

# The Guianas Experience 2020

*The Guiana Shield is a 1.7 billion year old Precambrian geological formation in northeast South America and is one of the regions of highest biodiversity in the world with 1400 vertebrate species and 1680 bird species. The Shield is overlain by the largest expanse of undisturbed tropical rainforest in the world. Join us as we explore Guyana and Suriname. Marvel at Kaieteur Falls, the highest single drop waterfall in the world and discover one of the greatest untouched rainforests left. This region is home to endangered species such as jaguar, giant anteater, giant river otter, tapir and so much more. Spend time learning about the cultures of the region with visits to Amerindian and Maroon communities. This really is an untouched and totally unique part of South America.*

***Please note whilst content remains the same there is a slightly different order of itinerary for 2020***

## **ITINERARY SUMMARY**

### **Saturday ARRIVAL IN GUYANA**

- Pickup and transfer from Cheddi Jagan International Airport to Georgetown and your selected hotel.
- Overnight at Cara Lodge. (Check in time 1400hrs, Check out time 12midday)

### **Sunday KAIETEUR FALLS**

- Pickup and transfer to Eugene F. Correia International Airport.
- Daytour to Kaieteur falls. [See notes on Kaieteur Falls flight upgrade options below.](#)

Condition of Sale :

Flights to Kaieteur Falls are operated on chartered aircraft and all flights have a minimum passenger restriction. Therefore, any booking to Kaieteur and Orinduik Falls is subject to a minimum of 12 passengers being available to travel. In most cases we are able to fill flights, especially if scheduled for a weekend. However, in the rare case that we cannot meet the required numbers we will reschedule the trip to another day during your stay, if this is possible. Wilderness Explorers retains the right to reschedule a flight as a first option. If we cannot reschedule the flight Wilderness Explorers will guarantee a flight, with a minimum of 2 passengers, to Kaieteur Falls only. If a flight is cancelled due to circumstances beyond our control, such as weather, we will endeavour to reschedule the flight during your itinerary. If this is not possible then a full refund on the flight will be made.

- Pickup and transfer from Eugene F. Correia International Airport return to Georgetown.
- **Optional Service:** Dinner at Aagman Indian Restaurant  
**Rate p/p: US\$85.00 (not included in package price)**
- Overnight at Cara Lodge. B and snack

### **Monday KARANMABU LODGE**

- Pickup and transfer to Eugene F. Correia International Airport.
- Scheduled flight to Lethem Airstrip. (Check in time 0700hrs, Departure 0830hrs)
- Transfer by vehicle from Lethem across the savannah to Karanambu Lodge.
- Afternoon boat excursion for wildlife spotting and as dusk falls to the ponds to see the giant Victoria amazonica water lily bloom at dusk.

- On the return trip we will spotlight for Black Caiman and birds and creatures of the night.
- Overnight at [Karanambu Lodge](#). BLD

**Tuesday**                      **KARANAMBU LODGE**

- Early morning excursion to search the savannahs for Giant Anteaters.
- Return to the lodge for breakfast.
- An evening visit to a nearby pond for bird watching or an evening walk along the airstrip offers seven species of nightjar and among the grasslands the Double-striped Thick-knees.
- Overnight at [Karanambu Lodge](#). BLD

**Wednesday**                      **KARANAMBU LODGE TO ATTA RAINFOREST LODGE**

- Early morning excursion for Giant Anteaters or wildlife spotting on the Rupununi River or explore the nearby honey ponds by trail on foot.
- Return to the lodge for breakfast before departure.
- After breakfast transfer by boat to Genip Landing.
- Travel north by road from Ginip Landing to the Atta Rainforest Lodge, home of the Iwokrama Canopy Walkway.
- Visit the Iwokrama Canopy Walkway and explore surrounding trails.
- Overnight at [Atta Rainforest Lodge](#). BLD

