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## Guyana and Suriname Explorer

GUYANA, SURINAME - TRIP CODE GE

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### Why book this trip?

Few people even know where Guyana is let alone travel there. This trip to the lost corner of South America is a fascinating exploration of pristine rainforest, staying in riverside eco lodges with indigenous communities, spotting caiman by torchlight along moonlit rivers and eating delicious Guyanese food at a small local 'backyard cafe'.

- **Iwokrama Rainforest** - Search for wildlife from canopy walkways, including many different bird species as well as howler monkeys
- **Burro Burro River trip** - Experience a canoe trip led by a team of indigenous guides, searching for kingfisher, ibis and, if we're lucky, giant river otters
- **Paramaribo** - Get an idea of plantation life in the surroundings of Suriname's fascinating old Dutch

					
<b>INCLUDED MEALS</b> Breakfast: 12 Lunch: 6 Dinner: 7	<b>TRIP STAFF</b> Explore Tour Leader Boat Crew Driver(s) Local Guide(s) Ranger(s)	<b>TRANSPORT</b> Bus Boat Flight	<b>ACCOMMODATION</b> 2 nights simple guesthouse 6 nights comfortable hotel 2 nights comfortable lodge 2 nights simple lodge	<b>TRIP PACE:</b> Moderate	<b>GROUP SIZE:</b> 10 - 16

## Itinerary

Itineraries on some departure dates may differ, please select the itinerary that you wish to explore.

### DAY 1 - Join tour Paramaribo

Arrive in Paramaribo, Suriname's capital city and a UNESCO World Heritage site since 2002. Occupying a scenic position on the banks of the Suriname River, the city is known for its ornate wooden buildings that date back to the Dutch colonial era.

For those arriving on time our Leader plans to meet you in the hotel reception at 7pm for the welcome meeting and for those that wish, there is the chance to go out for dinner. There are no activities planned today, so you are free to arrive in Paramaribo at any time. If you would like to receive a complimentary airport transfer today, you'll need to arrive into the Johan Adolf Pengel International Airport (code: PBO) which is approximately 1.5hrs away from our hotel. Should you miss the welcome meeting, your Leader will inform you of any essential information as soon as you catch up.

If your flight arrives earlier in the day, Paramaribo's multi-cultural and eclectic city centre is a delightful place to explore on foot - Hindu temples and churches sit next door to synagogues, and locals generally celebrate every festival no matter what their faith. Spicy rotis harking back to Indian roots are cooked up in many local shops, while wooden Dutch colonial buildings preside over street corners.



**ACCOMMODATION:**  
Eco Resort Inn (or similar)



**Grade: Comfortable Hotel**



SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE



SWIMMING POOL AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: NONE

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**DAY 2 - City tour of Paramaribo, optional sunset dolphin cruise**

After breakfast, we depart the hotel for a guided tour of the Surinamese capital. You will be impressed by the unique architecture of the city as you both drive and walk along the most prominent historic locations in downtown Paramaribo. The guide will give information about the former 'Fort Zeelandia', the Presidential Palace, the Independence Square and many other monuments before driving across the bridge over the Suriname River into the Commewijne district for an idea of how life must have been on the plantations during colonial times. Most plantations are now no longer active. We make our first stop at Meerzorg, formerly the cross-over site from Paramaribo to Commewijne, which was once a coffee plantation. We continue our trip at Plantation Peperpot, which is one of the oldest plantations in Surinamese history, having been founded by the British before Suriname was conquered by the Dutch in 1667. Although it is no longer in use, the buildings and land are still in a surprisingly good condition, and we will be able to see coffee and cocoa plants here, as well as some of the ancient buildings used by the managers and workers. After a delicious lunch (optional) in a typical Javanese restaurant (warung) in Tamanredjo, we continue to Marienburg, a former sugar plantation, to view a stylish plantation residence from the golden days, where the first group of Javanese indentured labourers were put to work. Before continuing our trip towards the open-air museum at Nieuw Amsterdam, we will drive along some of the other old plantations of Ellen, Leliendaal and Alkmaar.

