

el yaque-margarita

In the southern Caribbean Sea, just off the north east coast of Venezuela is the island of Margarita. From colonial times, the island retains an array of Spanish style buildings, churches, cobble-stoned roads and picturesque old forts. Spanish influence on the island culture remains strong; mixed with the Caribbean way of life it gives Margarita a beguiling charm. Inland, the mountainous landscape is heavily wooded, where tropical plants nestle alongside mahogany and eucalyptus trees. The coast is typically Caribbean with white beaches and waving palms. El Yaque in the south, once a small fishing village, is now a bustling windsurf and kitesurf haven. Suitable for all, the reliability and strength of the wind making it one of the best venues in the world.

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Best Time: Dec-May.

Launch: Sandy beach, shallow water for 300m.

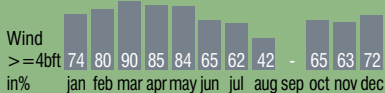
Wind Direction: Cross shore from left.

Wind Type: Thermal & Tradewind.

Shorebreak: Minimal shore break.

Water Conditions: Flatwater. Windchop on the outside.

Suitability: All levels.



Air°C	29	30	31	31	30	30	29	30	31	31	30	30
Water°C	26	26	27	28	27	26	26	26	27	28	27	26

CLUB MISTRAL

Located in the El Yaque Paradise Hotel on 300m palm fringed beach, a few meters to waters edge. Shallow area reserved for windsurfers. Clean winds over whole area. Bar/restaurant next door. Sea shoes advised – occ. sea urchins. Kit Range: 2009/10 approx 90 Mistral & Fanatic Boards & 140 rigs. North Sails sizes 3.0-8.8m². (Closed Sept-Mid Oct)

Board Hire 1 wk £179 2 wks £299

SKYRIDERS based on El Yaque Beach.

Kiting area: Wide bay upwind from main/windsurf beach. Daily kite excursions by boat to Cubaqua, Coche. (7km away). Rental: North kiteboarding approx 20 boards & 50 kites. Sizes: 3.0–16m².

Kite Hire 1 wk £199 2 wks £319

Instruction: Starter, Progress, Advanced, Unlimited, Kids, clinics, groups & private.

Other Sports: Surfing, Diving, Snorkelling, Cycling, Horse riding, Trekking, Golf, Fishing.

Excursions: Jeep Safaris. Mangroves Boat tour. Angel Falls, Caiman National Park. Shopping in Porlamar. Great bar scene.



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VELA MARGARITA

Centrally located in the El Yaque Beach Hotel. Kit Range: 2009/10 approx 90 JP Australia & Starboard Boards & 140 NeilPryde rigs. Sail sizes 3.5-7.7m². Rental on pool system. Full tuition programme. Rescue available.

Board Hire 1 wk from £155 2 wks from £255



Sailing Spot & Conditions

A perfect and safe spot for everyone. No matter whether you want to practice beach and water starts, jibes or freestyle moves, in El Yaque beginners and intermediates will find ideal conditions for making progress. The excellent wind combined with the swell satisfying for the advanced and freestylers. World class pros Ricardo Campello, Cheo Diaz and Gollito Estredo are locals and often seen on the water. El Yaque has arguably the highest number of wind days in the world, with December to May being the best time. In the summer the wind drops off. During winter it blows F3-5 in the morning and after mid-day thermal conditions intensify the trade wind to a force of about F4-7. A steady sideshore wind from the left make it the perfect all-round venue.

Hotel El Yaque Paradise



Location: Only 10 minutes from airport and located directly on the beach. Friendly family atmosphere.



Accommodation: The 31 air conditioned rooms are comfortably furnished with bath/shower and equipped with TV, phone and some featuring fridges. Superior rooms have sea views.

Facilities: There is a huge sun terrace which commands superb views over the sailing area. Breakfast is served here. Onsite Italian restaurant and beach bar for snacks. Sister hotel offers tennis, jacuzzi, gym, solarium and a pool.

Windsurfing/Kitesurfing: Club Mistral/Skyriders centre is located on the ground floor of the hotel. Vela Centre.

Hotel Atti



Location: 20 minutes from the Airport. Set on gentle hillside, approximately 250m from the beach within shady tropical garden in quiet location.

Accommodation: This friendly hotel has 28 comfortably furnished and air conditioned rooms are fully equipped. All rooms have separate bathrooms/shower, W/C, balcony or terrace and most have hammocks.

Facilities: Restaurant on top floor serves breakfast and evening meals with incredible views. Swimming pool & sun deck with ocean views. Air conditioned gym. High internet access available in hotel. Lockable kitesurfing storage available.

Windsurfing/Kitesurfing: 5-10 minutes walk to Club Mistral / Skyriders centre & Vela centre.



Prices (7 nights) from:	Low	High
Hotel El Yaque Paradise	£968	£1009
Hotel Atti	£949	£1029

Price includes return flights, accommodation & transfers.