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Passengers Names:

Day 1 Friday, 4 September 2026 Georgetown, Guyana

Arrangements: Transfer in Georgetown (Transfer) - Private **Accommodation:** Cara Lodge (First) - Executive Room Double

Meal Plan: No Meals

On arrival to Georgetown you will be met by an English-speaking guide from our local representative office and transferred to your hotel.

Please note that the journey time from Cheddi Jagan International Airport to downtown is approximately one hour. From Eugene F. Correia Airport it is only around 15-30 minutes depending on traffic.

Cara Lodge is a charming and historic boutique hotel located in Georgetown, Guyana. Set in a beautifully restored colonial mansion, the hotel exudes an old-world charm and offers a unique blend of elegance, comfort, and personalized service.

Cara Lodge was built in the 1840s and consisted of two houses. It has a long and romantic history and was the home of the first Lord Mayor of Georgetown. This magnificent home-turned-hotel offers the tradition and nostalgia of a bygone era, complete with service and comfort in a friendly family atmosphere.

Step into a bygone era as you enter the grand foyer adorned with antique furniture and classic decor. The hotel boasts a range of well-appointed rooms and suites, each uniquely designed and tastefully furnished to provide a cozy and inviting atmosphere. Indulge in delectable dining experiences at the hotel's renowned restaurant, which offers a blend of international and traditional Guyanese cuisine. The warm and welcoming ambiance creates the perfect setting for enjoying a delicious meal or savoring a refreshing drink at the bar.









Day 2 Saturday, 5 September 2026

Arrangements: Georgetown City Tour (Half day tour) - Private

Backyard Cafe (Meals)

Accommodation: Cara Lodge (First) - Executive Room Double

Meal Plan: Breakfast & Lunch

This morning you will meet your guide & chef, who will guide you around Bourda Market, the largest of the four markets in Georgetown. Start the tour at the Guyana Shop which has all the locally packaged products, before heading over to the market where we will meet some of the vendors.

You will visit the fish market, the meat section and the haberdashery section - where one can find anything you can think of from thread to bolts of all kinds of fabric. A stop at the bush medicine stalls is always educational. Heading outside you can see, touch and taste a variety of local fruits and vegetables unique in this part of the world. The chef will make his purchases with your suggestions of what you would like to try and will then head home to start preparing while you continue on a tour of the city of Georgetown.

During your visit to Georgetown, there are a number of interesting sights that should not be missed such as Stabroek Market - once described as a "bizarre bazaar, and St. George's Cathedral which is one of the world's tallest free-standing wooden buildings. Other historic buildings along this promenade are the Public Library, City Hall, the Victoria Law Courts and St. Andrews Kirk. You will also pay a visit to a pond either in the gardens or the National Park, to feed the endangered West Indian Manatees.







After our city tour, we will go to the Backyard Café for lunch. This, as the name suggests, is a backyard that Chef has turned into an exclusive little hidden gem of a restaurant. You can sit under the arbour and sip unique blends of juice or enjoy a cold beer while taking in the sounds and smells of a delicious meal in the making. Chef has a small fireside outside and will use it to prepare the fish which you can watch and learn some of his secrets. Once he is ready, we will start eating our way through the courses, remember to pace yourself as you will want to try it all.

Return to the hotel after lunch with the afternoon at leisure to relax, enjoy a siesta or a drink in the hotel courtyard, or head back out to continue exploring Georgetown on your own.



Day	3	Sunday, 6 September 2026		Rupununi Region, Guyana
Flight:		Depart: Georgetown Arrive: Kaieteur Falls	09:30 10:30	Charter Flight

13:30

14:30

Charter Flight

Arrangements: Transfer out Georgetown (Transfer) - Private

Arrive: Rupununi Region

Depart: Kaieteur Falls

Kaieteur Falls (Full day tour)

Rewa Ecolodge

Accommodation: Rewa Ecolodge (Lodge) - Cabin Double

Meal Plan: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Note that flights into the interior of Guyana have a maximum weight limit of 9kg checked baggage per person. You will need to pack a smaller bag for the next 5 nights and leave your main luggage in Georgetown at the hotel. Please ensure you have checked out and stored any excess baggage you are not taking into the interior with hotel staff prior to our departure time.

