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Gulf of Cariaco - Profile

Location

On Venezuela's northern coast, stretching east from the city of Cumaná, lies the Golfo de Cariaco. This huge, sausage-shaped bay encompasses a wonderful multi-coloured scenery of contrasting hills. It is regarded as a safe place to visit and has many small, snug coves. The northern shore offering better protection than the southern coast.



Docking



Medregal-Village Hotel

+10° 32' 01,30" N / - 63° 48' 55,00" W

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Welcoming owners, anchor in front of hotel and use hotel facilities (swimming pool, Wi-Fi). Good holding in 15 feet plus 2 dinghy docks. Saturday transport to Cariaco Village market for provisioning, 30 km away. Stops for fresh vegetables and meat are made on the way. Special cruiser's dinners.

There is now a very useful boatyard, M&M Marina, adjacent to the Medregal-Village Hotel. See [boatyards](#) for more details.

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El Muelle de Cariaco

10.28.50N- 63.40.5W

At the head of the Gulf, this is a good, safe place to leave the boat and visit the small river, Boca del Rio, and the Boca del Rio bird habitat at the Guaracho Cave. Anchor in 15 feet (5 m). There is a small grocery, bar, restaurant, pharmacy and a good dinghy dock.

Guacarapo

10.29.7N-63.48.5W

This fishing village is at the start of the more developed area of the bay, with paved roads, local public phones, and water. There is a small grocery, and taxis (porpuestos) to Cariaco.

Juanacuna

10.34.7N-64.00W

This small bay is the home of the Cangrejo Yacht Club. Anchor in 10 to 15 feet (3 to 5m) of water. There is a bar and a restaurant.

Laguna Grande

10.34.5N-64.03W

An anchorage near the entrance to the Gulf of Cariaco. This really is one of the best anchorages in the Caribbean. The scenery is breathtaking. There are many bays well protected from all directions, and you anchor in 15 to 25 feet (5 to 8m) of water.

Los Cachicatos

10.33N-53.48.5W

This is a good anchorage where a fiesta is held to celebrate the Virgin's feast days in September. There are old-fashioned fishermen and craftsmen, and a small market, as well as a restaurant and bar where Saturday nights are very lively.

Los Platitos

10.34.5N-63.59.6W , Near Juanacuna

This anchorage has some great snorkeling around the small island. No water available here.

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