



Guyana's Hinterland-“The Amazon Experience”

Duration: 10 days 9 nights

Price range: USD 1,795/GYD 360,000 per person (inclusive of transportation, accommodation, meals, light refreshments, return air fare and all entrance fees)

Minimum 3 persons

The “Amazon Experience” is the ultimate eco-tourism package which features Guyana's premier tourist destinations. It combines the tropical rainforest with the Rupununi Wetlands and Savannahs and is ideal for birding and other wildlife adventure.

Guyana is known for its rich bio-diversity and captivating sceneries, particularly bird species and shares the Guianan Shield, the world's oldest geological formation with Venezuela to the west and Suriname (French Guiana) to the east.

The inaccessibility of Guyana's tropical rainforest is fundamental to the survival of some of the world's most endangered species such as the Harpy Eagle, Cock of the Rock, Arapaima, Giant Otter, Jaguar and Black Caiman.

The Rupununi is a vast area of dry grassland with sparse trees, termites mounds and wooded hills in the Southwest of the country, divided by the Kanuku Mts and scattered with occasional Amerindian villages and a few large cattle ranches which date from the nineteenth century. The Rupununi is rich in wildlife, particularly the forest galleries of the Kanuku Mts, home to more than 150 species of mammals and 800 species of birds, inclusive of the majestic Harpy Eagle.

With 275 waterfalls, four mountain ranges, eighteen lakes and numerous waterways, any adventure is possible.

Day 1- Arrival & Orientation

Having arrived at the Cheddi Jagan International Airport Timehri, you will be taken to Mikel Plaza, situated in the Capital Georgetown. Following a briefing of the itinerary and what to expect over the next ten or so days, you will enjoy our local cuisine, Guyanese hospitality, a comfortable and secured night's rest.

Day 2-Overland trek to Kaieteur

Having had an early breakfast, we depart Mikel Plaza at 06.00 hrs via 4*4 vehicles onto the Soesdyke Linden Highway then onto the Lethem/Brazil Trail through dense forest arriving at Mabura Police Check at around 10.00 hrs before continuing to the Essequibo River crossing; crossing is by pontoon and continues through the trail arriving at the mining town of Mahdia around 13.00 hrs. At Mahdia a local meal would re-energize you for a rough ride to the Potaro River Landing where boats would take you up the winding Potaro River to Amatuk Falls (Rainforest Camp); dinner and some tails from the local guides would follow before falling asleep in hammocks slung in an outdoor camp.

Day 3- Oh My God Climb to the Kaieteur Plateau

After breakfast a short trek around the Amatuk Falls would take you to another boat up river to Waratuk Falls (lower boundary of Kaieteur National Park); having checked in with the Park Rangers, the boat trip continues to Tukeit (foot of the Kaieteur Mt, part of the Ayangana Mt Range); a pre-packed lunch/snack would prepare you for the trek up the “Oh my God trail, approximately 600 m or 1,800 ft; the climb would test your fitness before arriving at the Kaieteur Plateau where the reward of seeing the majestic Kaieteur Falls is quite satisfying; you are now considered an “Overlander” The rest of the day could be spent touring the surrounding areas of the Falls viewing rare flora and fauna some of which are endemic the Kaieteur and the elusive Cock of the Rock; you will be fascinated by the sight of thousands of swifts signaling the end of the day, returning home (behind the falls) before a deserved rest at the Kaieteur Guest house.

Day 4- Return to Amatuk

After soaking up the majesty of Kaieteur, you reluctantly journey down the “Oh my God Trail” re-joining the boats down river to Waratuk onto Amatuk for the night. Reflections, a couple of rum punch and stiffness from the previous day’s activities would quickly put you to sleep.

Day 5- Iwokrama & Canopy Walkway

A good night’s rest and the prospect of visiting Iwokrama, the second legally protected area (Kaieteur National Park being the first) would set you off to the Potaro Landing to continue via land to Lethem/Brazil trail arriving at the Essequibo River crossing, Kurupukari with the Iwokrama Rainforest Reserve on the other side of the river. A short tour of the Iwokrama Field Station followed by another 45 minutes drive would take you to the Canopy Walkway and Atta (local dialect for hammock) Rainforest Lodges where you would overnight.

Day 6- Surama Amerindian Village

Following an early morning tour of the Canopy Walkway, your best chance of seeing some of the 500 species of avian fauna, we depart for Surama where community based

tourism has ensured their worldwide recognition; at Surama the local guides will ensure your afternoon is filled with fascinating activities of wildlife adventure, canoeing, birding etc. before returning to rest in the locally built lodges.

Day 7- Rockview Lodge & Karanambu Ranch

A short drive from Surama would take you to Rockview Lodge for a snack, before continuing to Karanambu, a sanctuary for giant otters and a popular birding destination. River tours down the Rupununi River would provide the opportunity for interaction with giant otters, caiman spotting and of course birding. Sport fishing, depending on your interest is part of the attractions, given the rich fish life of the Rupununi River.

Day 8- Lethem (Guyana/Brazil Frontier)

Having experienced, the tropical rainforest and the north Rupununi Savannahs, we depart for Lethem with stops at the Amerindian villages of Yupukari and Parishara before arriving at Lethem with the Kanukus in full view. A tour of Lethem & the Brazil Frontier (Takutu Bridge and the neighbouring village of Bon Fim) would complete another intriguing day before relaxing at the Adventure Guianas Villa & Courtyard.

Day 9- Dadanawa Ranch

We depart Lethem for Dadnawa Ranch, considered the oldest and largest cattle ranch in the region, through the Kanuku Mountains and lush Savannahs of the South Rupununi. At Dadanawa, the Vaqueros (local cowboys) would complete what would have been a truly remarkable experience.

Day 10-

Return to the Georgetown via aircraft for continuation of your stay/return to CJ International Airport.

Tour could be extended to include overnight at Rockview Lodge etc. or continue further south of the Rupununi

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