Pick up and transfer to Eugene Correa Airport for our charter flight to Kaieteur Falls.

Today you will travel to the heart of Guyana on the Potaro River to see the breathtaking Kaieteur Falls. The water of the falls is one of the world's natural wonders, flowing over a sandstone conglomerate tableland into a deep gorge, a drop of 226 metres or five times the height of Niagara Falls.

After arriving at the visitors centre you will have a chance to use the bathroom and refill water bottles etc. Then, set off with your National Park guide to explore the various viewpoints overlooking this magnificent natural wonder. The total circuit will take roughly 3 hours - be sure to have sunscreen, a hat and plenty of water. At the end of the circuit you will have a delicious boxed lunch back at the visitor centre.

There are no other falls in the world with the magnitude of the sheer drop existing at Kaieteur. Amerindian legend of the Patamona tribe states that Kai, one of the tribe's chiefs (after whom the falls are named), committed self-sacrifice by canoeing himself over the falls. It was believed this would encourage the Great Spirit Makonaima to save the tribe from being destroyed by the savage Caribishi.

Kaieteur supports a unique micro environment with Tank Bromeliads, the largest in the world, in which the tiny Golden frog spends its entire life and the rarely seen Guiana Cock-of-the-rock nesting close by. The lucky visitor may also see the famous flights of the Kaieteur Swifts or Makonaima Birds, which nest under the vast shelf of rock carved by centuries of water, hidden behind the eternal curtain of falling water.









Then, you will board your charter flight once again and continue deep into the heart of Guyana to land at the Apoteri airstrip. From the airstrip we will take long boats up the Rupununi River (duration 2.5 to 3.5 hours depending on wildlife sightings) to arrive at Rewa Lodge.

On arrival to Rewa Ecolodge you will be welcomed to Rewa by our Manager, and our Head Guide, as well as the many other friendly faces who make up the staffing team. Rewa Eco-lodge was built by and is run by the people of Rewa Village. This enterprise provides our people with employment opportunities while adding value to the incredible resource that is our forest's biodiversity.

Rewa community pride themselves on exceptional customer service and look forward to making your stay in Guyana your most memorable holiday yet!







One of the country's most remote destinations is Rewa Eco-lodge, a community-tourism project of the small Makushi village of Rewa situated at the Rupununi and Rewa Rivers confluence. Many years of hard work allowed the villagers to build their eco-lodge, offering simple but clean, comfortable accommodation with individual cabins at the forest edge, paces from the river. An impressive benab houses the dining area and bar. Their expert guides offer a warm, friendly service as they showcase their pristine and biodiverse corner of Guyana.

The lodge offers several accommodation options, all in the same jungle clearing. There are two benabs with matrimonial or twin bedding (structures with shared roofing but private rooms/ bathrooms). All beds are fitted with comfortable mattresses and mosquito nets. Each room has an outlet for charging devices and lights, which is a solar system powered. There are also six self-contained cabins. Each cabin has two large single beds and an en-suite bathroom sink, flush toilet, and shower overlooking the forest. As with the benabs, beds are fitted with comfortable mattresses and mosquito nets. Surpisingly, given the remote nature of the lodge, free high-speed wifi is available throughout the property.

During your stay at the lodge you can charge drinks to your room and settle your tab on the last night. The lodge accepts Guyanese dollars (preferred) or USD in cash only (no card payments).