**Thursday**                      **ATTA RAINFOREST LODGE TO SURAMA ECO LODGE**

- Welcome the dawn chorus from the canopy walkway and then return to the lodge for breakfast before departure.
- Transfer to the Cock-of-the-rock trail and then continue to the community owned and operated Surama Eco Lodge.
- A local guide will escort you for a short walk on trails to observe the forest and bird life.
- Afternoon village tour.
- After-dark educational walk to observe wildlife and experience the forest after dark.
- Overnight at [Surama Eco-lodge](#). BLD

**Friday**                              **SURAMA ECO LODGE**

- Pre-dawn walk across the savannah and climb Surama Mountain for incredible views across the village and savannah to the Pakaraima Mountains.
- Afternoon Burro Burro River excursion.
- Overnight at [Surama Eco-lodge](#). BLD

**Saturday**                      **SURAMA ECO LODGE TO GEORGETOWN**

- Choose from a forest walk to look for wildlife and birds or relax around the lodge before breakfast and departure.
- Vehicle transfer from Surama to the airstrip for your scheduled flight to Eugene F. Correia International Airport.
- Pickup and transfer from Eugene F. Correia International Airport to Grand Coastal Hotel.
- Lunch at a local restaurant.
- Afternoon Georgetown City Tour.

- **Optional Service:** Dinner at Backyard Café.  
**Rate p/p:** US\$65.00, min. of 2 pax (not included in package price)
- Overnight at Grand Coastal Hotel. BL

**Sunday FLIGHT TO PARAMARIBO**

- Pickup and transfer from Grand Coastal Hotel to Eugene F. Correia International Airport.
- GUMAIR flight (*tickets not included*) to Zorg-en-Hoop Airport in Paramaribo.
- Transfer to your selected hotel.
- Sunset Dolphin Tour.
- Overnight in a standard room at Eco Torarica. BL

**Monday DANPAATI RIVER LODGE**

- Transfer to the village of Atjoni and join a motorized canoe to the Danpaati River Lodge.
- Evening river cruise for night spotting.
- Overnight at Danpaati River Lodge in a standard room. BLD

**Tuesday DANPAATI RIVER LODGE**

- Today we will visit one of the 12 Maroon villages that are affiliated with Danpaati.
- After the tour we will visit the Maroon museum of Saamaka. Return to the lodge for lunch.
- Afternoon rainforest walk and afterwards choose to enjoy a massage or explore the surrounding area, fishing or taking the dugout canoe around the island.
- After dinner enjoy a traditional and cultural dance performance.
- Overnight at Danpaati River Lodge in a standard room. BLD

**Wednesday DANPAATI RIVER LODGE TO PARAMARIBO**

- Final morning to enjoy the beautiful surroundings before departure by dugout canoe from Danpaati to Atjoni. From Atjoni we will continue our journey back to Paramaribo by vehicle.
- Overnight in a standard room at Eco Torarica. BL

**Thursday PARAMARIBO**

- Paramaribo City Tour and Commewijne Tour.
- Overnight in a standard room at Eco Torarica. BL

**Friday DEPART SURINAME**

- Transfer to the JA Pengal International Airport for your departing flight.

## **DETAILED ITINERARY**

**Saturday**

We will pick you up at Cheddi Jagan Int'l Airport, and then transfer you to your selected hotel.

Located in Guyana on the East Coast of Demerara, just minutes from the capital city of Georgetown, is the Grand Coastal Hotel. This hotel offers excellent services and

accommodation along with a restaurant and bar, gym and pool. Overnight at [Grand Coastal Hotel](#). (Check in time 1600hrs, Check out time 1100hrs)

## **Sunday**

Breakfast at the hotel.

1130hrs pickup and transfer to Eugene F. Correia International Airport return to Georgetown.

Take a scheduled flight over the Demerara and Essequibo Rivers and hundreds of miles of unbroken tropical rainforest to land at Kaieteur Falls, the world's highest free-falling waterfall.

Kaieteur, which was first seen by a European on April 29, 1870 is situated in the heart of Guyana on the Potaro River, a tributary of the Essequibo. The water of Kaieteur flows over a sandstone conglomerate tableland into a deep gorge - a drop of 741 feet or 5 times the height of Niagara Falls.

