Natal de Simon Bolivar, Centro de Arte La Estancia, El Hatillo, Museo de Arte Contemporáneo de Caracas, Catedral, and Iglesia San Francisco.



Morrocoy National Park

The Morrocoy National Park is located between Tucacas and Chichiriviche in the eastern Caribbean coast of Falcon State. Beautiful, isolated tropical beaches, shallow coral reefs and mangrove swamps are part of its unique ecosystem. Its complex mangrove-lined channels and estuaries - protected by the confines of the maritime areas of the park - are an ideal hideaway for snorkelers, divers, water-skiers, kayakers, birdwatchers, windsurfers and beach lovers. In addition, the mangroves are an important nesting ground for frigate birds, scarlet ibis, pink flamingoes, crested herons, cormorants and ducks. The park has about 30 keys (e.g. Cayos Borracho, Pelón, Sombrero, Muerto, Sal, Playuela and Peraza), some of which are covered in palm trees and mangroves and others are desert islets of pure white sand. Underneath, the surface of warm, clear waters, abundant coral and fish life thrive along the reefs and mangrove roots. The mangroves serve as lively rookeries for pink flamingos, herons, scarlet ibis and frigate birds while the nearby salt lagoon and tidal flat of the Cuare Nature Preserve is a perfect location for morning and afternoon wildlife viewing.



Trip Itinerary

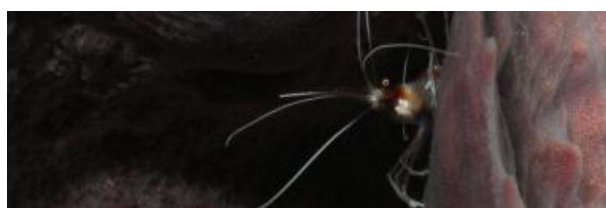
Day 1: Morrocoy National Park - Caracas

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Upon arrival at the Caracas airport you will be transferred to Morrocoy National Park. Overnight at a posada.

Day 2: Morrocoy National Park



After breakfast, take excursions to one of the keys and dive for example in cayo sur, medio or norte. If you feel like taking an open water, advance, stress and rescue and/or nitrox diving class that can also be arranged at an extra cost. Overnight at a posada.

Day 3: Morrocoy National Park

Another diving excursion. After breakfast, head to cayo medio or norte or another day of diving. Overnight at a posada.



Day 4: Morrocoy National Park

After breakfast check out from your posada. Transfer back to Caracas. END OF SERVICES.

Tour Includes:

- A comprehensive pre-departure information
- Airport assistance
- Accommodation with comfort type service on a twin-share basis
- Domestic flights, if indicated on the itinerary. If not, it is not included. Baggage allowance in domestic flights is 10kg.
- Private ground transfers as listed on the itinerary
- Diving excursions and meals as indicated on the itinerary

Tour does NOT Include:

- International airfare ticket
- Alcoholic drinks
- Tips / Gratuities
- Personal expenses
- Personal Gear (or other items of a personal nature)
- Entrance fees to National Parks
- Medical treatment
- Excess baggage costs
- Meals, alcoholic beverages, tours, or other services not listed on the itinerary.
- Holiday surcharges
- Visas
- Expenses incurred in preparing for the trip such as but not limited to: non-refundable airline tickets, travel insurance or additional expenses encountered as a result of flight delays, cancellations, or missed connections.

Important Information:

- Participants should be qualified divers with a recognized professional body such as PADI, BSAC, NAUI, etc. A certificate or C-card will need to be presented to dive operators on location.
- Any dive packages booked through Turpial Travel, including specific diving courses, cannot be changed upon arrival at your destination.
- There is no refund for any unused dives.
- Please check with your travel assistant the equipment that is and is not included in your package.
- It is the individual's responsibility to be medical fit to scuba dive in the conditions presented.
- We recommend that a refresher is taken in a pool if you have not been diving in the last 6 months. We reserve the right to charge for a refresher should there be uncertainty regarding your ability and its impact upon safety and the underwater environment.
- All regulations stipulated by the recognised diving authority (e.g PADI, BSAC, etc) and as part of your insurance, must be strictly adhered to.
- Turpial Travel does not schedule dives for the day prior to destination departure.
- Diving programmes are subject to constraints of weather and other conditions. Dive itineraries need to be flexible to adapt to changes in diving sites or suspension of diving, for which no refund can be given.