Day 4 Monday, 7 September 2026

Rupununi Region, Guyana

Arrangements: Rewa Ecolodge

Accommodation: Rewa Ecolodge (Lodge) - Cabin Double

Meal Plan: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner



Today you will explore the surrounding area with your guide. There are never a shortage of activities to enjoy around the lodge. Your guide will help you decide how to structure your day based on recent wildlife sightings, weather and of course your specific interests. Activities include:

- Birdwatching: There is an exceptional number of birds living in the Rewa area. Over the course of a three-days visit it's possible to encounter well over 125 species, including manakins, macaws, hummingbirds, toucans and the spectacular Harpy Eagle...the list goes on!
- Hiking/ Trail walking: There are many opportunities for hiking in the area, as well as climbing the nearby mountains, such as Awarmie, where you can experience the awe-inspiring views of the forest below.
- Wildlife Viewing: Jaguars, tapirs, giant river otters, monkeys, capybara, giant armadillo, caiman, giant river turtles, puma, peccaries, anaconda, agouti just some of the creatures that can be seen in the area if you are lucky!
- Boat Tours: A short boat ride and a hike through the jungle where you can enjoy birdwatching, admire the beautiful blooms of the Victoria Lilly flower and beetles coming in for pollination all the while you enjoy the beauty of the ponds. A fishing activity for Peacock Bass can be done in Grass Pond if desired.
- Culture: Visit Rewa village and experience our way of life. If you are lucky, cassava processing or the creation of various crafts can be observed.







Day 5 Tuesday, 8 September 2026

Rupununi Region, Guyana

Arrangements: Rewa Ecolodge

Accommodation: Rewa Ecolodge (Lodge) - Cabin Double

Meal Plan: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Another day to explore the rainforest and rivers with your guides. Today's activities will depend on local conditions but may include:

- Seawall: a rock formation which is a great place to fish or take in the beauty of the location. Visit sand banks where river turtles come to lay their eggs. Along the river banks, you may see red howlers, squirrel and brown capuchin monkeys.
- Goliath Bird Eating Spider: travel upriver and hike through the rainforest for a chance to see this infamous spider, the largest in the world by mass and size. The practice of calling theraphosids "bird-eating" derives from an early 18th-century copper engraving showing one eating a hummingbird.
- Rewa Community Village: walk through the forest to visit the nearby community of Rewa and see local farming practices and the school, clinic and woman's centre.









Day 6 Wednesday, 9 September 2026

Arrangements: Rewa Ecolodge

Karanambu Lodge

Accommodation: Karanambu Lodge (Lodge) - Standard Double

Meal Plan: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

After breakfast say goodbye to staff and board our boat for travel along the Rupununi River to Kwatamang Landing (approx 2.5 hours), where we will meet our transfer vehicles and drive to Ginep Landing (approx 30-45 minutes).

From Ginep Landing we take another boat trip on the Rupununi River to Karanambu Lodge (roughly 2 hours). Depending on the river level, this trip offers an excellent opportunity to look for Giant Otters as there are several family groups which live along this stretch of the Rupununi River.

On arrival we will have lunch and time to rest and relax before the afternoon excursion.

Karanambu, a 110-square mile former cattle ranch, was the home of the late Diane McTurk, conservationist and a world-renowned expert on giant otters. Karanambu is located in the North Rupununi, a region of south western Guyana known for its expansive wetlands and savanna, as well as its biological and cultural diversity. Settled in 1927 by Tiny McTurk, Karanambu was once a working cattle ranch and Balata collection station. It is now an eco-tourist destination known as The Karanambu Lodge. Karanambu encompasses savannah, marshy ponds, riparian forest, and a 30-mile stretch of the Rupununi River. The North Rupununi of southern Guyana is an extraordinary natural and pristine area. The landscape is an integration of four ecosystem types: wetlands, savannahs, rivers, and forests. The number of species found here is much higher than expected given its size. There are at least 600 species of fish, along with 600 species of bird, and over 200 species of mammals. Karanambu is located roughly in the middle of this beautiful and fascinating biological hotspot where endangered species like the Giant Otter, Black Caiman, Jaguar, Giant Anteater, and Arapaimacan be found. The seasonally flooded savannahs and forests also draw substantial fish migrations. There may be as many as 700 species of fish at Karanambu — more than anywhere on Earth.

