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TRIP DETAILS
17 days / 16 nts - Guyana

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Wildlife and Roraima Adventure

Day 1: Arrive in Guyana
Arrive in Guyana and transfer to Georgetown. Overnight at Cara Lodge.

(Included meals : N / A)

Day 2: Georgetown
This morning enjoy a city tour of Georgetown, highlighting the unique architecture, markets, zoo and much more. Afternoon to prepare equipment for interior expedition and relax at leisure. Overnight at a Cara Lodge.

(Included meals : Breakfast)

Day 3: Annai - Surama
0915hrs transfer for flight from Ogle Airstrip to Rock View Lodge at Annai. After lunch at Rock View Lodge transfer to Surama. Take a walking tour of the village, meet the village counsellors, visit the school and the Amazon Project. The Amazon Project is designed to give employment to the women of the community by growing cassava and then manufacturing food items. From Surama transfer by 4x4 to Iwokrama River Lodge. Afternoon free to explore the trails around the field station with a ranger.

(Included meals : Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 4: Iwokrama
This morning take an early morning boat ride on the Essequibo River for wildlife watching with an Iwokrama Ranger. After breakfast travel down river by boat and then walk through the rainforest to Turtle Mountain, which offers fantastic views over the canopy of the rainforest. Return to the River Lodge for lunch. As the afternoon cools take a boat trip visit Kurupukari Falls to see the Amerindian petroglyphs (dependent on water level). Then visit the small Amerindian village of Fair View before returning to the River Lodge. Overnight at Iwokrama River Lodge .

(Included meals : Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 5: Iwokrama
Before dawn take a 4x4 along the road in search of jaguar, which are often spotted crossing the road. The Iwokrama forest is rapidly gaining an international reputation for its healthy jaguar populations that seem not to be troubled by the appearance of curious humans. No promises, but many have been lucky! Journey finishes at the new Iwokrama Canopy Walkway which allows you to experience the rainforest from 35M up in the tree tops. After dinner we'll return to the walkway to experience the canopy at night. Overnight in Iwokrama Atta Rainforest Lodge.

(Included meals : Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 6: Iwokrama - Annai
This morning welcome the dawn chorus from the Iwokrama Canopy Walkway. After breakfast transfer by 4x4 to Rock View Lodge at Annai. After lunch you can enjoy exploring the farm and surrounding Amerindian villages or hike out to the foothills of the Pakaraima Mountains. Overnight at Rock View Lodge.

(Included meals : Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 7: Rupununi - Karanambu
Transfer after breakfast by 4x4 across the savannah to Ginep Landing on the Rupununi River. Transfer to a boat for trip 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). 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 8: Rupununi - Karanambu
Today join Diane as she tends to the resident orphaned otters. Explore the Rupununi River in search of wild Giant River Otters, Black Caiman and Arapaima. Visit Simoni Pond for some of the best inland fishing in Guyana including Peacock Bass or explore the flooded forest or savannah with Diane. An evening visit to Crane Pond to see hundreds of Ibis, Anhinga, Heron and Egret roosting is a highlight. Overnight at Karanambu Ranch.

(Included meals : Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 9: Lethem - Santa Elena
After breakfast take a 4x4 to Lethem. This morning cross border to Bon Fim in Brazil to catch the 10.00 am bus to Boa Vista. Then take a bus from Boa Vista to Santa Elena. Reception at Brazilian border town (La Linea) by your tour leader. Transfer to Santa Elena de Uairen (Venezuelan border town with Brazil). Santa Elena is a gold mining town founded in 1922 by Sr. Pena – a gold prospector who named the town after his first daughter. It's approx. 20 minutes ride from the Brazilian border. Overnight at Camp Yakoo.

(Included meals : Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 10: Canaima
(4 hours / 8 KMS) Drive to Canaima National Park, which is inhabited by indigenous people of the Pemon Linguistic Group. The Canaima National Park is 30,000 sq. km. and is the seventh largest National Park in the world. Drive to Paritepuy de Roraima, a small indigenous community of the Pemon Indians, where we'll meet our camp porters for the trek.

We begin our trek across rolling grassland of the savannah. Crossing several streams we ford the Tek River and later on the Kukunan River. We camp at the Kukunan campsite, having a fantastic view of the stark face of Roraima ahead and Kukunana Tepuy to its left. Kukunan Falls, the second tallest in the world (640 metres), should be clearly visible. From here we can also see the pinnacle of rock next to Roraima, like the one by which Conan Doyle's heroes climbed to the top.

(Included meals : Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 11: Canaima - Roraima
(5 hours / 12 KMS) We trek across rising savannah to the base of the mountain to camp in a meadow alive with multi-coloured birds and fireflies at night and is considered in guidebooks as being one of the best campsites in the world! The Roraima wall is extremely impressive here rising 3,000 feet directly in front of the camp, with the quartz in the rock glittering in the late afternoon sun.

(Included meals : Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 12: Roraima
(5 hours / 3 KMS) In the morning we set off up the route that leads diagonally across the face of the Roraima wall. The narrow trail winds through the montane rainforests and crosses the small streams where hummingbirds, orchids and brightly coloured flowers are abundant. Higher up, the vegetation changes to pre-historic tree ferns and the trail leads under a waterfall descending from the cliff edge hundreds of feet above.

After 4 -5 hours we arrive at the entrance to the summit, guarded by massive grey rocks and emerge at the top – looking back for an incredible view. We visit the Valley of Crystals, the river-valley of the Arobopo River shaped like an amphitheatre around which are grouped large dark rounded stone columns. The river itself runs over a bed of crystals and crystal fragments. We visit the northern point of Mount Roraima for stunning views from various points on the edge.

(Included meals : Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 13: Roraima
(9 hours) We explore Roraima's summit trekking a long circular route to the triple border point, where Venezuela, Guyana and Brazil meet. We walk through strange rock formations, surprisingly lush valleys and places where the ground is covered with sparkling quartz crystals. There are rock pools everywhere and in them you may be lucky enough to see the strange black toads, unique to Mount Roraima. The plant life is bizarre, as over half the species are unique to Tepuys or to Roraima alone, including several species of orchids and carnivorous plants. We also visit the Oil Bird cave (Guacharo bird).

(Included meals : Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 14: Roraima
(8 hours / 14 KMS) In the morning there is still time to explore some more before we descend to the base and continue to Tek River where we overnight.

(Included meals : Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 15: Santa Elena
(4 hours / 8 KMS) We complete the return to Paratepuy to be met by our driver with fresh supplies of beer, soft drinks and a large lunch. We say good-bye to our camp porters and set of to Santa Elena de Uairen where we stay again at Visit the Japer waterfalls, where you will

be able to appreciate the different tones of colour of this semi-precious rock. Overnight Camp Yakoo.

(Included meals : Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Day 16: Lethem
You will transfer to Brazilian border town La Linea where you will continue your return trip to Lethem, Guyana. Overnight at Savannah Inn.

(Included meals : Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 17: Fly out from Georgetown
Fly from Lethem to Georgetown. Transfer by vehicle to airport for departing international flight.

(Included meals : Breakfast)

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Includes
- Airport transfers
- double or twin accommodation
- all road, river and internal flights
- meals as indicated
- camping equipment
- guides
- Iwokrama Forest User fee
- Iwokrama Canopy Walkway fee

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