This evening there is the opportunity for a sunset dolphin tour (optional). Often groups of up to 20 dolphins can be seen, and if we are lucky their curiosity will bring them towards the boat to jump and play.



ACCOMMODATION:  
Eco Resort Inn (or similar)



**Grade: Comfortable Hotel**



SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE



SWIMMING POOL AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST

### **DAY 3 - Drive to Atjoni, boat ride along the Suriname River**

This morning we depart Paramaribo and travel south towards where our nature and cultural adventure awaits us. We will arrive at the village of Atjoni and join a motorised canoe, where our skilled boatmen navigate their way up the Upper Suriname River, to the Danpaati River Lodge. Breathtaking scenery is interspersed with vast open savannahs as our skilled boatman passes the tempestuous Jaw Jaw rapid.

Our lodge for the next two nights is a remote and tranquil oasis on the banks of the river, a part of the water where it is safe to swim. With one view out to the river and the other side facing the thick, surrounding nature, the lodge is an escape from the real world. After dinner there is an exciting adventure to search for caimans. The night boat trip gives us the chance to enjoy the wonderful starry sky and the complete silence of the rainforest.



ACCOMMODATION:  
Danpaati River Lodge (or similar)

Grade: Comfortable Lodge



SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE



SWIMMING POOL AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST, LUNCH & DINNER

### **DAY 4 - Canoe journey to visit local villages**

After breakfast we depart the lodge by canoe for one of the 12 nearby villages. During our guided trip through the village we will be introduced to the unique way of life of the local population and to the wonderful traditions brought from Africa by their ancestors. We'll also be visiting the Museum Saamaka, which is dedicated to the cultural heritage of the Saramak Maroon population, where will learn much about the history of the Maroons, their ancient traditions and crafts, before returning to the lodge in

time for lunch. In the afternoon we will discover the secrets of the rainforest with a nature walk within the surrounding forest. Afterwards there is the choice to swim and simply enjoy the beautiful natural scenery and views from the island, or explore the surrounding area by dugout canoe. After dinner we can enjoy a traditional and cultural dance performance, and you will be able to use your guide's expertise to explain the cultural significance of each dance.



ACCOMMODATION:  
Danpaati River Lodge (or similar)



**Grade: Comfortable Lodge**



SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE



SWIMMING POOL AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST, LUNCH & DINNER

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### **DAY 5 - Free morning to relax or go for walks, return to Paramaribo**

This morning we will still have some time to enjoy the beautiful surroundings and take pictures. After saying goodbye to the team at the lodge, we return to Atjoni by dugout canoe and travel back to Paramaribo by vehicle.



ACCOMMODATION:  
Eco Resort Inn (or similar)



**Grade: Comfortable Hotel**



SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE



SWIMMING POOL AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST & LUNCH

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## DAY 6 - Travel to Georgetown via the Mangrove Heritage Trail

Leaving Paramaribo early this morning, we transfer by bus along the coast of Suriname to Nieuw Nickerie to the border with Guyana. Crossing the newly constructed floating bridge across the Berbice River, we arrive at the oldest town New Amsterdam where we will have a short tour. En route to Georgetown, we will also visit the Mangrove Heritage Project. Turning towards the Atlantic Ocean, the scenery includes an old Dutch Koker used to drain the agricultural lands along the low lying coastline. The serene temples of the Hindu Ashram at Cove and John then come into view from across the lake. We are now in the heart of Guyana's first mangrove reserve, owned and managed by the community. Along this coastal strip, we will see four different mangrove species and a wide wetland area, teeming with birdlife and tropical fish. If we're lucky, we will see local fishermen beating the pond water to chase fish into their nets. In the middle of the wetland is a small island of lush, black mangroves where beekeepers produce the distinctive golden mangrove honey. Along the trail, local tour guides point out the array of medicinal plants found in nature's pharmacy right in their backyard and we will learn of the traditional remedies effectively used by Guyanese for generations. Continue to Georgetown, the capital and largest city in Guyana. Situated on the right bank of the Demerara River Estuary, it was chosen as a site for a fort to guard the early Dutch settlements of the Demerara River. The city of Georgetown was designed largely by the Dutch and is laid out in a rectangular pattern with wide tree lined avenues and irrigation canals that criss-cross the city.