The romance of the Rupununi pioneers lives on at Karanambu. The compound has the flavor of an Amerindian Village. Because of the remoteness of Karanambu, staff live on site and the children can be seen and heard on the weekends and holidays when they come "home" from schools in the nearby villages of Yupakari, Kwaimatta and Massara. This feeling of community is further enhanced by the accommodations, which are traditionally made clay brick cabins. Each private cabin can accommodate two people and includes private bathroom and Veranda with hammocks.

With both the river and the savannahs close at hand there is a wide variety of activities to be enjoyed at Karanambu. You are free to determine what you want to do based on your interests, the time of year and whether the guides have found anything especially unique and interesting to see. Two guided excursions are provided each day — one early in the morning and another late in the afternoon and into the evening. As well as being the coolest times to be out, these are usually the best times to see the different birds and animals. Trips may be on the river by boat, on the savannahs by Land Rover or along forest trails on foot to the different ponds in the area. Late in the afternoon we will travel by boat to look for wild Giant River Otters and as dusk falls to the ponds to see the giant Victoria Amazonica water lily, bloom at dusk. On the return trip we will spotlight for Black Caiman and birds and creatures of the night.









The Karanambu Ranch is located where the north savannah grassland, swamp, and flood forest meet the Rupununi River, and the horse flats stretch towards the Pakaraima Mountains and into Brazil. The settlement has the flavour of an Amerindian village with its clay brick and thatched palm cabanas set in a compound between the bush and the open range. The cabanas are en suite, and meals are served around the large dining table in the hammock-swagged living room of the main house. There is high speed wifi available in the main area of the lodge.

During your stay you can charge drinks to your room and settle your tab on the last night. The lodge accepts Guyanese dollars (preferred) or USD in cash only (no card payments).







Day 7 Thursday, 10 September 2026 Karanambu, Guyana

Arrangements: Karanambu Lodge

Accommodation: Karanambu Lodge (Lodge) - Standard Double

Meal Plan: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

This morning we may make an early start to reach an area of rolling grasslands, which is home to a population of giant anteaters. With luck we shall locate one of these six-foot long animals excavating its breakfast from one of the termite mounds that stud the savannah. The giant anteater, also known as the ant bear, is a large insectivorous mammal native to Central and South America. It is recognizable by its elongated snout, bushy tail, long fore-claws and distinctively coloured pelage. It feeds primarily on ants and termites, using its fore-claws to dig them up and its long, sticky tongue to collect them. Though giant anteaters live in overlapping home ranges they are mostly solitary except during mother-offspring relationships, aggressive interactions between males, and when mating. Mother anteaters carry their offspring on their backs until weaning them.

An evening visit to a nearby pond to see hundreds of Ibis, Anhinga, Heron and Egret roosting (only in rainy season) is a highlight. If you are interested in birdwatching you can explore woodland patches or gallery forest along the river where we'll hope to find such species as Spotted Puffbird, Striped Woodcreeper, Pale-bellied Tyrant-Manakin, Golden-spangled Piculet, Bearded Tachuri and Capuchinbird. A feature bird for the area is Agami Heron. An evening walk along the airstrip offers seven species of nightjar and among the grasslands the Double-striped Thick-knees.









Day Friday, 11 September 2026 Georgetown, Guyana

Flight: Depart: Lethem 00:00

Arrive: Georgetown 00:00

Arrangements: Karanambu Lodge

Transfer in Georgetown (Transfer) - Private

Accommodation: Cara Lodge (First) - Executive Room Double

Meal Plan: **Breakfast & Lunch**

This morning, choose from a boat trip onto the river or nearby ponds, trail walks from the lodge or Land Rover trip out into the savannah or to explore a bush island. Return to the lodge for lunch before departure. Then, it is time to say goodbye to your local guide and hosts.

Transfer by road from Karanambu to Lethem airstrip (approximately 2 hours) for your flight back to Georgetown.







On arrival to Georgetown we will be transferred back to Cara Lodge where your luggage will be waiting.

