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The Highlights of Guyana Set Departures - Led by Local Naturalist Guides

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The Highlights of Guyana Locally Escorted Group Tour

English speaking and little visited, Guyana's landmass is almost entirely made up of rainforest, little of which has been fully explored. It's impressive rainforests are complimented by vast savannahs in the south and the country is home to a staggering array of exciting wildlife. It is particularly known for its wildlife giants. These include the world's largest otter (giant river otter); anteater (giant anteater); rodent (capybara); caiman (black caiman); freshwater fish (arapaima); freshwater turtle (giant river turtle); snake (anaconda) and pit viper (bushmaster), as well as two of South America's fiercest carnivores: the jaguar and harpy eagle. However, many of these species are very rare to see, in the dense forests.

Botanical giants include the *Victoria amazonica* (the world's largest water lily) and tank bromeliad (the world's largest bromeliad). Geological highlights include Kaieteur Falls which is five times the height of Niagara making it the world's highest single-drop waterfall and affording a spectacular natural display as well as creating a unique cloud forest microclimate.



Guyana has an incredibly rich biodiversity with some fantastic and typical rainforest fauna such as spider and squirrel monkeys, five species of macaw, the bizarre Guianan cock-of-the rock, caiman, tree boas, colorful poison dart frogs and wonderful insects of all shapes and sizes among the regular encounters on this tour. With a little more giant anteaters and otters can also be seen and harpy eagles are among the 814 bird species to look out for. A journey through Guyana is a real adventure with remote lodges, exotic wildlife and friendly Amerindian tribes found in the wild interior of the country, still living very naturally. With its vast expanses of untouched rainforest, fascinating wildlife and culture and one of a kind Kaieteur Falls, a trip through Guyana will make a lasting impression.

With a number of set departures throughout the year and a minimum group size of two, this tour is perfect for those who are looking for flexibility in their dates of travel combined with the camaraderie and cost savings of travelling in a group led by experienced local naturalist guides.



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THE HIGHLIGHTS OF GUYANA

13 DAYS - LED BY LOCAL NATURALIST GUIDES

TOUR IN BRIEF

- Day 01 (Sat) Arrive **GEORGETOWN**, GUYANA. Met on arrival and transfer to hotel. O/n CARA LODGE.
- Day 02 (Sun) Fly to **KAIETEUR FALLS** for a guided tour. O/n CARA LODGE. B.
- Day 03 (Mon) Fly to **FAIR VIEW AIRSTRIP** and transfer to **IWOKRAMA**. Afternoon exploration of trails with a ranger and nocturnal boat trip. O/n IWOKRAMA RIVER LODGE. B, L, D.
- Day 04 (Tue) Morning boat ride, hike to **TURTLE MOUNTAIN** or visit **STANLEY LAKE**, visit Kurupukari Falls and Michelle Island. O/n IWOKRAMA RIVER LODGE. B, L, D.
- Day 05 (Wed) Early morning wildlife walk. Transfer to the **IWOKRAMA CANOPY WALKWAY** for wildlife watching. O/n ATTA RAINFOREST LODGE. B, L, D.
- Day 06 (Thu) Explore the Canopy Walkway and surrounding trails. O/n ATTA RAINFOREST LODGE. B, L, D.
- Day 07 (Fri) Transfer to a site to view the Cock of the Rock. Continue to **SURAMA**. Explore the local trails. Afternoon canoe ride on the **BURO BURO RIVER**. Evening guided walk in the forest. O/n SURAMA ECO LODGE. B, L, D.
- Day 08 (Sat) Dawn walk across savannah and challenging walk up **SURAMA MOUNTAIN** or explore the local **SURAMA RAINFOREST** on gentle trails. Transfer to **ROCK VIEW LODGE**. Afternoon to see how cashews are roasted or how local handicrafts are made. O/n ROCK VIEW LODGE. B, L, D.
- Day 09 (Sun) Morning to hike the Panorama Trail in the nearby **PAKARAIMA MOUNTAINS** for wildlife. Transfer to Ginep Landing and on the **RUPUNUNI RIVER** to **KARANAMBU** working ranch. Afternoon boat trip to the ponds. O/n KARANAMBU LODGE. B, L, D.
- Day 10 (Mon) Explore the savannah to look for giant anteaters. Afternoon visit a wooded swamp and explore the RUPUNUNI river. O/n KARANAMBU LODGE. B, L, D.
- Day 11 (Tue) Early morning search the savannah for giant anteaters or wildlife spotting on the Rupununi River. Transfer to **YUPUKARI** village. Evening boat trip to search for wildlife and help with caiman research. O/n CAIMAN HOUSE. B, L, D.
- Day 12 (Wed) Morning transfer to LETHEM. Fly back to **GEORGETOWN**. City tour and evening at Backyard Café for dinner. O/n CARA LODGE. B, D.
- Day 13 (Thu) At leisure. Transfer to **GEORGETOWN AIRPORT**. Depart Guyana. B.