There are no other falls in the world with the magnitude of the sheer drop existing at Kaieteur. Amerindian legend of the Patamona tribe has it that Kai, one of the tribe's chiefs (after whom the falls is named), committed self-sacrifice by canoeing himself over the falls. It was believed this would encourage the Great Spirit Makonaima to save the tribe from being destroyed by the savage Caribishi.

Kaieteur supports a unique micro environment with Tank Bromeliads, the largest in the world, in which the tiny Golden frog spends its entire life and the rarely seen Guiana Cock-of-the-rock nesting close by. The lucky visitor may also see the famous flights of the Kaieteur Swifts or Makonaima Birds which nest under the vast shelf of rock carved over millions of years by the black water of the Potaro River. Re-board your plane for the return flight to Georgetown.

**[See notes on Kaieteur Falls flight upgrade options below.](#)**

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Pickup at Eugene F. Correia International Airport and transfer to your hotel.

**Optional Services** (not included in package price)

**Dinner at Aagman Indian Restaurant, incl. return transfers**

**Rate p/p:** US\$65.00, min. of 2 pax

"Aagman" is derived from India's ancient Sanskrit script, which means "ARRIVAL" or "BEGINNING". This restaurant was a start-up by budding entrepreneurs Dr. Raj Rishi Meena and Mrs. Neha Asthana Meena, who were inspired and fascinated by Guyanese people and culture. They intended to start the restaurant on 5th of May to commemorate the "Arrival Day", but finally Aagman Restaurant let its gates open on 26th May 2013 -Guyana's Independence Day.

Aagman Restaurant is fully air conditioned with a well-stocked bar and can comfortably seat 93 guests. The seating has been categorized into General, VIP and a one of a kind "Kohinoor Lounge".

The Aagman food philosophy is driven by a desire to present eclectic and expansive Indian repertoire, bursting with flavours and originality, as a multi-sensory dining experience. Experience the epicurean Mughlai Cuisine from the imperial kitchens of India. Enjoy the authentic flavours of creations achieved through the use of the finest ingredients and cooking techniques, in elegant surroundings.

Overnight at Grand Coast Hotel. B and snack on the Kaieteur tour

## **Monday**

Pickup and transfer from Grand Coastal Hotel to Eugene F. Correia International Airport.

Board scheduled flight for journey over the Demerara and Essequibo Rivers and hundreds of miles of tropical rainforest to land at Lethem.

Transfer by vehicle from Lethem across the savannah to Karanambu Lodge.

Karanambu, a 110-square mile former cattle ranch located in the North Rupununi, was the home of the late Diane McTurk, conservationist and a world-renowned expert on giant otters. Known for its expansive wetlands and savannah, as well as its biological and cultural diversity, Karanambu encompasses savannah, marshy ponds, riparian forest, and a 30-mile stretch of the Rupununi River. Karanambu is located roughly in the middle of this beautiful and fascinating biological hotspot where species like the Giant Otter, Black Caiman, Jaguar, Giant Anteater, and Arapaima can be found. The number of species found here is much higher than expected given its size with at least 600 species of bird, and over 200 species of mammals. The seasonally flooded savannahs and forests also draw substantial fish migrations with as many as 700 species of fish — more than anywhere on Earth.

This region is rich in history and is the homeland of the Makushi and earlier peoples dating back more than 7,000 years. Several prominent explorers and naturalists have written about their experiences here, including Robert and Richard Schomburgk, Charles Waterton, Evelyn Waugh, Gerald Durrell, and David Attenborough.

With both the river and the savannahs close at hand there is a wide variety of activities to be enjoyed at Karanambu. You are free to determine what you want to do based on your interests, the time of year and whether the guides have found anything especially unique and interesting to see. Two guided excursions are provided each day — one early in the morning and another late in the afternoon and into the evening. As well as being the coolest times to be out, these are usually the best times to see the different birds and animals. Trips may be on the river by boat, on the savannahs by 4 by 4 or along forest trails on foot to the different ponds in the area.

Late in the afternoon we will travel by boat to look for wild Giant River Otters and as dusk falls to the ponds to see the giant Victoria amazonica waterlily, bloom at dusk. On the return trip we will spotlight for Black Caiman and birds and creatures of the night.