Day 9 Saturday, 12 September 2026 Georgetown, Guyana

Arrangements: Mahaica River Tour (Half day tour) - Private

The Singing Chef - Eon John (Meals) - Private

Accommodation: Cara Lodge (First) - Executive Room Double

Meal Plan: Breakfast & Dinner

Embark on an enchanting Mahaica River tour, starting with a very early morning departure from the hotel. Journey eastward along the picturesque Atlantic coast, immersing yourself in the natural beauty. Explore the Mahaica River, a well-preserved region renowned for its diverse birdlife, including the majestic Hoatzin, Guyana's national bird. After an exhilarating birding experience, visit the home of a local boatman, where you will indulge in a delightful breakfast filled with authentic local flavours. After the tour we return to Georgetown where you will have the afternoon free to rest and relax.









Later this evening, pick up at your hotel and transfer to a local restaurant.

Guyana has a plethora of incredible foods, from grass-fed cows, delicious fresh fish, succulent prawns, wonderful-tasting chicken, and gorgeous fresh fruits and vegetables. Now combine all that with a trained international Guyanese chef bringing together an updated form of classical Guyanese cuisine served in his home's delightful garden setting. Lit by the moon, stars, and candlelight, you will be in for an unforgettable feast. Eon John will be cooking right in front of you, so it's a very personal experience.

We start with a delicious rum cocktail (or mocktail) and relax. The ingredients come together using ingredients that have been personally sourced to give you a highlight of your dining experience in Guyana. Chef Eon John, the Singing Chef, will serenade you under the stars as you finish your meal.

Eon John was born in Guyana and moved to the United States as a boy. His mother, Yvonne John, was a celebrity chef in the US with successful restaurants and wrote two cookery books featuring Guyanese Cuisine. Eon initially worked as a professional musician, a career he still enjoys. His passion, however, has always been food, and his culinary career spans working in Germany, France, Spain, and the UK, which landed him a recent cookery show pilot for the BBC Saturday Kitchen Show.

Day 10 Sunday, 13 September 2026 Paramaribo, Suriname

Flight: Depart: Georgetown 00:00 TBC

Arrive: Paramaribo 00:00 Suriname Airlines - Economy

Arrangements: Transfer out Georgetown (Transfer) - Private

Transfer in Paramaribo (Transfer) - Private Paramaribo City Tour (Half day tour) - Private

Accommodation: Torarica Resort (Tourist Superior) - Standard Double

Meal Plan: Breakfast

Transfer to Eugene Correa Airport for Suriname Airlines flight to Paramaribo. Flight time is only about 40 minutes.

On arrival in Paramaribo you will be met and taken for a tour of the downtown area.

Paramaribo, the capital city of Suriname, has been recognised as a UNESCO World Heritage site since 2002. During this afternoon's guided tour you will explore many of the city's most important historical monuments and have a chance to appreciate the city's unique architecture. Your guide will explain the significance of the former 'Fort Zeelandia', the Presidential Palace, the Independence Square and many other sights. Stroll along the Waterkant (waterfront) which follows the Suriname River and then through the tropical Palm Gardens, before seeing the famous Keizerstraat Mosque, located right next door to the Neveh Shalom Synagogue and one of the most prominent examples of the 'melting pot' nature of Suriname culture.

After the tour you will transfer to your hotel for check in. Evening at leisure.









Torarica Resort is the ideal hotel to discover Paramaribo. It is a true paradise in the heart of the entertainment center of Paramaribo. There is also no lack of culture in the area. In just a 10 minutes walk you can walk to the historic Waterfront and the center of Paramaribo, both UNESCO World Heritage sites. At Torarica Resort you stay in modern rooms that offer peace and quiet amidst all the entertainment. From a culinary point of view, our hotel is also a great place to stay. Because when you think of Suriname, naturally the first thing that comes to mind is the delicious Surinamese food the country is famous for. So get ready to be spoiled with tasty dishes in our cozy restaurant. Or take a seat on the cozy poolside terrace and relax in the lavishly decorated lounge and bar. You can also relax at our iconic round swimming pool, the Cabanas and Clubhouse "the Pier".