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THE HIGHLIGHTS OF GUYANA GROUPS 2024

DETAILED ITINERARY

Day 1 (Sat) Arrive GEORGETOWN, GUYANA. Met on arrival and transfer (c.40 minutes) to the hotel. (check in time from 1400) (No meals are included today)

O/n CARA LODGE. Built in 1840 this is one of the oldest buildings in Guyana and is steeped in history having hosted many world leaders, royalty and other dignitaries. Built in a plantation style, the lodge has spacious wooden verandas and large bedrooms with private facilities. There is a restaurant serving good food and the service is attentive and friendly.

Day 2 (Sun) Today, we transfer to the Eugene F. Correia International airport to take a scheduled charter flight over miles of rainforest and savannah to KAIETEUR FALLS. Here we will have a 2-hour guided tour of the falls and its cloud forest ecosystem. With a single drop of 822 feet, Kaieteur falls are five times the height of Niagara but are only visited by a handful of tourists. Kaieteur is most impressive in the rainy season when billions of gallons of water cascade over the edge creating a breathtaking fusion of noise, spray and colour.



[Please note: the Kaieteur trip is subject to minimum numbers and may be scheduled for an alternative day.] The cloud forest created by the unique microclimate of

the falls is home to an impressive array of wildlife including tank bromeliads - the world's largest bromeliad and themselves home to a tiny, endemic golden frog. Swifts nest under the fall's immense curtain of water and the brightly coloured males of the rare Guianan cock-of-the-rock display in a number of favoured lek sites along the trail. (Breakfast and a light snack on the flight only are included today) O/n CARA LODGE. B.

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Day 3 (Mon) Early pick-up from hotel and transfer to the Eugene F Correia International airport. We will then take the scheduled flight at 0830 operated by Trans Guyana Air over miles of rainforest to the Fair View Airstrip. On arrival we will transfer by 4x4 or a Bedford truck to the IWOKRAMA RIVER LODGE in the wild heart of the country. In the late



afternoon, we will begin exploring the trails around the lodge with one of the local rangers and enjoy a night river trip to spot caiman and other nocturnal wildlife. O/n IWOKRAMA RIVER LODGE. B, L, D.

Established to protect and manage a huge (one million acres) rainforest reserve, the Iwokrama River Lodge and Research Station is surrounded by mostly pristine rainforest and is home to a staggering diversity of plants and animals. The area holds world records for the number of bat (90) and fresh water fish (420) species recorded and is home to the arapaima - the world's largest species of freshwater fish. There have also been over 500 species of birds recorded including five species of macaw, 24 species of hummingbird and 29 species of raptor (including harpy eagle, crested eagle and osprey).



Mammal sightings are generally difficult due to the dense forest, but highlights in the area include eight species of primates (including white-faced saki and golden-handed tamarin), two species of sloth, tamandua, giant otter, Brazilian (lowland) tapir, giant and nine-banded armadillo, brocket deer, peccaries and the extremely rare bush dog. Despite this richness the wildlife tends to be shy and mammal sightings few. However, the station has had a record of cat sightings in the past, particularly with jaguars and ocelots along the nearby road at dusk, but luck is a significant factor in these sightings. When there are fruiting trees around the lodge this can regularly attract several species of primate as well as toucans, aracaris, parrots and other birds.