Accommodations are in traditionally made clay brick cabins, each with en suite and Veranda with hammocks. Overnight at [Karanambu Lodge](#). BLD

## **Tuesday**

This morning we make an early start to an area of rolling grasslands, home to a population of giant anteaters. With luck we shall locate one of these six-foot long animals excavating its breakfast from one of the termite mounds that stud the savannah. Though giant anteaters live in overlapping home ranges they are mostly solitary except during mother-offspring relationships, aggressive interactions between males, and when mating. Mother anteaters carry their offspring on their backs until weaning them.

Evening river excursion or if you are interested in bird watching you can explore woodland patches or gallery forest along the river where we'll hope to find a variety of species. A feature bird for the area is the Agami Heron. An evening walk along the airstrip offers seven species of nightjar and among the grasslands the Double-striped Thick-knees. Overnight at [Karanambu Lodge](#). BLD

## **Wednesday**

In the event you did not see a giant anteater the previous morning, there is time to travel out to search the savannah again. Or take a three mile trail walk to explore the honey ponds. The trail is through Riparian forest. There is a capuchin bird Lek on one of the trails and Honey pond three is covered in the Victoria amazonica water lily and caiman and Giant otters are often seen here also.

Return to the lodge for breakfast before departure.





From Karanambu we take a boat trip on the Rupununi River to Ginep Landing. Depending on the river level, this trip offers an excellent opportunity to look for Giant Otters as there are several family groups which live along this stretch of the Rupununi River.

Travel north by road from Ginep Landing to the Atta Rainforest Lodge, home of the Iwokrama Canopy Walkway.

The Iwokrama Canopy Walkway is situated near the southern boundary of the Iwokrama Reserve in central Guyana. The walkway has four suspension bridges leading to three platforms, the highest of which is over 30 metres above the ground, and these will allow great looks at a range of canopy species, many of which you would struggle to see well from the forest floor.

Another area where we will want to spend some time is the clearing around the lodge, as this is one of the best places to see another of Guyana's "must see" birds, the Crimson Fruitcrow. This species is seen here on a reasonably regular basis, as it often comes to feed in some of the nearby trees. The clearing is also a reliable site for Black Curassow as there is a family party which has become habituated to people and regularly passes through the clearing.

Atta Rainforest Lodge is 500 metres from the base of the Canopy Walkway, offering comfortable private-room accommodation with ensuite bathrooms, delicious home-cooked meals, and traditional Amerindian hospitality. The main building is open sided with views across the gardens to the towering forest on all sides and houses the bar, dining area and kitchen. The gardens have a wonderful collection of Heliconias that attracts many humming birds. Overnight at [Atta Rainforest Lodge](#). BLD

### **Thursday**

Before dawn return to the canopy where you will welcome the dawn chorus. From this tree top vantage you can sometimes see Red Howler and Black Spider Monkeys.

Apart from the Iwokrama Canopy Walkway itself you can enjoy wildlife and birdwatching walks on the trails around the area. For those interested in botany many of the trails have the key tree species marked. Many bird species, stunning insects, noisy amphibians, and playful primates make the surrounding forest their home. Deer, Tapir and agouti are also regular visitors to the lodge.

Return to the lodge for breakfast before departure.



Transfer from Atta Rainforest Lodge through the rainforest to Corkwood in the Iwokrama Forest. Here there is a comparatively short trail to hopefully see the amazingly brilliant Guianian Cock-of-the-rock. This trail is through interesting forest and the guides can show the use of the plants. Then continue the journey to the Amerindian community of Surama.

The Amerindian community of Surama is located in the heart of Guyana. The village is set in five square miles of savannah which is ringed by the forest covered Pakaraima Mountains. Surama's inhabitants are mainly from the Macushi tribe and still observe many of the traditional practises of their ancestors. The Surama Eco Lodge is owned and operated by the entire community. The Village Council acts as the Board of Directors and decide how the profits are to be spent to benefit the entire community.