Day 11 Monday, 14 September 2026

Upper Suriname River, Suriname

Arrangements: Danpaati River Lodge

Accommodation: Danpaati River Lodge (Lodge) - Standard Double

Meal Plan: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Depart Paramaribo city this morning and travel south towards where our nature and cultural adventure awaits us. At Paranam the road continues, and gradually the impressive giant trees of the forest and maroon villages appear. After travelling a distance of approximately 190 km (3 hours drive) you arrive at the village of Atjoni. Atjoni gives you a special feeling where your luxury life ends and embellishes into a life fill with adventure and excitement.

At the port of Atjoni join a dugout canoe, where our skilled personnel will navigate their way up the Upper Suriname River, which is famous for its breathtaking rapids. On arrival you will be greeted by lodge staff and shown to your cabin. Lunch is served on arrival with time in the afternoon to rest.







The Danpaati River Lodge is an exceptionally remote and tranquil oasis in the heart of the rain forest, and welcomes adventurous visitors in search of an escape from modern stresses and distractions. The lodge features a welcoming and breezy lounge facing the river, a pool surrounded by a hardwood deck, and easy access to one of the few portions of the Suriname River where it is safe to swim. Accommodations are in basic A-frame style cabins with private facilties. Amenties include an early morning coffee service on your verandah, and unbeatable views across the river and into the thick, surrounding rainforest.









Day 12 Tuesday, 15 September 2026

Upper Suriname River, Suriname

Arrangements: Danpaati River Lodge

Accommodation: Danpaati River Lodge (Lodge) - Standard Double

Meal Plan: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Today we will visit one of the 12 villages that are affiliated with Danpaati. In the afternoon, we will discover the secrets of the rainforest during our walk in the woods. Afterwards you could choose to enjoy a massage, a combination of traditional and Western techniques. Possibilities to explore the surrounding area are available; fishing or taking the dugout canoe around the island. Our day comes to an end with an exciting cruise on the river, looking for alligators lying on the river banks.







Day 13 Wednesday, 16 September 2026

Cayenne, French Guiana

Flight: Depart: Danpaati River Lodge

09:00 TBC

09:45

Arrive: Paramaribo

Charter Flight (Booked by agent)

Arrangements: Danpaati River Lodge

Transfer Suriname to French Guiana (Transfer) - Private

Accommodation: Mercure Royal Amazonia (First) - Standard Double

Meal Plan: Breakfast & Lunch

After breakfast we will say farewell to our Danpaati hosts and take a canoe downriver a short distance to Botopasi village and airstrip. From here we will take a charter flight back to Paramaribo, arriving at Zorg-en-Hoop airport.

On arrival we will be met by a private van and travel about 150km east to Albina and the border with French Guiana. After completing exit paperwork for Suriname we will board a long boat to cross the Maroni River and on the other side you will find yourself in the European Union!

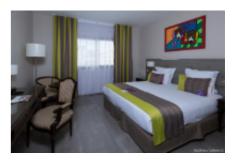
We will stop for lunch and then continue another 250km (3 hours) by road to Cayenne, the capital.



Welcome to the Mercure Cayenne Royal Amazonia Located in French Guyana and close to all the amenities, the hotel offers an impeccable four-star service. It will charm you with its subtle blend of modern decor and high-end facilities, an elegant atmosphere with a hint of oriental style. It has 134 rooms including 18 Executive suites and 9 accessible rooms for guests with reduced mobility. You can relax in our well-being area, the perfect place to unwind: two Jacuzzis, a steam room, beauty salon, fitness room and a swimming pool. Everything comes together to help you de-stress. Our two restaurants, the Brasserie Royale and the Royal Sushi Bar will satisfy any food lover: from French food to Creole flavours or Japanese with a twist? Your taste buds will be delighted. Your can also have a drink at the poolside bar under a traditional Guyanese wooden hut.