Accommodation is in simple detached cabins with verandas, hammocks and private facilities (cold water showers). Meals are served in the large central building which offers good vistas over the surrounding forest.

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Day 4 (Tue) Today we take an early morning boat ride to spot wildlife such as primates, toucans, parrots, macaws and birds of prey on the rainforest-fringed banks of the ESSEQUIBO RIVER.

Following breakfast, there is the option to travel by canoe and then hike a rainforest trail to the summit of nearby Turtle Mountain. This walk is quite strenuous, but at a height of 935ft (approx. 360m) the mountain offers a stunning vista over the rainforest canopy and the chance to see wildlife such as black spider monkey, Guianan red howler and brown capuchin monkeys feeding below. The rare orange-breasted falcon and red-and-green macaws can often be seen flying below you



from the summit. Alternatively, a gentle boat trip to the Stanley Lake can be arranged where there are good chances to view the magnificent black caiman, macaws, monkeys and if very lucky giant otters.

In the late afternoon we will visit KURUPUKARI FALLS to see the Amerindian petroglyphs (dependent on the water level) then continue by boat for a refreshing drink (not included) at the Michelle Island, which overlooks the rapids. O/n IWOKRAMA RIVER LODGE. B, L, D.

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Day 5 (Wed) Early this morning we will walk a trail close to the station with a local ranger in search of rainforest wildlife. The bizarre capuchinbird and various species of parrot and monkey are all possible to see.

After returning to the lodge for breakfast we then depart by 4x4 along a quiet rainforest road to the Atta Lodge and IWOKRAMA CANOPY PLATFORM. This journey along the main road through the forest, can sometimes produce sightings of secretive forest mammals that use the road as a corridor. Sightings can be brief and distant, but jaguars have even been seen on this journey in the past, although very rare.



We will then spend the afternoon walking the forest trails and also on the 154m long - 35m high Canadian built canopy walkway for a bird's eye view of the forest offering a good platform to search for birds and monkeys. If we stay until evening to see the darkness settle over the forest, other species could be encountered such as the rare white-winged potoo and nocturnal tree frogs and insects on the trail back to the lodge.

O/n ATTA RAINFOREST LODGE. B, L, D. The lodge has 8 simple ensuite rooms. There is a separate lounge/dining room with a small bar (with a patchy wireless internet access!). The food at the lodge is usually particularly varied and tasty for a remote setting in Guyana!



Day 6 (Thu) Today we have a full day to explore the rainforest from the lodge and also make early and late visit to the Canopy Walkway. We can walk many trails, some of which have the key tree species marked and there are many birds to look for here.

A great diversity of birds has been seen from the walkway with many normally difficult to observe canopy species such as cotingas, aracarís and mixed flocks of tanagers commonly seen and even the magnificent harpy eagle even has been seen on rare occasions. The crimson fruitcrow, black curassow, pompadour cotinga, blue-cheeked and dusky parrots, Guianan trogon and green aracari are among the highlight birds. In the evening we could perhaps take a night walk. O/n ATTA RAINFOREST LODGE. B, L, D.

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Day 7 (Fri)

This morning we can experience dawn from the canopy walkway a last time before breakfast. After breakfast we will depart a short distance by road to explore a short forest trail in search of the Guianian Cock-of-the-rock. We then continue by 4x4 to the Amerindian village of Surama, set in five square miles of savannah and surrounded by the densely forested PAKARAIMA MOUNTAINS.



Surama's inhabitants are mainly from the Macushi tribe and still observe many of the traditional practices of their forebears. On arrival in Surama we will receive a welcome from a village counselor and settle into the accommodation. A local guide will then escort us for a short walk on nearby trails to observe the forest and its bird life. As the afternoon cools take a three-mile walk through the rainforest to the Burro Burro River. The guides will then paddle us up this small and beautiful river for opportunities to observe its local wildlife. Possibilities include black (red-faced) spider monkey and several species of parrot and macaw as well as toucans and aracarís. Return to the village for sunset.



Tonight, we can perhaps enjoy an educational walk through the forest again to learn about the medicinal uses of plants and to search for wildlife.