ACCOMMODATION:

Grand Coastal Hotel (or similar)



Grade: Comfortable Hotel



SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE



SWIMMING POOL AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST

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## DAY 7 - Optional Kaitour Falls trip; local dinner at the Backyard Cafe

The early part of the morning is the best time to visit Georgetown's markets, and today we'll do just that. Bourda Market is Georgetown's largest market, and is stuffed with local produce from tamarind balls to cassava bread, with fish, meat, vegetables and everything in between. There are the bush medicine stalls

that sell concoctions for every ailment, and haberdashery sections with all kinds of fabrics including beautiful African prints. We'll be guided around the market by the local chef Delvin Adams, who will introduce us to all of the different foods that Guyana has in spades and encourage us to try the new and different tastes - from seaside grapes and large red bananas to fiery chillies! After the market visit we're free to explore Georgetown, or take an optional trip to Kaieteur and Orinduik Falls. The Kaieteur Falls, 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, one of the world's natural wonders, flows over a sandstone conglomerate tableland into a deep gorge - a drop of 822 feet or 5 times the height of Niagara Falls. The Orinduik Falls is where the Ireng River thunders over steps and terraces of solid jasper, a semi precious stone. With a backdrop of the rolling grass covered hills of the Pakaraima Mountains, this is truly one of the most beautiful locations in Guyana's hinterland. The trip departs from Ogle Airstrip in Georgetown and you'll spend approximately two hours on the ground at each waterfall.

We will reunite again in the evening and visit Delvin's 'Backyard Cafe' restaurant, which is a little hidden Georgetown gem that Delvin has created in his own backyard. Our meal will be proper Guyanese fare, made from ingredients that we've picked up this morning at Bourda Market. It might vary depending on the tastes in the group and what produce is in season, but it's all guaranteed to be fresh and delicious.



ACCOMMODATION:  
Grand Coastal Hotel (or similar)

Grade: Comfortable Hotel



SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE



SWIMMING POOL AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST & DINNER

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## DAY 8 - Transfer to the Iwokrama Canopy Walkway

Early morning transfer by private bus from Georgetown through the Bauxite Mining township of Linden and into the rainforest. The laterite road is easy traveling to Mabura Hill and then it becomes an adventurous drive on rainforest trails to the Essequibo River, which we will cross on pontoon. The trail continues through the million acres of the Iwokrama Rainforest and we will watch for the myriad of bird species that frequent the forest edge, including Crimson and Purple-necked Fruit-crow, and Gray-winged Trumpeter. This road is the only north-south access in Guyana and links the country to Brazil. If we take our time, the road also offers excellent opportunities to spot a host of birds, flowers, and perhaps even sloths residing high up in the trees. We'll explore both from the vehicle and on foot.

The trip continues to the Iwokrama Canopy Walkway. The Canopy Walkway is a series of suspension

bridges and observation decks of up to 30 meters (98 ft) in height and 154 meters (505 ft) in length. The state-of-the-art construction allows trees to grow normally by using adjustable cables and braces throughout the support structure. The four observation decks enable visitors to view the mid and upper-level forest canopy and allow wildlife to remain relatively free from human intrusion. We will be looking for a procession of striking, canopy-dwelling birds such as Screaming Piha, Caica Parrot, White-throated Trogon, Golden-winged Parakeet, Guianan Toucanet and many more. If we are lucky we may even see the stunning and highly sought-after Pompadour Cotinga. Families of spider and howler monkeys are sometimes seen here, feeding on the fruits of nearby trees. Every day brings a new surprise to guests on the Canopy. We will also take time to explore Amerindian petroglyphs and pottery shards along the access trail. The mountain behind the canopy walkway was one of several lookout points in what seems to be an interconnected network of trails and observation points all of which feature carvings to guide travellers.