Day 14 Thursday, 17 September 2026

Cayenne, French Guiana

Arrangements: City Tour Cayenne (Half day tour) - Private

Accommodation: Mercure Royal Amazonia (First) - Standard Double

Meal Plan: Breakfast

Enjoy a tour of Cayenne, French Guiana's capital, administrative and commercial center. At the same time, it is a typical Creole town with about 50,000 inhabitants, half of the country's entire population. The Fort Cépérou, the Place Léopold Heder, the hotel of the Jésuites, the Place de Grenoble, the Place des Palmistes, the colonial hospital, the Franconie Museum, the town hall, and the city centre are the gems of Cayenne.

The afternoon is at leisure for you to relax and explore at your own pace.







Day 15 Friday, 18 September 2026

Kourou, French Guiana

Arrangements: Transfer out Cayenne (Transfer) - Private

Guyana Space Centre (Tour)
Transfer Space Centre to Hotel

Accommodation: Atlantis Hotel (First) - Standard Double

Meal Plan: Breakfast & Lunch



After breakfast this morning we will transfer by road to Kourou (approximately 2 hours).

On arrival we will make our way to the Center Spatiale Guyanaise (Guyana Space Center) for a tour. Launch schedules are a closely-held secret so our schedule today may be amended on short notice. The usual tour includes a motor coach tour which criss-crosses the centre's mammoth facility, including stops at various assembly buildings and control centres. The entire tour is offered in French, but your guide will supply translations as often as possible.

After the tour we will have lunch at a local restaurant and then transfer to the hotel with the afternoon and evening at leisure.







Hotel Atlantis is a modern business hotel on the edge of Bois Devil Lake with air-conditioned rooms, telephone, WiFi, satellite television and refrigerator. The spacious open lobby includes a patio overlooking the pool, lake and tennis courts. The trendy restaurant offers French and Creole cuisine and has an excellent selection of wines.







Day 16 Saturday, 19 September 2026

Kourou, French Guiana

Arrangements: Devil's Island (Full day tour) - Private

Accommodation: Atlantis Hotel (First) - Standard Double

Meal Plan: Breakfast & Lunch

Transfer to the dock in Kourour this morning to take the boat to Devil's Island, which is really a triangle of three islands - Îles du Salut, or the Salvation Islands - seven miles off the coast of Kourou. After breakfast at the hotel, set sail aboard a fine motorised catamaran towards the first stop, Île Saint-Joseph. The islands played a central role in French history as far back as 1792 when they were first employed as a transit point, first for explorers, then slaves and later for political prisoners.



Île Saint-Joseph is the southernmost island and is home to the most striking incarceration facilities that made up this notorious penal colony. Île Royale is the site of the oldest buildings on the islands, featuring an old church, administration buildings, officers' quarters, and today, a good restaurant and lodging facilities. Ironically, the actual Île du Diable (Devil's Island) is inaccessible to visitors due to dangerous shoreline conditions. This is the island where the prison's best-known occupant, Alfred Dreyfus, was famously secluded.

Your tour begins on Île St. Joseph which can be easily circumnavigated on foot in less than 2 hours. The prison buildings here are quite well preserved, and you can meander at will through the cell blocks, dormitory buildings, and other structures while taking photographs or simply soaking in the powerful ambience. The countless scenes of nature slowly but relentlessly reclaiming the land here are really quite remarkable... you'll lose count of how many tree roots you see growing out of one cell door and curving around to enter an adjacent cell. If your walking tour wraps up early, there are plenty of shady trees under which you can catch a cool breeze, or you can dip your toe in one of the shallow tidepools on the north side of the island. Return to Kourou by catamaran and transfer back to our hotel.







Day 17 Sunday, 20 September 2026

Paramaribo, Suriname

Arrangements: Transfer French Guiana to Paramaribo (Transfer) - Private

Gastronomy Experience Torarica (Meals)

Accommodation: Torarica Resort (Tourist Superior) - Standard Double

Meal Plan: Breakfast & Dinner

This morning we retrace our steps and transfer to St. Laurent du Maroni, where we will pay a brief visit to the well-preserved Transportation Centre. The facility once served as the Arrival station where convicts were processed to the various penal colonies in French Guiana.