On arrival in Surama you will receive a warm welcome and settle into your accommodation at the lodge. A guide will escort you for a short walk on trails to observe the forest and bird life. As the afternoon cools your guide will take you on a tour of the village. Visit the local school, medical centre and church along with some of the village houses. Tonight enjoy an educational walk to observe wildlife and experience the mystique of the forest after dark. Make sure to bring your flashlights to look for the eyeshine of the creatures of the night. Overnight at [Surama Eco-lodge](#). BLD

### **Friday**

Rise before dawn for a walk across the savannah and then climb up Surama Mountain for incredible views across the village and savannah to the Pakaraima Mountains. This is not a technical climb but can be arduous, especially after rain, and not for everyone. Your guides will happily offer alternative activities if you prefer not to do this climb.

Return to the lodge for lunch and then take a three mile walk across the savannah and through the rainforest to the Burro Burro River. Your guides will then paddle you on the Burro Burro River for opportunities to observe Giant River Otters, Tapir, Tayra, Spider Monkeys and other species. Return to the lodge for sunset. Overnight at [Surama Eco-lodge](#). BLD

### **Saturday**

Enjoy dawn breaking across the rainforest. You can choose from a forest walk to look for wildlife and birds or relax around the lodge before breakfast and departure.





Vehicle transfer from Surama to the Rupununi airstrip for your scheduled flight to Eugene F. Correia International Airport.

Pickup and transfer from Eugene F. Correia International Airport to Grand Coastal Hotel.

Lunch at a local restaurant.

This afternoon enjoy a tour of the city of Georgetown with an experienced guide who will give you the history, rumour and facts on Georgetown and its citizens. We will begin our tour at the Georgetown Seawalls before continuing into the heart of the city.

During your visit there are a number of interesting sights that should not be missed such as Stabroek Market - once described as a “bizarre bazaar, and St. George’s Cathedral which is one of the world’s tallest free standing wooden buildings. Other historic buildings along this promenade are the Public Library, City Hall, the Victoria Law Courts and St. Andrews Kirk. Visit the National Museum, which contains a broad selection of our animal life portrayed in taxidermy in beautiful old glass cases, and the Walter Roth Museum of Anthropology, which houses a wonderful collection of artefacts and explains Amerindian history and life style.

We will visit the Botanical Gardens, home to an extensive collection of tropical flora, and the Zoo which has become a wildlife rescue and rehabilitation centre that houses over one hundred different species of tropical wildlife. We will also pay a visit to a pond either in the gardens or the National Park, to feed the endangered West Indian Manatees.



Return to your hotel.

**Optional Services** (not included in package price)  
**Dinner at Backyard Café, incl. return transfers**  
**Rate p/p:** US\$65.00, min. of 2 pax

This evening pickup and transfer to 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 you as you enter.

This as the name suggests, is a backyard that Chef Delven has turned into an exclusive little hidden gem of a restaurant. Try not to bang your head on the passion fruit hanging overhead from the arbor. If there are ripe ones you will be welcomed to try a freshly picked one. His menu is whatever is in season at the time. It is a Guyanese fusion from all over the world.

Delven makes his purchase based on clients' suggestions and dietary requirements from the local market.

If you are interested, Chef Delven will welcome you to join him as he prepares a wonderful meal from the fruits, vegetables and meats he bought. He has a smoker and small fireside right outside and sometimes will prepare the fresh fish right there and you can certainly help him and learn his secrets. His garlic fish is out of this world! You can sit under the arbor and sip unique blends of juice or enjoy a cold Banks Beer, while taking in the sounds and smells of a delicious meal in the making in a secluded back yard in Georgetown.



Once he is ready, we will start eating our way through the courses. We will start with an appetizer, to an entrée and end up with a dessert, which we may be hard pressed to fit in, but we will give it our best shot and remember to pace yourself as you will want to try it all.

Overnight at Grand Coastal Hotel. BL

### **Sunday**

Pickup and transfer from Grand Coastal Hotel to Eugene F. Correia International Airport for GUMAIR flight (tickets not included) to Zorg-en-Hoop Airport in Paramaribo and transfer to your selected hotel.

