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TRIP DETAILS
10 days / 9 nts - Guyana

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Rainforest & Savannah Birding

Day 1: Arrive in Guyana
Arrival in Guyana. Transfer to Georgetown. Overnight Cara Lodge.

(Included meals : N / A)

Day 2: Georgetown city
Botanical Garden / City Tour. Morning and afternoon birding at the Botanical Garden. If lucky, the days ornithological highlight will viewing the Blood-colored Woodpecker, an astonishingly colorful Veniliornis found only in the Guianas. During the middle of the day enjoy a Georgetown city. Overnight at Cara Lodge.

(Included meals : Breakfast)

Day 3: Iwokrama
Iwokrama Rainforest / Iwokrama Canopy Walkway. Depart on a morning schedule flight across the lush rainforest and extensive Rupununi Savannah of Guyana to Rock View Lodge, which is located where the savannah meets the forest-covered foothills of the Pakaraima Mountains.

Here we will enjoy lunch. In the afternoon we will travel by vehicle across the savannah into the million-acre Iwokrama Rainforest. We will spend the remainder of the day on the Iwokrama Canopy Walkway, observing wild life and bird life from 35 meters above the ground in the tree tops. From this vantage point it is possible to see several species of macaw and toucans returning to roost.

This evening remain on the walkway after dark to experience the canopy at night, then walk down to the Atta Rainforest Lodge, our camp near the base of the walkway. Enjoy dinner at the camp. Overnight in Atta Rainforest Lodge.

(Included meals : Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 4: Rupununi
Mori Scrub / Rupununi Savannah. View the dawn chorus from the canopy walkway as the forest comes alive and the bird activity is at its best. After breakfast we continue by 4x4 with a packed lunch, traveling to a locality known as Mori Scrub, characterized by an unusual low, sandy forest.

This supports an interesting assemblage of bird species, among them Rufous-crowned Elaenia, Black Manakin and Red-shouldered Tanager. In the afternoon we'll travel to an area on the southern boundary to known site of the Guianan Cock-of-the-rock lek and with luck we may see both the male and female. Then we continue toward the Rupununi and Annai, its northernmost community.

The Rupununi Savannah is to Guyana what the Gran Sabana is to Venezuela, an extensive area of grassland with termite mounds and scattered or riparian woodland. The birdlife here is markedly different from that of the rainforest. Overnight at Rock View Lodge.

(Included meals : Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 5: Rupununi - Pakaraima
Rupununi Savannah / Pakaraima Foothills. With its tropical gardens and flowering trees, the lodge resembles an oasis in the savannah, and attracts many species of birds, particularly nectar feeders and frugivores. Nearby patches of light forest are home to certain Ant birds and flycatchers, and of course the grasslands support an avifauna of their own. We'll explore the area on foot, and as the afternoon cools we'll travel a short distance for birdwatching in the Pakaraima foothills. Overnight at Rock View Lodge.

(Included meals : Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 6: Rupununi - Karanambu
Rupununi River / Karanambu Ranch. This morning we'll travel by 4x4 across the savannah to Ginep Landing and the Rupununi River,

where we'll embark for travel upstream 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 and Diane's father, Tiny McTurk, has welcomed David Attenborough and Gerald Durrell (Three Singles to Adventure).

Our birdwatching here will be largely in woodland patches or gallery forest along the river where we'll hope to find such species as Spotted Puffbird, Striped Woodcreeper and Pale-bellied Tyrant-Manakin. When water levels are appropriate a wooded swamp near the ranch is the site of a surprisingly large colony of Boat-billed Herons, and at any season the river and airstrip provide habitat for no fewer than eight species of nightjars. Dinner with Diane, will include stories on the history of the family and the Rupununi Savannahs. Overnight at Karanambu Ranch.

(Included meals : Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 7: Karanambu
Karanambu Ranch. Birdwatching from daybreak to nightfall or later, we'll devote this entire day to exploring Karanambu and its varied habitats, traveling by boat to certain localities up and downstream, and by Land Rover to one or another forest patch. Double-striped Thick-knees are among the sparse inhabitants of the grasslands, and at widely scattered ponds we may find concentrations of storks and other water birds. Overnight at Karanambu Ranch.

(Included meals : Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 8: Karanambu
Karanambu Ranch / Georgetown. Enjoy some early morning birdwatching near the ranch buildings. After lunch take a flight back to Georgetown. Overnight at Cara Lodge.

(Included meals : Breakfast, Lunch)

Day 9: Kaieteur - Orinduik - Georgetown
Day Tour - Kaieteur Falls / Orinduik Falls. Fly by chartered aircraft over the Demerara and Essequibo Rivers and hundreds of miles of unbroken tropical rainforest to land at Kaieteur, the world's highest free-falling waterfall. At 228 meters, 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.

Reboarding our plane, we travel to the Brazilian border and Orinduik Falls, 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. Late afternoon, return on our charter aircraft to Georgetown. Overnight at Cara Lodge.

(Included meals : Breakfast, Lunch)

Day 10: Fly out from Georgetown
Depart Guyana. Transfer by vehicle to Guyana's international airport for your departing flight.

(Included meals : Breakfast)

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Includes
- airport transfers
- double or twin accommodation
- meals as listed
- all road and river transfers
- internal flights in Guyana
- activities as described
- local guides
- Kaieteur National Park fee
- Iwokrama Forest User Fee
- Iwokrama Canopy Walkway Fee

Not Included
- items of a personal nature
- alcoholic drinks except where mentioned above
- departure tax
- international flights

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