O/n SURAMA ECO-LODGE. B, L, D. Simple yet comfortable accommodation run by the local community. The Eco-Lodge and its activities are managed and operated solely by the Makushi people. Over 70 people in the community are employed either directly as hospitality staff, guides, cooks, artisans and driver or indirectly as farmers, hunters,



fishermen, and construction and maintenance workers. Roughly 60% of the community's income is now sustainably generated through tourism-related activities, and guests are treated as though they are staying in one of their homes. There are 4 traditionally built benab buildings and 4 newer cabins that offer slightly more space. There are private bathrooms in each with cold-water showers, flush toilets and twin or triple beds.

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Traditional home-cooked meals using locally grown and harvested ingredients are served in the main benab, where tea and coffee and filtered water are always available. There is solar-powered electricity available in the central building for charging of batteries, but only a very limited internet service in the village office, which is a 40-minute walk from the lodge. A new option is the possibility to camp in hammocks in an open-air wooden shelter next to the Buro Buro River while the guides prepare food and drink and demonstrate survival skills.



Day 8 (Sat) Rise before dawn for a walk across the savannah and then a challenging walk up SURAMA MOUNTAIN. This is the best time to observe bird life along the trail. If you would prefer not to do this walk, then a gentler flatter trail will be offered instead.

Return to the village for breakfast and then travel by 4x4 or Bedford Truck to ROCK VIEW LODGE. Surrounded by stunning open savannah and rainforest-topped hills (part of the Pakaraima mountains range) this working ranch offers comfortable accommodation, a swimming pool, and wildlife-filled gardens with many flowering plants and hummingbirds. We can enjoy some time to settle in and relax on arrival.



In the afternoon we can see how cashews nuts are roasted and also how some local handicrafts are made and maybe even try our hands at them too. The labour-intensive method of cracking open the roasted nuts along with the self-ignition of the nuts as the acid content burns off are a spectacular sight. You can then taste the freshly roasted nuts. The pool has a lovely setting in the gardens and is a welcome respite on a hot day. O/n ROCK VIEW LODGE. B, L, D.

Day 9 (Sun) This morning we will explore the forested foothills of the Pakaraima Mountains. The nearby Panorama Trail leads up a small hill, where there is a chance of seeing the striking black and yellow poison dart (or bumblebee) frog. Birdlife is also plentiful here and includes green-tailed and yellow-billed jacamars, reddish hermit and Finsch's euphonia.



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Later we will transfer south to Ginep Landing for a scenic boat trip on the RUPUNUNI RIVER to KARANAMBU LODGE.

Karanambu was previously a leading centre for the recovery and rehabilitation of injured or orphaned giant river otters. It was the home of the late Diane McTurk, a conservationist and world-renowned expert on giant otters. Karanambu attained worldwide recognition for its conservation work and over the years has been visited by David Attenborough, the late Gerald Durrell (Three Singles to Adventure), the National Geographic and the BBC's Really Wild Show. The Lodge no longer cares for orphaned otters and only very rarely has other orphaned animals on site these days, but it does still occasionally work as a rehabilitation centre.

The rain forested banks of the adjacent Rupununi River are home to large numbers of birds, Guianan squirrel monkeys, capuchin monkeys and other forest wildlife. Away from the river can be found vast tracts of savannah which are home to endangered giant anteaters.

After settling in at the lodge, we will set out in afternoon to travel by boat to look for wildlife which may include squirrel and capuchin monkeys, black caiman and if very lucky giant otters. As dusk begins to fall we will reach the ponds to see the giant *Victoria Regis* water lily, bloom at sunset. On the return trip back to the lodge we will spotlight for black caiman, Amazon tree boas and sleeping green iguanas among other creatures of the night.



O/n KARANAMBU LODGE. B, L, D. The owners put the majority of their energy into their conservation efforts and as such, the accommodation here is quite basic. The cabins are not well screened and can sometimes have as much wildlife inside as out.

The staff will give a full rundown of what wildlife to expect in each cabin including the genus, species and pet name of each animal and you will soon find yourself becoming good friends with 'Doris' the spider and 'James' the gecko. Mosquito nets are provided as well as surprisingly comfortable beds ensuring a good night's sleep and each cabin has private facilities (cold water showers). Wonderful home cooked meals are provided in the main house and you will never be far from an unending supply of complimentary rum punches.



