

Amazon Save Haven

Are you ready to travel to one of the remotes places left in this world? Are you ready to travel deep in to the savannas' and jungle of Guyana? This is the amazing chance to help local Amerindian communities to protect the jungle, it's wildlife and their way of life as they have lived for many thousands of years

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Work together with local Amerindian tribes to work on a sustainable environmental friendly tourism projects to give the jungle a sustainable value to keep out the loggers and preserve the jungle, the wildlife and Amerindians way of life.

14 days From
CA\$ 1700
exl. Flights



Location: Guyana (Amazon)
Language: English
Continent: South America
Type: Environmental
Duration: 2, 4 or 8 weeks
Room & Board: Included



This is why:

- Venture in to the amazing jungle and savannas of South America
- Sleep in hammocks in the jungle and wake up to serenade of awaking wildlife
- Volunteer with local Amerindians to work on sustainable eco-tourism and protect their way of life
- Get trained and practice the arts of jungle survival skills
- Help to save the Amazon rainforest and protect its wildlife



General Facts:

Key Start Dates	2 weeks: September 3 rd 2011, 29 th of October 2011 4 weeks: September 24 th 2011, November 12 th 2011 8 weeks: January 7 th 2011
Duration	14 days 28 days 56 days
Average Work hours	8 hours per day, 6 days on 1 day off
Accommodation	Included
Housing Type	If staying overnight in Georgetown shared rooms, while in the jungle your own private hammock!
Meals	During your stay in Georgetown Meals are not included, while in the jungle food will be included.
Group size	2-4 weeks: 20 volunteers, 1 medic, 1 coordinator and 1 expedition leader 8 weeks: 20 volunteers, 2 medics, 1 coordinator and 2 expedition leaders
Internet Access	Only in Georgetown
Who are we looking for?	Adventurer's individuals who have an interest in the outdoors and who do not mind to get wet and dirty while working for a good cause.

Package inclusions:

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Placement	Amazon Save Haven
Accommodation	If staying overnight in Georgetown shared rooms, while in the jungle and savanna your own private hammock!
Meals	During your stay in Georgetown Meals are not included, while being in the jungle food will be included.
Volunteer station pick up & drop off	An employee of the project will pick you up from the airport in Georgetown and will bring you to your accommodation. At the end of your stay you will be brought to the airport.
Transfers	From Georgetown you will be transfer to the jungle where you will start your initial training. Transfer will be by bus, 4X4 and canoe. by bus to Lethem and from Lethem to the ranch in a 4 X 4 vehicle. At the end of your experience you will transfer back from the jungle to Georgetown
Ongoing service	If there are any problems with your volunteer project both INTERNeX and your host organization are always there to help.
24/7 Emergency contact/helpline	If there are any problems during you stay in Guyana you can reach us 24/7 and our in country coordinator to assist you.

Package Price:

14 days:	1700 CA\$
28 days:	2200 CA\$
56 days:	3200 CA\$

What's not included?

Flights, Insurance

The volunteer experience

This great experience will take you to the jungles of Amazonia, sat upon some of the oldest geological formations in the world. This is where Sir Walter Raleigh searched for El Dorado, and Sir Arthur Conan Doyle dreamt up the stories of "The Lost World." It is some of the most pristine and untouched primary jungle in the world and it's under siege! Loggers can't wait to cut down it's precious tropical hardwood while miners can't wait to cut down the forest to mine underneath it for diamonds and other precious materials. you will learn how to survive from just what is. However with the jungle all its wildlife and the way of life of the Amerindians as they have lived for thousands of years will be lost! They need your help to prevent this and save this haven for wildlife and the local Amerindian tribes!

To make sure the government will keep out the miners and loggers out of the Nappa, Rewa and Iwokrama jungle areas it needs an economic sustainable value through eco-tourism. Why is your help needed for this? In a matter of speech this is a chicken and egg thing, the tourists will not come to the Nappa, Rewa and Iwokrama as there is no infrastructure. The Amerindians on the other do not have the resources to build these infrastructure, with your help we can together build this infrastructure so that in the near future eco-tourism will find it's way to give this much need financial and economic value to the jungle which will prevent it from being cut down and with that preserves it's abundant wildlife and the way of life of the local Amerindian tribes.