Formerly a townhouse, that has been transformed into the most charming lobby of one of Paramaribo's most favoured hotels with numerous eco-friendly features. The Eco Torarica is located within a 5-minute walk of the historic centre of Paramaribo and the tantalizing city life. Rooms offer either a breath-taking view of the Suriname River or a beautiful view of the lovely garden. The hotel is simply ideal for guests who want to visit Suriname to relax and unwind.



We will head off to the pier where we will be picked up for the Sunset Dolphin tour. While having a drink we enjoy the cool breeze and river views, meanwhile the captain searches the horizon for the dolphins. Normally we see them swim by in groups of up to 20. Sometimes they're very curious and if we are lucky they will jump and play close to the boat. After having enjoyed this playful company we part for former plantation Johan and Margaretha where we will enjoy freshly made local snacks like barra, baka bana or eggroll while experiencing the beautiful sunset. All this takes place in a relaxing atmosphere on a wooden deck near the waterfront of the Commewijne River. After the sun has set we will get back on board, pour another drink, and slowly make our way back to Leonsberg. Transfer back to Paramaribo to your hotel.

Overnight in a standard room at Eco Torarica. B (Check in time 1700hrs, Check out time 1300hrs)

### **Monday**

This morning we continue our nature and cultural experience as we depart from Paramaribo. After travelling a distance of approximately 190 km you arrive at the village of Atjoni. At the port of Atjoni we join a motorized canoe, where our skilled personnel will navigate their way up the Upper Suriname River, which is famous for its breathtaking rapids, to the Danpaati River Lodge.

The Danpaati River Lodge is an exceptionally remote and tranquil oasis in the heart of the rain forest, and welcomes adventurous visitors in search of an escape from modern stresses and distractions. The lodge features a welcoming and breezy lounge facing the river, a large pool surrounded by a hardwood yoga deck, and easy access to one of the few portions of the Suriname River where it is actually safe to swim. Accommodations are in spacious A-frame style cabins with carefully appointed amenities including fresh coffee service in the mornings, and unbeatable views into the thick, surrounding Rainforest.

Our day comes to an end with an exciting cruise on the river, looking for caiman lying on the river banks. Overnight at Danpaati River Lodge in a standard room. BLD

### **Tuesday**

Today we will visit one of the 12 villages that are affiliated with Danpaati. Pikin Slee is located 30 minutes by boat from Danpaati. You will be introduced to the unique way of life of the local population and to the wonderful traditions brought from Africa by their ancestors. After the tour



we then visit the Maroon museum Saamaka which is dedicated to the cultural heritage of the Saramak Maroon population. In the museum you will learn more about the Maroon's, history, their ancient traditions and crafts. After the tour we return to the lodge for lunch.

In the afternoon, we will discover some of the secrets of the rainforest during our walk. Afterwards you could choose to enjoy a massage done in a combination of traditional and Western techniques. There are also other possibilities to explore in the surrounding area. You can go fishing or take the dugout canoe around the island.

After dinner you can enjoy a traditional and cultural dance performance. Traditional dances such as the Seketi, Awasa and Bandamba will be performed by the local population. Your guide will explain the cultural significance of each dance. Overnight at Danpaati River Lodge in a standard room. BLD

### **Wednesday**

This morning we still have some time to enjoy the beautiful surroundings and take pictures. After saying good bye to the staff, we depart by dugout canoe from Danpaati to Atjoni. From Atjoni we will continue our journey back to Paramaribo by vehicle.



Overnight in a standard room at Eco Torarica. BL

### **Thursday**

We will then head out on a tour of the city. Paramaribo, the capital city of Suriname, has been placed on the UNESCO "World Heritage" list of historical monuments since 2002. You receive a guided tour, along the most prominent historic locations in downtown Paramaribo. The guide gives you information about the former "Fort Zeelandia", the Presidential Palace, the Independence Square and many other monuments. The buildings are a true representation of the colonial history of Suriname. After a stroll pass the Waterkant, along the bank of the Suriname River and through the Palm Gardens, you will also enjoy other interesting sites such as a mosque right next to a synagogue.