ACCOMMODATION:  
Atta Rainforest Lodge (or similar)

Grade: Simple Lodge



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST & DINNER

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### DAY 9 - Wildlife spotting from canopy walkways

Today we will spend the day wildlife spotting from walkways and trails in area. 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. We can spend the day birdwatching from the mid and upper canopy on the walkway as flocks travel past and also look for Paradise Jacamar, White-necked Puffbird, 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. With reasonable luck, we should be able to add this bird to the impressive list of species we hope to see around the lodge and walkway.



ACCOMMODATION:  
Atta Rainforest Lodge (or similar)

Grade: Simple Lodge



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST, LUNCH & DINNER



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## DAY 10 - Drive to the Amerindian village of Surama

This morning we will enjoy walks on the walkway or jungle trails before continuing to a rainforest trail where Guianian Cock-of-the-Rocks are known to display and nest. The trail is through interesting forest and the guides will demonstrate the use of the plants. There is also the possibility to do an optional tour to a nearby Harpy Eagle nest assuming this is active. The nest itself is located in a huge emergent tree only a couple of miles from the village and if we are extremely fortunate, we may see one of the adult birds bringing a sloth or monkey to the nest to feed their chick. The trek into the nest site is about an hour each way on a reasonable trail.

We continue to the Amerindian village of Surama. The village is 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. Our accommodation will be in 'benabs' (thatched sleeping shelters) and our meals will feature excellent local produce. There is great birding leading to the village and the surrounding savannah and you may see White Throated Toucans, Pearl Kites, Great Potoo and White-tailed and Savannah Hawks. Another of the special birds which can be found around Surama is the Rufous-winged Ground-cuckoo. Whilst Neomorphus ground-cuckoos are undoubtedly amongst the toughest family of birds to locate anywhere in the Neotropics, Surama offers one of the best-known chances for seeing Rufous-winged Ground-cuckoo and to maximise the odds of us finding one, we will use expert local guides to assist us. We will, however, still count ourselves as extremely fortunate if we succeed in getting a good look at this extremely elusive species. Tonight we will enjoy an educational walk to observe wildlife and experience the mystique of the forest after dark.



ACCOMMODATION:  
Surama Eco Lodge (or similar)



Grade: Simple Guesthouse



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST, LUNCH & DINNER

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## DAY 11 - Walk up Surama Mountain and paddle on the Burro Burro River

Today we rise before dawn for a walk across the savannah and then climb up Surama Mountain in the cool morning air. This is the best time to observe birdlife along the trail. Breakfast will be served at a look out point which affords incredible views across the village and savannah to the Pakaraima Mountains. Then we return to the village for lunch and set out later in the afternoon to the Burro Burro River, from where the local guides will paddle us upstream in our indigenous dugout canoes for opportunities to observe birdlife and wildlife in their natural habitat, including plenty of kingfisher, ibis, and if we're lucky, Giant River Otters, before returning to the village. On the walk back, see the forest through the eyes of your indigenous guide and learn about the medicinal plants and their uses in the Amerindian culture.





ACCOMMODATION:  
Surama Eco Lodge (or similar)



Grade: Simple Guesthouse



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST, LUNCH & DINNER

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### DAY 12 - Fly back to Georgetown

After breakfast, we transfer to Annai or Lethem for a flight back to Georgetown. The afternoon is free to explore the city, and a great way to do this is to travel into town by the local mini-bus from our hotel, only a 15 minute drive. It's a cheap and easy way to see a bit more of everyday life in Guyana's capital.

Georgetown is a nice little city to wander around, highlights being the markets (in particular the Stabroek Market) and the beautiful and impressive wooden cathedral, one of the tallest wooden churches in the world at a height of 43.5 metres.



ACCOMMODATION:  
Grand Coastal Hotel (or similar)



Grade: Comfortable Hotel



SINGLE ROOM AVAILABLE



SWIMMING POOL AVAILABLE



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST

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### DAY 13 - Trip ends in Georgetown

The trip ends after breakfast at our hotel in Georgetown.

There are no activities planned today, so you are free to depart from Georgetown at any time. If you'd like a complimentary airport transfer you need to depart today from either the Cheddi Jagan International Airport (code: GEO) or the Eugene F. Correia Airport (code: OGL), a 1hr 15 minute drive or 15 minute drive respectively from our hotel.