During the volunteer experience while in the jungle and savannas' you will sleep in hammocks and share this great experience with local Amerindians. We concentrate on things that work, not that look fancy. This is the real stuff! Are you ready for and adventure learn about exotic cultures and spot a variety of different wildlife while saving the Amazon jungle to preserve this last safe haven for wildlife and Amerindians alike?

Task & Duties

For a minimum of 2 weeks you will volunteer to build the infrastructure needed to set up sustainable eco-tourism. The tasks can range from building a ranger station to forest trails, from overnight cabins to pedestrian bridges over little creeks and rivers. Other tasks will involve building tree top hides and viewing platforms for the tourists to spot wildlife. Before hiking trails and animal spotting hides can be constructed, fauna monitoring research needs to be undertaken by the volunteer to determine which places are best for wildlife viewing.

While volunteering and working together with the local Amerindians you have an opportunity to learn more about their amazing culture and way of life. During your stay you will have lot's opportunities to view wildlife and you will get to learn some great survival techniques dating from many thousands of years ago.

Main project tasks you can get involved in:

- Additional accommodation benabs for tourists
- Wildlife and forest trails
- Fauna monitoring programmes
- Overnight cabins in the forest (particularly by Jordan Falls, an amazing waterfall 5 hours from the lodge)
- Dugout canoe building
- Bird / animal spotting hides
- Tree top hides / viewing platforms
- Extra accommodation at the lodge
- Pedestrian bridges over the many creeks

Guyana

With only 750,000 inhabitants and slightly smaller than the United Kingdom, Guyana is one of the most uninhabited countries in the world.

Guyana is on the north-east coast of South America bordered by Venezuela to the west, Brazil to the south, Suriname to the east, and the Atlantic Ocean to the north. Though geographically part of South America, Guyana has a very Caribbean attitude and is closely tied to this region through communication, economic and sport links and is the headquarters of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM). Guyana is the only English-speaking nation in South America.

The region was believed to have been settled around 900 AD by Warrau Indians. Sir Walter Raleigh's voyage in search of the gold of El Dorado and subsequent book in 1595 on the riches of Guyana did much to stimulate interest in the region by Europeans. Over the next few centuries Britain, France and Holland controlled Guyana at different times. The last colonial power was Britain. Guyana attained independence on 26 May 1966 and became a Republic on 23 Feb 1970.

Guyana is a little smaller than Britain, with some 80 per cent of land covered in virginal tropical rainforest. According to Conservation International, this region of the Amazon is home to the largest outstanding and undisturbed rainforest in the world. There are only four such areas remaining on the planet, the others being Papua New Guinea, the Congo and the Central Amazon basin. The other main natural vegetation is savannah grassland, split into two distinct areas; one in the south west of the country, the second in the north east. The main population areas are along the coast, with some 90 per cent of the 750,000 population living there. This harks back to colonial days when the coastal port facilities were widely used for the transportation of goods. The difficulty of movement within the country also had a major impact on this statistic. Guyana is known as the land of many waters, it is criss-crossed with waterways and hundreds of waterfalls. The mouth of the Essequibo river is as wide as the English Channel and Kaieteur Falls is the longest single drop waterfall in the world at 741 feet.

The main population mass is located in the capital city of Georgetown, situated on the Demerara River, where the renowned sugar is made. This is the centre of commerce, government and administration within the country. A few, but important, inland towns and a plethora of Amerindian villages are scattered in the hinterland. The jungle is amazing. There is some logging and mineral mining as in most other rainforest areas, but fortunately Guyana's jungle and savannas' for now have mostly been preserved. This means a vast area, almost untouched by modern man has been left to develop naturally. There is an abundance of wildlife and you probably have as good, if not a better chance of seeing this here than in almost any other rainforest region of the world.