Continue to the Commewijne district which is situated to the east of Paramaribo across the Suriname River. The tour takes us along the former colonial plantations. We make a stop at plantation Peperpot where the old coffee and cocoa factory, deputy-director's house and the old office are located. Peperpot was established by the English and already existed before Suriname was conquered by the natives from Zeeland in 1667. On the plantation you can still see coffee and cocoa plants as well as an ancient shed and factory, the manager's residence and a kampong (workers' living area). Peperpot is renowned for the many birds which can be spotted.

From Peperpot, we make a stop at the mini-museum of Marienburg, a former sugar plantation before enjoying a delicious lunch in a typical Javanese restaurant (warung) in Tamanredjo. We then continue to the confluence of the Commewijne and Suriname Rivers at Nieuw Amsterdam. Here we will visit the outdoor museum Fort Nieuw Amsterdam. The large fortress was built by the British as a defence for the plantations that were situated along the upper parts of both rivers. After the tour we will transfer you by car or bus to Paramaribo.

Overnight in a standard room at Eco Torarica. BL

### **Friday**

Transfer by vehicle to the airport for departing flight.

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#### **Scheduled departure dates 2020:**

- 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2020 to 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2020 *(limited space available)*
- 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2020 to 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2020
- 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2020 to 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2020
- 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2020 to 13<sup>th</sup> November, 2020

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#### **SCHEDULED DEPARTURE RATES 2020**

Scheduled Departure Rack Rate 2020: US\$ 4,990.00 per person, minimum 2 persons

Single Supplement Rack Rate: US\$ 595.00

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GUMAIR Ticket (GEO/PBM) US\$ 240.00 per person – price and schedule subject to change by the Airline

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**Tour can also be sold as a Non-scheduled departure booked any time. Rates start at rates below and will reduce with large group sizes:**

Non-scheduled departure Rack Rate 2020: US\$ 5,395.00 per person, minimum 2 persons

Single Supplement Rack Rate: US\$ 595.00

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Rate Includes:

- airport transfers
- double or twin accommodation

- meals as listed
- limited local bar at Karanambu Lodge
- all road and river transfers
- internal flights in Guyana
- activities as described
- local guides
- VAT
- Kaieteur National Park fee
- Iwokrama Forest User Fee
- Iwokrama Canopy Walkway fee

Not Included:

- items of a personal nature
- alcoholic drinks except where mentioned above
- departure tax
- international flights
- visa
- GUMAIR ticket (GEO/PBM)
- Optional activities

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**Please check with the relevant offices whether you require a visa for countries you are visiting.**

\*\*\*A Yellow Fever vaccination certificate is required for travellers coming from or transiting from a country with risk of Yellow Fever transmission. Vaccination must be undertaken at least 10 days prior to travel to Suriname. Suriname recognizes the Yellow Fever vaccination certificate as valid for life starting 10 days after vaccination. A vaccination certificate is required for children over 1 year of age. Travellers should carry their vaccination card with them at all times while travelling in Suriname.\*\*\*

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Note: Passenger/s traveling on internal flights in Guyana are allowed a free baggage allowance of 20lbs/9.1KG exceeding this weight passenger/s will incur a cost of GY\$195.00 (price subject to change) equivalent to US\$ 1.00 per pound. Please note that additional baggage allowance is subject to availability and cannot be confirmed until day/time of check-in by the airline. We can book excess weight on your behalf but it is subject to being within the payload of the aircraft and at the discretion of the airline. Contact us for more information.

Note: Passenger/s travelling on GUMAIR flights in Guyana are allowed a free baggage allowance of 33lbs/15KG exceeding this weight passenger/s will incur a cost of GY\$268.00 equivalent to US\$ 1.30cents per pound. Please note that additional baggage allowance is subject to availability and cannot be confirmed until day/time of check-in by the airline. We can book excess weight on your behalf but it is subject to being within the payload of the aircraft and at the discretion of the airline. Contact us for more information.

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\*\* request rates on private guide to the falls.