We recommend you bring:

- Passport (with photocopies)
- Travel insurance (with photocopies)
- Airline tickets (with photocopies)
- USD or EURO cash and/or travelers checks
- Credit card
- Turpial Travel vouchers, pre-departure information and printed copy of your Itinerary PDF
- Alarm clock
- Flashlight
- Sun hat, sunblock, sunglasses
- Insect repellent
- Water bottle
- Small towel and swim wear
- Toiletries (biodegradable)
- Sturdy walking shoes/sport sandals
- Moneybelt

- Shorts
- Long trousers
- Hiking pants/track pants
- Shirts/T-shirts
- Swimwear
- Warm clothes and windproof/waterproof jacket if you are traveling to the Andes or taking a trekking/climbing expedition.
- Waterproof clothes for wet season May-Oct. Umbrella or waterproof jacket
- Cover for backpack or plastic bags to keep clothes dry
- Clothes for temples – long pants or sarongs
- Camera and film
- Reading/writing material
- Binoculars
- Pocketknife
- First-aid kit (should contain lip salve, aspirin, band aids, anti-histamine, imodium or similar tablets for mild cases of diarrhea, re-hydration powder, extra prescription drugs you may be taking).
- If you are under medical treatment, please bring medical treatment for the days you will be traveling with us.

Special Needs: Those who have special needs need to let us know in advance so we can make the necessary arrangements (e.g. allergy to specific foods, etc).

Tour Prices (Retail Price):

Clasificacion-P/P	Pax 1	Pax 2	Pax 3	Pax 4	Pax 5	Pax 6	Pax 7	Pax 8
Standard	\$ 315.00	\$ 315.00	\$ 313.00	\$ 307.00	\$ 326.00	\$ 319.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 298.00
Comfort	\$ 315.00	\$ 315.00	\$ 313.00	\$ 307.00	\$ 326.00	\$ 319.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 298.00
Superior	\$ 315.00	\$ 315.00	\$ 313.00	\$ 307.00	\$ 326.00	\$ 319.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 298.00

Meals included:

Accommodation	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	TOTAL
Standard	3	3	3	9

Notes:

1. Meals referenced in the itinerary are subject to a time schedule. If you are not there at the time of service, Turpial Travel will not refund the meals you lost (e.g. because you arrived late and/or any other reasons).
2. Allow USD \$50 per day for meals not included and/or additional personal expenses. Please bring it in cash as credit cards are not widely accepted and getting money out of the banks is very difficult.
3. Trip extensions can be arrange for any of our tours at an additional cost.



How to Book



There are two ways of booking with us:

1. Book online at www.turpialtravel.com
2. Contact us:

Telephone: 1 (310) 427 3616 (USA)

Hours: 8:00am- 5:00pm Monday- Saturday (Pacific Time)

E-mail: info@turpialtravel.com



Terms & Conditions

All persons wishing to make a booking have carefully read and understand the Terms and Conditions that follow. By making a booking by telephone, email, or on the website www.turpialtravel.com with Turpial Travel & Adventure (also known as AUTANA LLC) or its Agents, you accept on behalf of yourself and all those named on the booking including minors and person under a disability to be bound by these Terms and Conditions. A booking is accepted and becomes definite only from the date the client processed the payment and a confirmation invoice and/or email was sent. It is at this point that a contract between Turpial Travel & Adventure and the client comes into effect. These conditions apply to the exclusion of any other terms and conditions unless agreed to in writing by the parties prior to the trip departure. Previous dealings between the parties will not vary these conditions. No purported variations of these conditions will be effective unless in writing and signed by a person so authorized by Turpial Travel & Adventure.

1. How to Book

To reserve your place on a tour, you should complete the booking form, together with a non-refundable deposit of 30% per person of the total amount to your travel agent.