MEALS PROVIDED: BREAKFAST

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## Trip information

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### Climate and country information

#### Guyana

##### Climate

The climate is warm and humid; temperatures average about 27° C (81° F). Even at night, the temperature rarely drops below 24° C (75° F). At midday during the dry seasons the temperature may reach 36° C (96° F) in the shade. The constant trade winds bring some cooling relief. Short dry season beginning of February to end April; long rainy season: May to August; long dry season: August to November; short rainy season: November to January.

Time difference to GMT	Plugs	Religion	Language
-4	2 Pin Flat	Christian	English

#### Suriname

##### Climate

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Time difference to GMT	Plugs	Religion
-12	2 Pin Round	Christianity, Hindu and Islam

##### Language

Official language is Dutch but English is widely spoken

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### Budgeting and packing

#### Optional activities

The following excursions and/or activities are usually available and may be arranged locally. Estimated costs are provided below for guidance only, are on a per person basis unless shown otherwise, and may depend on the number of participants. Prices quoted are correct as of the date these tour notes were

originally issued but may change at any time due to currency fluctuations. Please note: These activities are booked and paid for direct with the supplier and do not form part of your Explore holiday contract.

Paramaribo - Sunset Dolphin cruise - US\$50

Georgetown - Optional steel pans evening US\$40

\bullet Kaieteur and Orinduik Falls - US\$290; Kaieteur Falls US\$240 (dependent on numbers)

Please note: Flights to Kaieteur and Orinduik 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 8 passengers being available to travel. In most cases the local operator is able to fill flights, especially if scheduled for a weekend. However, in the rare case that they cannot meet the required numbers they may offer you the option of rescheduling the trip to another day during your stay, a full refund for that portion of the trip, or an alternative trip. In some cases the local operator can offer a trip to Kaieteur Falls as an alternative, which means you see the major falls of Kaieteur, but miss Orinduik. The Kaieteur and Orinduik excursion can be paid for by credit card for a small admin fee

## Clothing

You will need loose fitting, comfortable clothes for hot, humid conditions. Sunhat, sunglasses, long trousers and long sleeved shirts are essential for protection from the sun.

## Footwear

Sturdy trail boots and sandals for travelling.

## Luggage

20kg

### Luggage: On tour

One main piece of luggage (a medium sized backpack is recommended) and a smaller day pack for cameras, water bottle etc.

For the internal flight from the interior back to Georgetown, you are only allowed 9kg of luggage. If you exceed this, you will be charged a fine. This means that for days 8-13 you will need a smaller bag for your belongings for those days. Any excess luggage can be left in Georgetown. You are also allowed a small handbag for personal items or a small camera, this cannot exceed 2kg.

## Equipment

Head or small torch, water bottle, high factor sunscreen, insect repellent, and waterproof bags to keep personal equipment dry are useful. Mosquito nets are provided wherever necessary. An umbrella is very practical in the tropics, giving protection against the rain (without having to wear stifling raingear) and also against the sun. Please ensure you have enough personal prescription medicine for the duration of the tour.

## Tipping

### Explore leader

Tipping isn't compulsory, and we work hard to ensure that our leaders all receive a fair wage. However, you might want to recognise a leader that's done a great job or really added to your trip by giving them a

tip. We're often asked about the recommended amount. It's a tricky one, and down to personal preference, but we'd recommend between £15 to £20 per person per week as a guideline

### **Local crew**

Although entirely voluntary, tipping is a recognized part of life in this region of the world. Some local staff will look to members of the group for personal recognition of particular services provided. In order to make things easier for you, your leader may organise a group's tips kitty for included activities and meals and if this is the case, they will account for it throughout the tour.

Accordingly, you should allow US\$ 50 for group tipping

For all non-included services and meals on your trip please tip independently at your discretion.

### **International Departure Taxes**

Airport departure taxes are approximately US\$30.