### **DISCLAIMERS**

**BODY WEIGHTS:** Please be advised all tour operators and customers must provide us with body weights of passengers booked to travel on tour to Guyana 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. We appreciate some people are sensitive about providing their body weights, but all customers and their baggage are weighed at check-in. This is procedure by the airline so as to ensure that the weight of the load is within the payload limit for the aircraft, and neither they nor Wilderness Explorers will compromise on safety. All passengers are subject to removal of themselves or luggage from the flight if over the weight they provided and/or over the baggage allowance. Passengers are advised to provide a body weight with clothing similar to that which they would expect to travel in on the flight. Wilderness Explorers cannot be held responsible for any passenger denied boarding or luggage not transported if they are over the weight provided. Weights supplied are provided to the airline in advance to ensure the flight is within the allowable payload.

**A WORD ON VISAS:** The requirement for a visa can change at any time and without notice. It is your responsibility to ensure you have the necessary visa for each country. We recommend you check the visa requirements for each country included in your itinerary. We are happy to provide advice on current requirements and even assistance in obtaining a visa on arrival or tourist cards. If you are unsure of requirements please contact us for assistance.

**CONDITION RESTRAINTS:** You have selected a tour that is partly, in remote areas. This adds to the adventure and opportunity to enjoy a true nature experience. However, due to the nature of the terrain, weather, road conditions, and other elements beyond our control, some elements of tours 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 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 be made whilst the tour is in progress.

**WILDLIFE SIGHTINGS:** With any trip involving wildlife it is impossible to guarantee a sighting, but each trip is designed around known habitats. Wilderness Explorers will make every effort to ensure a sighting, but cannot be held responsible if no sighting is made due to the wildlife itself, weather, or any other elements beyond our control.

## **TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

### **AUTHORITY ON TOUR**

At all times the decision of the company or its representative will be final on all matters likely to endanger the safety, wellbeing and enjoyment of the tour. Clients must at all times strictly comply with the laws, customs, foreign exchange and drug regulations of all countries visited. Should the client fail to comply with the above or commit any illegal act when on tour or, if in the company's opinion, the client's behaviour causes or is likely to cause danger, distress or annoyance to others we may terminate that client's travel arrangements without any liability on the company's part.

### **TRAVEL DOCUMENTS**

The Client must be in possession of a valid passport (valid 6 months past the return date), visa (where necessary), permits and certificates including vaccinations certificates, insurance policies required for the journey – the client accepts responsibility of obtaining these. Any information or advice given by the company on visas, vaccinations, clothing, special equipment, baggage, climate, etc. is given in good faith but without responsibility on the part of the company.

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#### **LOCAL CULTURE**

Many of the areas to be visited are remote and cultures of the people most likely different to what you are accustomed to. These communities welcome visitors under the conditions that their customs, habits and rituals are respected at all times. Wilderness Explorers will endeavour to provide appropriate guidance to visitors as to correct behaviour whilst in these communities. The company reserves the right to cancel a visitor's tour, at any time, should their behaviour be inappropriate and offensive to the local communities.

#### **ACCEPTANCE OF RISK & RESPONSIBILITY**

Nature and adventure travel is by character, an activity that requires travelling in areas that are often remote and the terrain difficult. Whilst every precaution is taken to ensure the comfort and safety of our customers, these trips do have elements of risk. By taking part in this tour you acknowledge that there are inherent risks and that you are fully aware of the conditions of travel, accommodation and activities offered. You accept that Wilderness Explorers, its staff and sub-contractors cannot be held liable for any accident, illness or similar occurrence. You hereby accept all such risk and release the company from all claims and causes of action arising from any injuries or damages resulting from these inherent risks.

#### **FORCE MAJEURE**

The company will do its best to minimise the effects of matters outside its control but cannot accept liability of these matters which include political disputes, industrial action, refusal of visas, border closures, unforeseeable climate, delayed or cancelled flights etc.

#### **TRAVEL INSURANCE**

It is the client's responsibility to obtain adequate personal travel insurance. This insurance should, as a minimum, cover personal accident, medical expenses and repatriation expenses. It is recommended that the coverage extends to include loss of effects, curtailment, cancellation and all other expenses which might arise as a result of loss, damage, injury, delay or inconvenience occurring to the client.