



## Mount Roraima Hike

Duration: 8 days

Price: USD\$2,995. per person

Minimum Group Size: 2 persons

Category: Moderate to Hard Adventure

**Mount Roraima** is the highest of the Pakaraima chain of tepui plateaus in South America, with an elevation of 2,810 m (9,270 ft). The mountains of this range, including Roraima, are part of the Guianan Shield, considered to be some of the oldest geological formations known, dating back to two-billion years ago. Culturally, the mountain has long held significance to the indigenous people of the area and features prominently in their myths and folklore. This unique ecosystem includes several endemic species, including a carnivorous pitcher plant, and some of the highest waterfalls in the world, no less than Angel Falls.



**Mount Roraima**, is also part of Venezuela's 30000-square-kilometer Canaima National Park, and borders three different countries (Venezuela, Brazil and Guyana). While its cliff walls are only scalable by professional and experienced climbers, the Venezuela side offers a hiking path up the mountain's natural ramp.

### Day 1- Georgetown to Lethem and continue to Santa Elena

Early morning flight onto Lethem located in the Upper Takutu-Upper Essequibo Region of Guyana. Lethem is considered the capital of Region 9 and is a hub linking many of the surrounding Indigenous Villages with Georgetown and Boa Vista, the nearest town in Brazil. The recently commissioned Takutu River Bridge links the two countries and offers greater opportunities for trade and commerce. The town is approximately 280 feet above sea level and has a mixed population of approximately 3,500, with a heavy influence of Brazilian Culture. It is named after Sir Gordon James Lethem, who was the Governor of British Guiana from 1941 to 12 April 1947, in the Rupununi Savannahs. 11.00 hrs Transfer to Adventure Guianas Hotel, where we meet our Bilingual Guide. And continue to the border crossing to Brazil. From the border town of Bom Fim (Brazil) we will then proceed to Boa Vista then eventually to Santa Elena Venezuela. Transfer time approximately 4hrs; Overnight Hotel Anaconda or Equivalent (B).

### Day 2- Camp Kukenan

09:00 hrs, depart by 4\*4 vehicle for Paraitopy, starting point for the trek; lunch; commence trekking for approx. 5 hours to Kukenan-First Camp. This leg offers fantastic views of the surrounding tepuis, and the Gran Savannahs with two river crossings at Rio Tek and Rio Kukenan; Overnight Camp Kukenan.

### Day 3- Base camp

08.00 hrs; An early start is necessary, considering the 6-7 hrs trek ahead, numerous hills and constant humidity. However, the panoramic views of the tepuis, numerous valleys, and the Gran Savannahs makes this leg memorable. Overnight Base Camp.



#### **Day 4-Summit Camp**

The final leg to the summit is tedious, due to constant rainfall and erosion but you are rewarded with an abundance of flora and fauna, some of which are endemic to this ecosystem. Having conquered the highest peak in South America, and a deserved rest, sleeping accommodations are assembled in small caves to avoid the wind, rain and humidity, after which nearby areas of this vast tepui are explored; Overnight Summit Camp .

#### **Day 5- Base camp**

Much of today is spent exploring this vast tepui that inspired Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's novel, The Lost World as well as for Paradise Falls in the 2009 Pixar film, Up; Overnight Summit Camp

Day 6-

We set out early to complete the approximately 9 hrs descent to Base camp; Overnight

#### **Day 7-Santa Elena & Lethem**

Trekking continues to Paraitepuy and continuation by 4\*4 vehicle to Santa Elena and onto to Boa Vista and Lethem: Overnight AG Hotel Toucanna (B)

#### **Day 8-Return to Georgetown for Onward Travels**

##### **Included:**

Airport transfers

Domestic flights

All accommodation

Services of English speaking guides – please note that you will have a different guide in each place on the itinerary, rather than the same guide throughout the trip

Meals as listed (B – Breakfast, L – Lunch, D – Dinner)

Entrance fees for sites listed as part of the itinerary

##### **Excluded:**

International flights

Any airport taxes

Travel Insurance

Visas

Drinks



Standard Check List-All may not be applicable

1. Broad rim or peaked sun hat.
2. Lightweight, quick dry, light colored long pants and shirts
3. Lightweight socks that dry quickly.
4. Shorts, bathing suit, T-shirts (ideally light color cotton)
5. Slippers or sandals
6. Appropriate boots
7. Sunscreen and chap stick
8. Insect repellent

9. Medications for specific personal conditions (for allergic reactions, heart conditions, digestive disturbances, malaria prevention etc.)
10. Calamine lotion or sunburn cream
11. Sunglasses (ideally with carrying straps)
12. Small personal first aid kit (aspirins, small bandages, rubbing alcohol, antibiotic cream, diarrhea medication, gauze pads and rolls of tape insect cream)
13. Plastic water bottle
14. Backpack
15. Personal toiletries (toothbrush, paste, soap, small towel, etc.)
16. Small flashlight and extra batteries
17. Camera, lenses, films, memory card
18. Copy Biographic page of Passport
19. Requisite Visas (Check with Respective Embassies).
20. Yellow Fever Vaccination Card