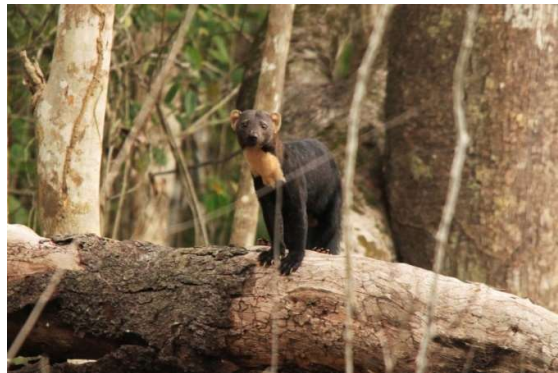
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We feel that the quality of the wildlife seen here combined with its conservation pedigree more than compensate for the simple accommodation: this is sure to be a highlight of your trip.

Day 10 (Mon) This morning we will make an early start to reach an area of rolling savannah, home to a population of giant anteaters. With luck we hope to locate one of these six-foot long animals excavating its breakfast from one of the red termite mounds that stud the savannah. Due to their poor eyesight, it is sometimes possible to approach downwind within several meters of these fascinating creatures as they continue with their daily business. Due to recent fire, sightings of anteaters are currently a little regular than they were previously. We will then spend the rest of the morning looking for wildlife around the environs of the lodge.



If you are interested in birdwatching, you can explore woodland patches or gallery forest along the river and visit a lek site of the extraordinary capuchinbird. When water levels are appropriate a wooded swamp near the lodge is also the site of a surprisingly large colony of boat-billed herons, as well as several other heron species, egrets, jabiru storks, anhingas and wattled jacanas. When in fruit, the mango trees at the lodge also occasionally attract the elusive tayra, offering a rare opportunity to see this charismatic member of the weasel (mustelid) family. In the afternoon and evening we can explore more of the savannah for birds such as double-striped thick knee and several of species of nightjar. O/n KARANAMBU LODGE. B, L, D.



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Day 11 (Tue) In the early morning we will perhaps travel out on to the savannah again to search for giant anteaters once more or instead explore the gallery forest along the river. After breakfast we will make our transfer out by boat, bird watching along the way, to the Amerindian village of YUPUKARI and Caiman House. This journey offers chances to see squirrel monkeys, red howler monkeys and brown capuchin monkeys in the riverside trees as well as many different birds such as jabiru storks and if lucky the stunning agami heron. We will arrive at our lodge, Caiman House in time for lunch and some time to rest during the heat of the day.



Caiman House is the hub of several participatory development projects including the introduction of classroom libraries in all three village schools, an internet enabled public library, and a non-profit job creation scheme for the local villages including craft skills and furniture building. In the evening we can enjoy a nocturnal excursion on



the Rupununi River, where (depending on local conditions) we have the unique opportunity to support and participate in an ongoing study of the black caiman, the largest member of the alligator family and an endangered species. Caiman here are captured, weighed, measured, sexed and tagged before being released back into the river.

Our time on the river may also reveal spectacled and possibly even dwarf caiman, boa constrictors, iguanas and birds such as nightjars, potoos and boat-billed herons. If lucky we could also find an opossum or group of sleeping squirrel monkeys in the riverside trees. During periods of high water, it is difficult to capture caiman so we will have a chance to enter the nocturnal world of the Rupununi River and associated gallery forests but not capture the caiman.

O/n CAIMAN HOUSE. B, L, D. Accommodation is in simple but large comfortable rooms with en suite bathrooms (cold water only).

There is a lovely open sitting room inside and an open deck. All furniture at the lodge is made by local craftspeople. Meals are served in the dining room and food is prepared by ladies from the local village. Caiman house offers a true indigenous village experience. It offers a simple but interesting insight into their lives combined with a fascinating and unusual wildlife experience.



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Day 12 (Wed) This morning we will transfer to LETHEM airstrip and take our scheduled flight back to GEORGETOWN. On arrival we can enjoy a tour of the city to appreciate the colonial architecture and learn about its history.