2. Payments

The prices quoted in this tour are for payments in cash, bank transfer, or credit card. The balance of the tour price is payable to Turpial Travel & Adventure *30 days prior to departure*. If the trip is a last minute booking, payment deadline will be sent when Turpial Travel & Adventure and its clients confirm the booking. Prices are quoted in US dollars and all payments must be made in US dollars, unless agreed otherwise by Turpial Travel & Adventure.

After the full payment has been received and processed, you will receive detailed pre-departure information package which will include your final itinerary, what we recommend bringing, final invoice, and other important information needed to prepare for the trip. Final trip details will be sent to you two weeks prior to your departure unless you request the pre-departure information sooner.

3. Amendments, Transfers & Cancellations

Amendments: If you wish to make amendments to your travel arrangements, you must notify Turpial Travel & Adventure in writing. Each amendment to your tour arrangement will incur a \$150 administration fee per booking, per person, in addition to the cost of any extra services required. The client must also understand and accept that Turpial Travel & Adventure may not be able to accommodate or guarantee new requests. All administration fees must be paid prior to departure.

Transfers: If you wish to transfer from one tour to another and/or change your destination, you must notify Turpial Travel & Adventure in writing. Once Turpial Travel & Adventure receives your notice the transfer will take place subject to the following charges:

- If your notice is received more than 30 days prior to original departure date, a \$150 fee will apply. In addition, any increase in airfare or operational services will be payable by you.
- If your notice is received within 30 days prior the original departure date, 50% of your original tour price will be forfeited provided your notice is received 15 days prior to your original departure date, otherwise 100% of your tour price will be forfeited.
- If you cannot travel for a reason such as illness, injury, or death, Turpial Travel & Adventure will agree to transfer the booking to another person provided it receives a written request at least 30 days prior to departure. The client must pay a US\$150 administrative fee, pay any penalties charged by suppliers, and understand that airlines may impose a 100% cancellation fee and charge a different rate for new tickets.
- Any requested amendment to tour arrangements or transfer from one tour to another is subject to availability and the agreement in writing of Turpial Travel & Adventure.

Cancellations: If you wish to cancel your tour, you must notify Turpial Travel & Adventure in writing. Once we receive your notice, cancellation will take effect subject to the following:

- If your cancellation notice is received more than 30 days prior to original departure date, a \$150 fee will apply.
- If your cancellation notice is received within 30 days prior the original departure date, 50% of your original tour price will be forfeited provided your notice is received 15 days prior to your original departure date, otherwise 100% of your tour price will be forfeited.
- No refunds will be given for unused hotel rooms, meals, sightseeing trips, or trek arrangements during your trip
- Leaving an expedition in progress, for any reason whatsoever, will not result in a refund, and no refunds will be made for any unused portions of an expedition.
- This policy applies to pre- and post-trip extensions.

4. Rout Changes, Postponements, Cancelation or Delay

Turpial Travel & Adventure reserves the right to:

- Change the date of departure or conclusion of tour, or
- Modify any aspect of the tour,
- Cancel or modify any routs within the tour or objectives set out in the itinerary,
- Substitute different or equivalent routs within the tour in place of cancelled or modified routes, or
- Postpone, cancel or delay (either in relation to the departure or arrival times of the duration of the tour) any such aspect of the tour, if in the absolute discretion of Turpial Travel & Adventure, it is necessary to do so due to weather conditions that are otherwise likely to be hazardous or dangerous or due to any adverse or threatening conditions whether political or military or terrorist or otherwise or if, in the absolute discretion of Turpial Travel & Adventure there is such likelihood of any such event occurring which may impact the safety of the participant, or if an act or omission of a third party prevents the tour or the aspect of the tour being undertaken in accordance with your booking. In the event of any change, modification, cancellation postponement or delay under this condition, you acknowledge that you will have no right of refund of the tour price (whether in whole or in part) and no right to claim compensation of any injury, loss or damage or other additional expenses incurred by virtue of the change, modification, cancellation postponement or delay. Turpial Travel & Adventure also reserves, in its absolute discretion, the right to cancel any tour due to any government travel warning or advice, or any change in such warning or advice. In this event condition 3 applies in respect of the cancellation or transfer of a tour. Travel insurance may compensate you depending on the circumstances.