Starting in the mid -18th century the majority of convicts were transported to French Guiana and served their various convictions. They then had to spend the same amount of time here as their sentence before gaining their freedom. This was a way to try to populate the colony. One of the most famous inmates was Papillion whose initials are carved in one of the cells.

After the tour we will board a vessel and cross to Albina. Here we will be met by the Suriname driver and continue to our Paramaribo hotel. Afternoon to rest and relax by the pool.

This evening we will be treated to an extraordinary gastronomy experience at the Torarica Resort - an experience made even more special by the contrast with the rustic nature of the rest of your tour.

The chef will introduce you to some of Suriname's most important produce, flavours and dishes and show you their interesting and modern take on some of the staples. Each course is matched to delicious international wines. Make sure you arrive hungry as there are several courses involved in this fabulous degustation!



Day 18 Monday, 21 September 2026 Paramaribo, Suriname

Arrangements: Commewijne Plantation Tour (Tour) - Private

Accommodation: Torarica Resort (Tourist Superior) - Standard Double

Meal Plan: Breakfast & Lunch

Today we head to the Commewijne district which is situated to the east of Paramaribo across the Suriname River. The tour takes us along the former colonial plantations, most of which are now abandoned. We make a stop at plantation Peperpot where the old coffee and cocoa factory, deputy-director's house and the old office are located. This former plantation is one of the oldest plantations in Surinamese history. Peperpot was established by the English and already existed before Suriname was conquered by the natives from Zeeland under command of Abraham Crijnssen in 1667. This is one of the last plantations still in its former original state. On the plantation you can still see coffee and cocoa plants as well as an ancient shed and factory, the manager's residence and a kampong (workers' living area). Peperpot is renowned for the many birds which can be spotted.

From Peperpot, we make a stop at the mini-museum of Marienburg, a former sugar plantation before enjoying a delicious lunch in a typical Javanese restaurant (warung) in Tamanredjo. We then continue to the confluence of the Commewijne and Suriname Rivers at Nieuw Amsterdam. Here we will a visit the outdoor museum Fort Nieuw Amsterdam. The large fortress was built as a defence for the crop fields that were situated along the upper parts of both rivers. Return to Paramaribo and your hotel at the end of today's tour.

Day 19 Tuesday, 22 September 2026 Paramaribo, Suriname

Arrangements: Transfer out Paramaribo (Transfer) - Private

Accommodation: -

Meal Plan: Breakfast

Transfer to the airport for your onward flight.

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Next steps to secure your holiday

Complete Booking Application: To confirm your interest, please submit a booking application and your passport copies. We reserve the right to review each application.

Payment Due: Within 7 days of submitting your application, a service fee and deposit will be required to secure your reservation. This guarantees your spot on the trip.

Confirmation: Once we receive your payment, you'll receive a confirmation email confirming your booking.

Timely Payment: Please note that late payments may result in the cancellation of your reservation and potential rebooking fees.

Special Cases: For certain bookings, additional procedures or conditions may apply. We'll notify you if these apply to your chosen trip.

Important Booking Information

Itinerary Changes: While we strive to provide accurate itineraries, please be aware that changes may occur without prior notice.

Departure Taxes: We aim to provide current departure tax information, but these can fluctuate.

Quote Validity: Quotes are generally valid for 7 days. Please request a re-quote after that timeframe.

Booking Confirmation: Prices are subject to availability at the time of booking. Confirmation secures your reservation.

Currency Fluctuations: Our quotes are based on competitive exchange rates. However, significant declines in the Australian dollar may require adjustments to your invoice. We recommend factoring in potential currency fluctuations while budgeting.

Airfare Changes: Airfares, fuel surcharges, and taxes are subject to change by airlines without notice. Once tickets are issued, change penalties may apply. For flights not held by Contours Travel, please inform us promptly of any schedule changes.

Travel Insurance: Travel insurance for the entire trip duration is mandatory. If not purchased through Contours Travel, please provide your insurance details before departure.