## **Guyana**

### **Food and drink**

The costs for meals may vary depending upon location, type of restaurant and number of courses eaten and so the prices given are an average guide. Local restaurants located off the beaten track may be less expensive, whereas an upmarket restaurant located in the centre of a major city may charge more.

<b>Lunch price</b>	<b>Dinner price</b>	<b>Beer price</b>	<b>Water price</b>
£10	£13	£2	£0.6

### **Foreign Exchange**

#### **Local currency**

Guyanese Dollar (GYD)

#### **Recommended Currency For Exchange**

You can choose to either change your money in advance or on arrival at the airport. Here you will find both ATMs and Bureau de Change. The exchange rate with the GYD is approximately GYD 265 to the British Pound. We recommend you take some emergency cash in USD as the GBP exchange isn't very good. Notes should be in good condition otherwise they may not be accepted. Please check on line for up to date information

#### **Where To Exchange**

Once outside Georgetown there is no opportunity to exchange money. There will be little time to exchange money in Georgetown and it is suggested you change money at the hotel.

#### **ATM Availability**

Please note ATMs are not widely available

#### **Credit Card Acceptance**

Please note outside of Georgetown credit card are not widely accepted

#### **Travellers Cheques**

We do not recommend Travellers Cheques

## Suriname

### Food and drink

The costs for meals may vary depending upon location, type of restaurant and number of courses eaten and so the prices given are an average guide. Local restaurants located off the beaten track may be less expensive, whereas an upmarket restaurant located in the centre of a major city may charge more.

<b>Lunch price</b>	<b>Dinner price</b>	<b>Beer price</b>	<b>Water price</b>
£4	£10	£1	£1

### Foreign Exchange

#### Local currency

Surinamese Dollar (SRD)

#### Recommended Currency For Exchange

You can choose to either change your money in advance or on arrival at the airport. Here you will find both ATMs and Bureau de Change. The exchange rate with the SRD is approximately SRD 9.5 to the British Pound. We recommend you take some emergency cash in USD as the GBP exchange isn't very good. Notes should be in good condition otherwise they may not be accepted. Please check on line for up to date information

#### Where To Exchange

Your Tour Leader will advise you on arrival.

#### ATM Availability

Please note ATMs are not widely available

#### Credit Card Acceptance

Credit card are widely accepted in many shops and restaurants but some may be subject to a service charge

#### Travellers Cheques

We do not recommend Travellers Cheques

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## Transport, Accommodation & Meals

### Transport Information

Bus, Boat, Flight

### Accommodation notes

During this trip we use a range of comfortable and simple lodges and guesthouses, most set within the forest or a natural reserve and perfectly designed to make the most of their wild settings.

In Guyana's interior, we use two simple accommodations - Atta Lodge and the Surama Eco Lodge. Both

are charming hotels, uniquely situated to explore the jungle environment. They each are constructed with natural materials, with private bathrooms, a restaurant serving fresh produce and a bar. Atta also benefits from being a short distance away from the Iwokrama canopy walkway, which is an exciting way to get a bird's-eye view of the forest. Surama's position as a community-run eco lodge offers a unique perspective on life in the forest, and is also close to the Burro Burro River, which has some fantastic bird-watching opportunities.

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## **Essential Information**

### **Government Travel Safety Advice**

We strongly recommend that you check your government's travel advisory for up-to-date information and advice about your destination: safety and security, entry requirements, health, local laws and customs. For UK Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office advice [click here](#).

For more information from Explore about travel advice, [click here](#)

### **Under 18 immigration guidance**

Please note that some countries require proof of parental consent when travelling overseas with under 18s. Please check requirements with the relevant embassy or consular office well in advance of travel if this applies to your party.

### **Price Guarantee**

Once your booking has been confirmed we guarantee the price will not increase, whatever the circumstances. Before booking please ensure you have read our important tour pricing information. [Booking Conditions](#)

### **Visa and Passport Information**

Suriname: British passport holders require a tourist card to enter Suriname. You must apply for an e-tourist card via the official Suriname e-visa website before you travel. This has a cost of US\$40 plus a handling fee and has a validity of 90 days entry. All entry requirements and instructions can be found here - <https://uriname.vfsevisa.com/uriname/online/>

All other passport holders please visit the web site above.