5. Airline

Any airline tickets issued are subject to the carrier's refund policy. Turpial Travel & Adventure is not liable for any penalty charges associated with non-refundable air fares, even if caused by a change of tour departure times, dates or airports.

6. Insurance

Insurance is mandatory for all our clients. Personal travel insurance is not included in the tour price. It is a format condition of booking a tour with Turpial Travel & Adventure that you are adequately insured for the full duration of the tour in respect to emergency evacuation, illness, injury, death, loss of baggage and personal items and cancellation and curtailment. Personal belongings lost or stolen while unattended by the client in public lounges or other public areas, whether on board a vessel, train, bus, or other mode of transportation, publicly owned or operated by the Company or elsewhere, are not reimbursable. Losses due to ordinary wear and tear, and other acts of God are not reimbursable. Turpial Travel & Adventure cannot accept responsibility for and in no event shall be liable for loss or damage of valuables or other articles left in or on facilities used by the Company such as hotels, homestays, vessels, expedition vehicles, or any other mode of transportation. The client acknowledges that the cost of the tour does not include insurance, and that the client is required to obtain separate coverage at an additional cost. When obtaining travel insurance the client must ensure the insurer is aware of the type of travel to be undertaken.

7. Medical Disclosure

You declare and warrant that:

- You are in good health and mental and physical fitness at the time of booking this tour;
- You have disclosed to Turpial Travel & Adventure every matter concerning your health and mental and physical fitness of which you are aware, or ought reasonably expected to know, that this relevant to Turpial Travel & Adventure decision to permit you to go on this adventure tour.
- Immediately upon any adverse change in your health or fitness that may be likely to affect Turpial Travel & Adventure's decision to accept the risk of permitting you to go on the adventure tour, you will notify Turpial Travel & Adventure in writing of any such adverse change.

You acknowledge that the obligation to disclose under the condition continues from the time of booking the tour through the departure and extends for the duration of the tour. If you fail to comply with the duty of disclosure in this condition

and if Turpial Travel & Adventure would not have permitted you to undertake this tour, or continue participation on the tour, had you made full disclosure under this condition, Turpial Travel & Adventure will not be liable, except to the minimum extent required by law, for personal injury, death and property damage and loss incurred by you.

8. Groups and Families

The client signing the contract with Turpial Travel & Adventure has the authority to do so on behalf all the persons named in the booking form, and confirms that they are fully aware of the booking being made on their behalf and that they accept these terms and conditions.

9. Tour Prices

Turpial Travel & Adventure reserves the right to amend tour prices (or any part) without notice at any time before and including the departure date. Amendments may be necessitated for many reasons including but not limited to: exchange rate fluctuations, increased fuel costs, airfares, airport charges, increases in ground operator service fees, and/or the need to engage alternative air or ground operations. Any increase in tour prices must be paid prior to departure date.

10. Exclusions from Tour Price

The following items are excluded from the tour price:

- Personal travel insurance.
- Visa, passport and vaccination charges.
- Departure, airport and airline taxes.
- Extra emails, transport costs, accommodation costs, or other expenses not included in the itinerary.
- Laundry, postage, personal clothing, medical expenses and items of personal nature.
- Emergency evacuation and/or emergency search charges.
- Tips and excess baggage charges.
- Meals referenced in the itinerary that were not given due to force majeure and/or outside activities that did not allow you to be there on time.

11. Mailing List Terms And Conditions

If you join our mailing list we will use the information you provide to contact you from time to time with news and information about Turpial Travel & Adventure, details of the tours we offer. If you wish to unsubscribe from our mailing list please inform us of this via our contact page and we will remove your details from our system. We will not provide your details to any other organization or use our mailing list to promote products and services from anybody else.

Data Protection Policy: Turpial Travel & Adventure is committed to handling personal data in the spirit of the Data Protection Act 1998 ("the Act") and protecting personal privacy in accordance with the law.

