Overland Trek to Kaieteur Falls

Duration: 4 days
Price: USD$ 1,500. per person
Minimum Group Size: 2 persons
Category: Moderate to Hard Adventure

Day 1: Georgetown to Mahdia
An early start to probably the most arduous day, departing Georgetown at 07.00 hrs by Bus (shared transportation) along the Linden Soesdyke Highway and onto the Dirt Road to Mabura Hills before arriving at the Essequibo River. Crossing is by barge. Continue to the Mining Township of Mahdia, where dreams sometimes become a reality for some of the gold and diamond seekers, locally called "Porknockers". Here, we meet our Patamona Guides (one of our nine Amerindian Tribes that lives in the Pakaraima Mountains) who will take you to their family home. Overnight in Jungle Camp with hammock & mosquito nets (D)

Day 2: Mahdia to Tukeit via Amatuk & Waratuk
After breakfast continue by 4*4 vehicle for the 5 miles (7.5 kms) of rough terrain onto the Potaro River (Pamela Landing), After loading our stuff into the boat we set off along the wining Potaro River, where most of its water would have cascaded over Kaieteur Falls, making its way into the Mighty Essequibo, arriving at Amatuk Falls, where there is a small transient Community. After a short trek around Amatuk Falls, continue by boat and trekking (depending on the weather, swollen interlocking rivers etc), to Waratuk Falls, the Lower Boundary of Kaieteur National Park. Here the boat is portaged above Waratuk and boating/trekking continues to Tukeit, the foot of Kaieteur Mountain, where the Kaieteur Gorge empties into the Potaro River, and where the Queens Rest House was once located. A refreshing dip into the River and dinner will send you into bed for a comfortable sleep in the Tukeit Guest House, utilizing hammocks or limited beds (BLD)

Day 3: Tukeit to Kaieteur
After breakfast, the most challenging part of the trip awaits you- "the Oh my God Hike" to Kaieteur Plateau some 1,800 ft (560 meters) above sea level. For the most part, is a gradual ascend, and other, a step and tedious climb, which can take between 2-4 hours depending on your fitness level, before being rewarded with the shear awe of the majestic Kaieteur Falls (World's largest Single Drop Water Falls)- Kaieteur is nearly five times the height of Niagara Falls. Here we hope to find White-chinned and White-tipped Swifts swirling over the gorge, and the astonishingly colorful Guianan Cock-of-the-Rock; the Kaieteur Guest House offers either hammocks or limited rooms with beds. (BLD)

Day 4: Kaieteur-Georgetown (Sundays, Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays)
Experience the early morning and evening flight of the White-chinned and White-tipped Swifts leaving their habitat (behind the water fall). After lunch, we say goodbye to the Wonder of the World. Usually, departure is mid to late afternoons, depending on weather etc; Upon arrival at Eugene F. Correia, Ogle Airport, our vehicle would take you to your hotel or place of stay in Georgetown (BL)

Included are: All entrance fees, tour guide services, transportation, accommodation, meals & light refreshments (except in Georgetown and whilst travelling), airport transfer, domestic flight, hammock and mosquito net.

Not included are; Hard liquor, tips, personal porter and meals in Georgetown and whilst travelling to Mahdia

Suggested Checklist-All may not be Compulsory

1. **Broad rim or peaked sun hat.**
2. **Large handkerchief to protect back of neck from sun.**
3. **Lightweight, quick dry, light colored long pants and shirts (to minimize mosquito bites at night and sunburn in the day)**
4. **Lightweight socks that dry quickly.**
5. **Shorts, bathing suit, T-shirts (ideally light color cotton)**
6. **Slippers or sandals (for easy on and off around camp, or when boots drying out)**
7. **Appropriate boots for hiking.**
8. **Poncho**
9. **Sunscreen and chap stick**
10. **Insect repellent**
11. **Medications for specific personal conditions (for allergic reactions, heart conditions, digestive disturbances, malaria prevention etc.)**
12. **Calamine lotion or sunburn cream**
13. **Sunglasses (ideally with carrying straps)**
14. **Small personal first aid kit (aspirins, small bandages, rubbing alcohol,antibiotic cream, diarrhea medication, gauze pads and rolls of tape insect cream**
15. **Plastic water bottle**
16. **Backpack**
17. **Labeled plastic bags and tiedowns (to protect everything against dirt, rain, submersion)**
18. **Personal toiletries (toothbrush, paste, soap, small towel, etc.)**
19. **Small flashlight and extra batteries (indispensable if you have to get out of the hammock at night)**
20. **Camera, lenses, films, memory card**
21. **Copy Biographic page of Passport**