Guyana: No visa required in Guyana for citizens of UK, Australia, New Zealand, Canada and USA. Valid passport required. All other passport holders please check with their local embassy or consulate.

All visa information is subject to change.

USA: An electronic travel authorisation (ESTA) is required by British citizens transiting via the USA. This must be done on line (<https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov>) no later than 72 hours prior to travel. You must also have an electronic passport with a digital chip. The UK electronic passports feature a small gold symbol (camera) at the bottom of the front cover. Please note that if you have visited Iraq, Syria, Iran or Sudan since 2011 you cannot travel with an ESTA and instead you will need to apply for a visa from the nearest US Embassy or Consulate.

Other nationalities should consult their local embassy or consular office.

Canada: An electronic travel authorisation (ETA) is required by British citizens transiting via Canada. For more information see the official Canadian government website:

<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/eta.asp>

Other nationalities should consult their local embassy or consular office.

If you do require assistance in obtaining a visa then you may be able to apply through Explore's recommended visa service in the UK, Travcour. See [www.travcour.com](http://www.travcour.com) to download the relevant visa application for your trip, if applicable (UK citizens only), along with details of how to apply for your visa through Travcour. The Team at Travcour will be happy to answer specific questions relating to visa applications, please call them directly on 0208 5431846.

It is your responsibility to ensure that you are in possession of a full passport, with the correct validity for your chosen destination.

## Booking conditions

Before booking your Explore trip, please ensure that you read both our Essential Information and Booking Conditions.

## Transfers

Find out more about [Trip Transfer Terms and Conditions](#) before you book.

### Booking a land only package with Explore

Customers who have chosen to book on the 'Land Only' arrangements of our tour, please ensure that you have checked your tour specific 'Joining Instructions' prior to booking your own travel arrangements. Your joining instructions can be found below in the dates and prices information.

You may also be eligible for the Free Explore Transfer.

### Joining Tour Abroad

Customers booked on the 'Land Only' arrangements will receive a Free Transfer, provided you arrive and depart on the tour only itinerary start and end dates. The complimentary transfers will be arranged from the Explore designated airport or train station to your trips joining point, and then back from the ending point to the designated airport or train station. Generally the airport or station that Explore have selected will be the one that is closest to the town or city where the trip starts, or the one nearest to the joining point. It will be either an airport or train station but not both.

The exception to this rule is customers who are booked on a tour where the joining and ending point is at the designated airport or train station.

Free transfers are not available for Self-Guided, Polar, Tailormade or Tours for Churches customers.

If you are not eligible for the Free Transfer then you will need to make your own way through to the joining and ending point. On a majority of our tours Explore will be able to provide a private transfer at an additional cost. Please ask for a quote at the time of booking.

For more information regarding the Explore Free Transfer [click here](#)

## Insurance



It is a condition of booking with Explore that you have adequate valid travel insurance. It is your responsibility to arrange appropriate travel insurance and ensure you have read and understood the full terms and conditions of your travel insurance policy to ensure that you are covered for all activities you intend to undertake whilst on the tour, including all optional activities. Your Insurance Policy must fully cover you for medical expenses and emergency repatriation to your home country. Please ensure your policy includes medical emergency helicopter evacuation in the event of illness or injury and covers the entire duration of your holiday. If you are trekking at altitude please ensure that there is no upper altitude limit which may limit or exclude cover for your trip. The cost of many of our Polar Voyages will exceed the capped amount covered by standard insurance premiums and you will be required to pay an additional premium to cover the full value of your trip. Please ensure that you are covered for the full amount of your holiday cost, as insufficient cover could invalidate a claim under the policy. Medical and repatriation insurance cover is not mandatory for UK residents who are travelling on trips within the United Kingdom.

Read more information about what travel insurance is required.

## **Flight information**

Explore offers a wide range of flexible flying options to make joining and leaving our trips easy. Read more about them here.

### **Flight Information**

You are able to book this tour on a 'land only' basis or as a 'flight inclusive' package. Your flight inclusive package will be fully protected by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) ATOL protection scheme.

