

WILD GUYANA 14 Nights / 15 Days

See Guyana's wild side with excellent opportunities to see Giant River Otter, Black Caiman, Giant Anteater, hundreds of birds and maybe even a Jaguar. Get up into the canopy at the Iwokrama Canopy Walkway and view the forest through the eyes of the indigenous people.

- DAY 1** **Arrive in Guyana.** Transfer to Georgetown. **Overnight at Cara Lodge.**
- DAY 2** **City and Rum Distillery Tour.** This morning enjoy a Georgetown city tour highlighting the architecture, markets and botanical Gardens. This afternoon visit Demerara Distillers Limited to see how rum is processed in their plant at Diamond. The tour also includes a visit to the Rum Heritage Museum. **Overnight at Cara Lodge. B**
- DAY 3** **Kaieteur Falls/Orinduik Falls** Fly over the Demerara & Essequibo Rivers & hundreds of miles of unbroken tropical rainforest to Kaieteur, the world's longest freefalling waterfall. At 229 meters, Kaieteur is nearly five times the height of Niagara Falls. We hope to find White-chinned & White-tipped Swifts swirling over the gorge, & the astonishingly colourful Guianan Cock-of-the-rock. We travel to the Brazilian border and Orinduik Falls, where the Ireng River thunders over steps & terraces of solid jasper, a semi precious stone. **Overnight at Cara Lodge. BL**
- DAY 4** **Iwokrama Field Station** 4x4 trip through the rainforest the Iwokrama Field Station. Afternoon free to explore the trails around the field station with an Iwokrama Ranger. After dinner, we will take you out on to the river to spot caiman and other nocturnal wildlife. **Overnight at Iwokrama Field Station. BLD**
- DAY 5** **Turtle Mountain/Iwokrama Field Station** Morning boat ride. After breakfast, journey to Turtle Mountain, & a challenging climb up the mountain to its summit at 935ft. It takes 1¾ hours to walk up the mountain, but the effort is more than worth it for the breathtaking views over the forest canopy when you get there. Visit Kurupukari Falls to see Amerindian petroglyphs & the small Amerindian village of Fair View. **Overnight at Iwokrama Field Station. BLD**
- DAY 6** **Iwokrama Canopy Walkway/Atta Rainforest Lodge** At dawn take a wildlife walk with an Iwokrama Ranger. Transfer by 4x4 along the trail that is one of the best places to see the elusive Jaguar. The Iwokrama forest has a healthy jaguar population, but you still need some luck to see one. The journey ends at the Iwokrama Canopy Walkway which allows you to view the forest from 35 metres up in the canopy. Experience the activity in the mid and upper canopy of the forest and see darkness settle over the forest. **Overnight at Atta Rainforest Lodge. BLD**
- DAY 7** **Surama Village** Welcome the dawn chorus from the canopy walkway. Travel to a trail in the Iwokrama Forest to hopefully see the amazingly brilliant Guianan Cock-of-the-rock. Continue onto the Amerindian village of Surama. A local guide will escort you for a walk on trails to observe the forest & bird life. As the afternoon cools your guide will take you on a tour of the village to visit the school, medical centre & church. Tonight enjoy an educational walk to observe wildlife and experience the mystique of the forest. **Overnight at Surama Eco-lodge. BLD**
- DAY 8** **Surama Mountain/Burro Burro River** At dawn walk across the savannah & then the exhilarating climb up Surama Mountain. This is the best time to observe bird life along the trail. Enjoy a look out point which affords incredible views across the village & savannah to the Pakaraima Mountains. Take a three mile walk across the savannah & through the rainforest to the Burro Burro River. Your guides will paddle you on the river for opportunities to observe Giant River Otters, Tapir, Tira, Spider Monkeys and many more species. **Overnight at Surama Eco-lodge. BLD**
- DAY 9** **Rock View Lodge** Transfer to Rock View Lodge at Annai, which is located where the savannah meets the forest-covered foothills of the Pakaraima Mountains. With its tropical gardens & flowering trees, the lodge resembles an oasis in the savannah, & attracts many species of birds. Visit the village of Aranaputa to see their Peanut Butter Factory and a visit to the school for a short cultural presentation. **Overnight at Rock View Lodge. BLD**

- DAY 10** **Rock View Lodge** You can join the vaqueros on horse back as they take cattle out to graze on the savannah, hike in the foothills of the Pakaraima Mountains or visit nearby Amerindian villages. **Overnight at Rock View Lodge. BLD**
- DAY 11** **Caiman House** Travel by boat up the Rupununi River to the Amerindian village of Yupukari & Caiman House. Caiman House is the hub of several participatory development projects, including classroom libraries in the village schools & an internet-enabled public library. Visitors may have the opportunity to meet local craftspeople, including the furniture builders at Yupukari Crafters, a nonprofit venture to create village jobs & generate income to sustain educational development. We will have some time to visit the village, to learn about their way of life. After dinner take a boat trip with experienced guide to spotlight along the banks for wildlife. You will most certainly see Black Caiman, & you may also see tree boas, frogs & even sleeping monkeys. **Overnight at Caiman House. BLD**
- DAY 12** **Karanambu Ranch** Transfer by boat to Karanambu Ranch. This is the home of Diane McTurk, widely known for her work in rehabilitating orphaned, giant river otters to the wild. Diane and her otters have appeared on National Geographic, Jeff Corwin Experience, Really Wild Show (BBC) and the Calgary's "Zoo World". Karanambu has a long history of visiting naturalists including David Attenborough & Gerald Durrell. Dinner with Diane will include stories on the history of the family & the Rupununi Savannahs. **Overnight at Karanambu Ranch. BLD**
- DAY 13** **Otters and Rupununi River** Diane sometimes has resident orphaned otters & you can help as she tends to them. You can visit Simoni Pond for some of the best inland fishing including Peacock Bass, explore flooded forest or savannah. Visits can be made to ponds for birdwatching & to view Victoria Amazonica, the world's largest water lily. Explore the Rupununi River in search of wild Giant River Otters, Black Caiman & Arapaima. Evening visit to Crane Pond to see hundreds of Ibis, Anhinga, Heron & Egret roosting is a highlight. **Overnight at Karanambu Ranch. BLD**
- DAY 14** **Steelman Experience** Travel out onto the savannah to search for a Giant Anteater. Flight back to Georgetown. Late this afternoon visit the home of Roy Geddes for a cultural evening and local dinner. Roy is Guyana's most famous steel pan player and maker. He will demonstrate how steel pans are made and discuss their history and a rendition of pop, rock, soca, classical and jazz numbers of the pans. **Overnight at Cara Lodge. BLD**
- DAY 15** **Depart Guyana** Morning free to relax or shop. Afternoon transfer to the airport for your departing flight. **B**