During the tour we can visit the famous Stabroek Market, once described as a 'bizarre bazaar', which contains every conceivable item from household goods to gold jewellery. The elegance of the city is still apparent, with its wide tree-lined avenues and historic buildings, including colonial homes sporting the unique 'Demerara shutters', entirely



built from tropical hardwoods. See Saint George's Cathedral, one of the world's tallest freestanding wooden buildings, built in 1892 with a roof made of English oak and sides of greenheart, as well as the Georgetown Botanical Gardens. In the evening there will be a pick up and transfer to the Backyard Café for dinner.

Backyard Café is located in the West Ruimveldt area where our host, guide and culinary master, Chef Delven Adams will greet us as we enter.

His menu is whatever is on season at the time and is a Guyanese fusion from all over the world. Delven makes his purchases based on the group's suggestions and the individual dietary requirements of the group from the local market and he will prepare a fantastic variety of dishes and courses for us to enjoy. A fitting finale to our time in Guyana.

We will return to Cara Lodge in the evening for our last night in Guyana. (Breakfast and dinner only is included today). O/n CARA LODGE. B, D.

Day 13 (Thu) Today is at leisure. We will transfer you to the GEORGETOWN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT to check in for your onward flight. (Breakfast only is included today and check out time from the hotel is 1200 mid-day). B

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<i>Tour Start Date in Guyana</i>	<i>Adult Price</i>	<i>Single Supplement</i>
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NB: International flights are not included in the above tour cost. Please contact us for international flight prices and potential overnights in the Caribbean en route.

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Minimum group size is 2 and maximum 10, plus the tour leader.

Included in the above: All domestic (economy class) flights in Guyana (please note that a free baggage allowance of 20lbs / 9.1 kg per person is allowed on internal flights but excess luggage can sometimes be purchased); all shared ground transportation; all accommodation; all meals as indicated; (B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner), shared guided excursions with local guides on a shared group basis and entrance tickets and National Park fees where applicable.

Not included: International flights (these can be arranged and quoted for on request), international departure tax in Guyana (G\$6,000/\$30 USD per person now usually included in the plane tickets); excess baggage charges (GY\$300 per pound of extra luggage); other meals unless indicated; drinks; tips; items of a personal nature; and travel insurance.

PLEASE NOTE: The above itinerary excludes international flights. Flight options from the UK include British Airways and Virgin Atlantic from London Gatwick or Manchester to Barbados, Trinidad or Antigua. Please note that the onward flight from these locations to Georgetown with InterCaribbean Airways or Caribbean Airlines would usually not be a protected flight connection.

This would require you to collect your luggage and check in again before the onward flight to Georgetown, Guyana. If you would prefer to avoid a tight unprotected connection, then we recommend flying out a day earlier and overnighing in the Caribbean in Barbados or Antigua first and flying to Georgetown the next day.

Please call 01803 866965 if you have any queries, would like to secure your place on the tour, and/or if you would like to extend the tour to include other locations.

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FLIGHTS WITHIN GUYANA: Please be advised that we must provide body weights of passengers for all internal flights. Failure to provide us with this information or the incorrect information can cause delays to flights and inconvenience to other passengers and in some cases either passengers and/or luggage being taken off the flight. To ensure a holiday that is enjoyable and hassle free, it is imperative that passengers provide us with this information. Passengers are advised to provide a body weight with clothing similar to that which they would expect to travel in on the flight. We cannot be held responsible for any passenger denied boarding or luggage not transported if they are over the weight provided.

PLEASE NOTE: Passengers traveling on internal flights in Guyana are allowed a free baggage allowance of 20lbs/9.1KG per person. Exceeding this weight passengers will incur a cost of GY\$300.00 equivalent to US\$1.50 cents per pound. It is possible leave extra luggage that you would not need in the interior at Cara Lodge in Georgetown. With regards to the extra luggage allowance, we can pre-book you an additional 10 lbs each, but this can only be confirmed on the day of the flight as it is still dependent on what other luggage and cargo will be carried on the day. Please be aware that there is still a risk (though slight) that the additional 10 lbs each will not be guaranteed on the day, so in this instance you can securely store any excess luggage in Cara Lodge in Georgetown. However we have so far never had any clients be denied their additional 10 lbs each. Please note that the only way to guarantee additional weight allowance is to purchase the weight equivalent of an extra seat which would provide an additional 190 lbs per flight.