### **Booking a flight inclusive package with Explore**

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On our website we display a UK flight inclusive package guide price which is generally based on a London departure. To avoid paying supplements or to secure your preferred flight option, we recommend booking as early as possible, especially for peak travel dates.

## **Guyana**

### **Vaccinations**

Nothing compulsory however, we recommend typhoid, tetanus, infectious hepatitis and polio. Please consult your travel clinic for the latest advice on Malaria, Dengue and Zika Virus. Please take preventative measures to avoid mosquito bites - these include mosquito repellent as well as long trousers and long sleeve shirts to cover up when necessary. Please note many countries in Central America, South America and the Caribbean require a yellow fever vaccination certificates if travelling from infected areas. A detailed list of these countries can be found on the NaTHNaC website -

<http://travelhealthpro.org.uk/countries>. Also on the NaTHNaC site there is a list of Countries (and specific areas within a country) which are at risk of infection and a vaccination is therefore recommended. Please check the latest requirements with your travel clinic or doctor prior to departure. The above is not an exhaustive list. Further information regarding vaccinations and travel health advice can be found by following the NHS and NaTHNaC links at Explore Travel Health and from your local healthcare provider. Visa and vaccination requirements are subject to change and should be confirmed by you before travelling.

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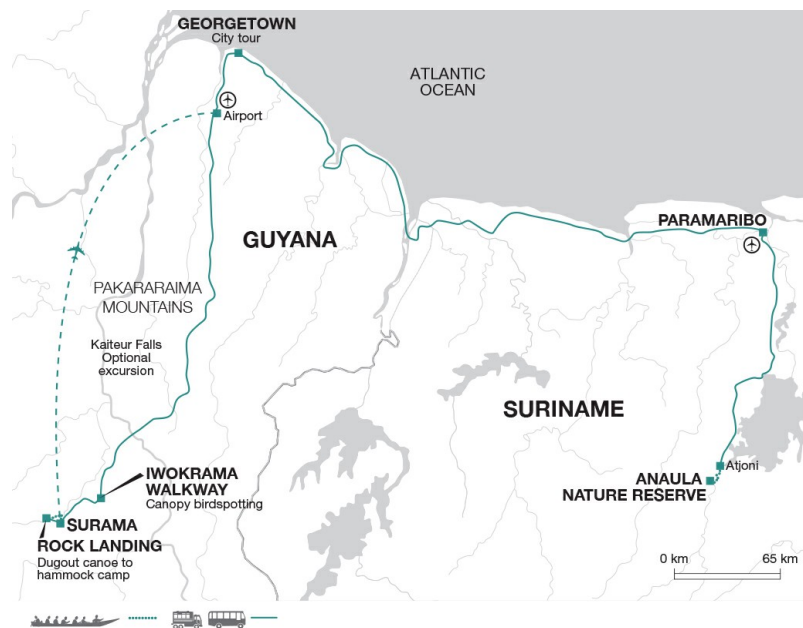
## **Suriname**

## Vaccinations

Nothing compulsory however we do recommend protection against hepatitis A and tetanus. Please consult your travel clinic for the latest advice on Malaria, Dengue and Zika Virus. Please take preventative measures to avoid mosquito bites - these include mosquito repellent as well as long trousers and long sleeve shirts to cover up when necessary. Please note many countries in Central America, South America and the Caribbean require a yellow fever vaccination certificates if travelling from infected areas. A detailed list of these countries can be found on the NaTHNaC website - <http://travelhealthpro.org.uk/countries>. Under International Health Regulations, a yellow fever vaccination certificate is required travellers over 1 year of age arriving from all countries. Also on the NaTHNaC site there is a list of Countries (and specific areas within a country) which are at risk of infection and a vaccination is therefore recommended. Please check the latest requirements with your travel clinic or doctor prior to departure. The above is not an exhaustive list. Further information regarding vaccinations and travel health advice can be found by following the NHS and NaTHNaC links at Explore Travel Health and from your local healthcare provider. Visa and vaccination requirements are subject to change and should be confirmed by you before travelling.

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