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Angel Falls

Angel Falls is a waterfall in Venezuela. It is the world's largest uninterrupted waterfall with a height of 979 m. The waterfall drops over the edge of a mountain in the Canaima National Park.

The waterfall has been known as the Angel Falls since the mid-20th century. They are named after Jimmie Angel, a US aviator who was the first person to fly over the falls. He flew over the falls on November 16, 1933. He returned on October 9, 1937. He tried to land his plane on the mountain, but the plane was damaged when the wheels sank into the marshy ground. Angel and his three passengers, including his wife, were forced to descend the mountain on foot. It took them 11 days to make their way back to civilization. The news spread and the waterfall was named after him. His plane remained on top of the mountain for 33 years before it was lifted out by helicopter. It was restored by a museum and now sits outside of an airport in Venezuela. Angel's ashes were scattered over the falls on July 2, 1960.

Angel Falls is one of Venezuela's top tourist attractions. It is difficult to reach the falls because it is located in a jungle. There is a river trip to the base of the falls. River trips generally take place from June to December, when the rivers are deep enough for wooden boats. During the dry season, December to March, there is less water seen than in the other months.