PLEASE NOTE: Yellow fever vaccination is recommended for these countries. This may not be suitable for people aged over 60 who have not been vaccinated before. If this applies to you, please seek medication advice prior to booking.

PLEASE NOTE: With any trip involving wildlife it is impossible to guarantee a sighting, but each trip is designed around known habitats. Every effort will be made to ensure a sighting, but we cannot be held responsible if no sighting is made due to the wildlife itself, weather, or any other elements beyond our control.

PLEASE NOTE: This itinerary is subject to change without notice to take into account possible airline flight schedule changes, weather conditions and other local operational factors which can take place before the departure date or during the tour. This could affect timings, locations visited and the order of the itinerary all of which will be suggested in the best interests of the tour and discussed at the earliest convenience.

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COUNTRY MAP



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IMPORTANT NOTES TO ACCOMPANY THE ABOVE ITINERARY

NB: All itineraries are subject to change without notice to take into account possible airline flight schedule changes which can take place before departure date or during the tour, and other operational factors.

NB: The tour operates with a minimum of two and maximum of ten plus the local guides.

NB: The quoted price for the above itinerary is based on current domestic airline fares, fuel surcharges and flight and local taxes. These (and other tour costs) may be subject to unanticipated increases beyond our control at short notice, either before or after you have booked the tour, in which case the price would need to be revised accordingly.

NB: This tour involves some travel in remote areas. This adds to the adventure and increases the opportunity to enjoy a true wildlife experience. However, due to terrain, weather, road conditions, and other factors beyond our control, some elements of the tour may have to be altered. Times of some activities may need to be changed or even cancelled due to the conditions. If an activity is cancelled it will usually be replaced with an alternative activity that is more appropriate for the conditions. Advance notice will be given for any changes where possible, although at times changes may need to be made whilst the tour is in progress.

NB: The Kaieteur trip is subject to minimum numbers and may be scheduled for an alternative day, or just Kaieteur may be visited. If there are insufficient numbers, the cost of the day trip will be refunded locally.

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NB: Despite some improvements, Guyana still has some accommodation of a lower standard than that normally expected by western travelers, and a precarious infrastructure including unreliable domestic flights, poor telecommunications and bad roads. This tour visits areas well off the beaten track, and therefore far from medical and other services. Trails can often be arduous and slippery, and lodges are usually very basic. Bookings will only be accepted on the understanding that the client accepts Reef and Rainforest Tours has done everything in its power to ensure there are no difficulties, but has no control over standards of some equipment, available accommodation and services, airline reservation policies, flight schedule changes or possible breakdowns in communication in Guyana.

NB: Some service providers may require that guests sign an indemnity waiver form and may refuse services if these forms are not signed. Reef and Rainforest Tours cannot give refunds for services not provided due to a refusal to sign such forms.

NB: Prices are based on a specific airlines and specific economy seating classes. Flights are booked on an ad hoc basis and so early booking is recommended to take advantage of this fare availability. Please call for information on price variations for using alternative airlines or for seat upgrades.

NB: Adequate insurance cover is mandatory. Please supply us with details of your cover.

NB: Visas are not required for EU residents. For all other nationalities, please check with the Guyana High Commission in your country of residence. Ensure your passport has at least six months validity from the date of return.

NB: Your local flights within Guyana are in light aircraft with small luggage holds. You should try to pack your luggage in small soft-sided bags and keep to a luggage restriction of 20lbs (including hand-luggage). You should be able to leave any surplus luggage in Georgetown and collect this before you fly home. Please don't hesitate to call if you have any concerns about this or if you feel that you may have problems conforming to this limit (for example if taking a lot of photographic equipment).

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NB: Clients must ensure they seek medical advice prior to booking, in case there might be any medical reason why they cannot visit the destination concerned.



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