Confidentiality: Please note that we do not sell, rent, or trade your details to any third parties. Only employees of Turpial Travel & Adventure are granted access to your details. However, we may need to release or transfer data in a few, special circumstances, when a) We respond to court orders, or legal process, or to establish or exercise our legal rights or defend against legal claims b) We believe it is necessary to share information in order to investigate, prevent, or take action regarding illegal activities, spamming, suspected fraud, situations involving potential threats to the physical safety of any person, violations of our terms of service, or as otherwise required by law c) We must transfer the information, to a successor company in the event of a sale, merger, liquidation, dissolution, reorganization or acquisition of Turpial Travel & Adventure.

12. Force Majeure

If Turpial Travel & Adventure is prevented (directly or indirectly) from performing any of its obligations under the agreement by reason of act of God such as strikes, trade disputes, fire, breakdowns, interruption of transportation, government or political action, acts of war or terrorism, acts or omissions of a third party or for any other cause whatsoever outside Turpial Travel & Adventure's reasonable control, Turpial Travel & Adventure will be under no liability whatsoever to you and may, at its option, by written notice to you either cancel the tour or take any other action as specified in condition 4.

13. Assumption of Risk

You acknowledge that:

- By the very nature of the adventure holidays, they are more challenging and demanding with a commensurately higher level of risk compared with conventional holidays; and

- In the regions in which adventure travel is undertaken, standards of accommodation, transport, health care, hygiene, safety and service precision generally are often not as high as those standards in your country of residence and may require flexibility and patience on your part; and
- Operational control of the tour may be in the hands of a third party and that performance is against the third party and not against Turpial Travel & Adventure;
- And additional dangers and risks associated with adventure travel may include difficult and dangerous terrain; high altitude; extremes of weather; political instability; remoteness from normal medical services and from communications; and evacuation difficulties in the event of illness or injury; and
- The enjoyment and excitement of adventure travel is derived in part from the inherent dangers and risks associated with adventure travel and those inherent dangers and risks are a reason why you wish to undertake the adventure tour; and
- You have submitted booking for the tour after giving due consideration of relevant travel information including, without limitation, any relevant information or advice given by your government and that it is your responsibility to acquaint yourself that information or advice, for the above reasons you therefore accept the inherent and increased dangers and risks associated with the proposed adventure tour and the accompanying risk of injury, death or property damage or loss.

14. Disclaimer

You accept that Turpial Travel & Adventure:

- May act as a booking agent for third-party tour operators and accepts no liability for the acts or commissions of those third-party tour operators; and
- Will not be liable for any breach of any law by any person with whom you travel on the tour; and
- You may not rely on any representations concerning the tour made by Turpial Travel & Adventure which are not contained in these conditions.

15. Release and Waiver of Liability

As this is a voluntary trip, in consideration of Turpial Travel & Adventure accepting your booking application and in consideration of you being permitted by Turpial Travel & Adventure to join the tour:

- You release Turpial Travel & Adventure and its officers, employees, agents, licensees, guides and other representatives and the land management authorities in the country in which the tour is conducted (each of whom are collectively referred to as "Turpial Travel Team") from all cost, liability, loss or damage incurred or suffered by you directly or indirectly during the course of the tour and resulting from your personal injury, illness or death or damage to or loss of your property unless caused by the willful negligence of wrongful act of Turpial Travel & Adventure and its employees; and
- You waive any claims you have, or may at the time have, against Turpial Travel & Adventure and its employees and you agree, by accepting the additional inherent dangers and risks associated with the tour, not to make any claim against or seek any compensation from Turpial Travel & Adventure and its employees in respect of any personal injury, illness or death suffered by you or damage or loss of property sustained by you as a result of your participation in the tour.

16. Jurisdiction & Dispute Resolution

You agree that any dispute concerning, relating or referring to this contract, the brochure, or any other literature concerning my trip, or the trip itself shall be resolved exclusively by binding arbitration in Denver, Colorado, according to the then existing commercial rules of the American Arbitration Association. Such proceeding will be governed by substantive Denver law without regard to the Denver Arbitration Act. The arbitrator(s) and not any federal, state, or local court or agency shall have exclusive authority to resolve any dispute relating to the interpretation, applicability, enforceability, conscionability, or formation of this contract, including but not limited to any claim that all or any part of this contract is void or voidable.

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