



Overland Trek to Kaieteur Falls

Duration: 5 days 4 nights

Price: USD\$ 695. per person

Minimum Group Size: 2 persons

Category: Moderate to Hard Adventure

Day 1: Georgetown to Amatuk via Mahdia

An early start to probably the most arduous day, departing Georgetown at 06.00 hrs by vehicle (shared transportation) along the Linden Soesdyke Highway onto the Linden to Brazil Dirt Road will arrive at Peter & Ruth Restaurant, Mabura. After refreshing yourself, we continue to the Essequibo River, Guyana's largest and South America's fourth. Crossing is by barge and continue to the Mining Township of Mahdia, where dreams sometimes become a reality for some of the gold and diamond seekers, locally called "Porknockers". Here, we meet our local guides and continue by 4*4 vehicle for the 5 miles (7.5 kms) of rough terrain onto the Potaro River (Pamela Landing), After loading our stuff into the boat we set off along the wining Potaro River, where most of its water would have cascaded over Kaieteur Falls, making its way into the Mighty Essequibo. After, the seven hours journey by vehicle and one hour by boat, finally, we arrive at Amatuk Falls, a small Gold & Diamond settlement. After a hearty dinner and some tales from the Miners we overnight in our makeshift hammock camp (D)

Day 2: Amatuk Falls to Tukeit via Waratuk

After breakfast, a short trek takes us above Amatuk falls for continuation by boat and trekking (depending on the weather, swollen interlocking rivers etc), first to Waratuk Falls, the Lower Boundary of Kaieteur National Park. Here the boat is portaged above Waratuk and boating/trekking continues to Tukeit, the foot of Kaieteur Mountain, where the Kaieteur Gorge empties into the Potaro, and where the Queens Rest House was once located, now replaced by a spanking new facility. A refreshing swim/bathe, preferably in the River and dinner will send you into bed for a comfortable sleep in the Tukeit Guest House, utilizing hammocks or limited beds (BLD)

Day 3: Tukeit to Kaieteur

After breakfast, the most challenging part of the trip awaits you- "the Oh my God Hike" to Kaieteur Plateau some 1,800 ft (560 meters) above sea level, part of a wider Kaieteur National Park. The Hike, for the most part, is a gradual ascend, and other, a step and tedious climb, which can take between 2-4 hours depending on your fitness level, before being rewarded with the sheer awe of the majestic Kaieteur Falls (World's largest Single Drop Water Falls)- 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; the Kaieteur Guest House offers either hammocks or limited rooms with beds. (BLD)

Day 4: Extra day at Kaieteur Falls

In addition, to spectacular Kaieteur Falls, explore the flora and fauna of this unique Tepui, some of which are endemic; Overnight Kaieteur Guest House (BLD)

Day 5 (Either a Saturday, Sunday, Wednesday or Friday): Kaieteur-Georgetown

Experience the early morning and evening flight of the White-chinned and White-tipped Swifts leaving their habitat (behind the water fall). After lunch, we say goodbye to the Wonder of the World. Usually, departure is mid to late afternoons, depending on weather etc; Upon arrival at Ogle Airport, our vehicle would take you to your hotel or place of stay in Georgetown (BL)

Included are: All entrance fees, tour guide services, transportation, accommodation, meals & light refreshments (except in Georgetown and whilst travelling), airport transfer, domestic flight, hammock and mosquito net.

Not included are; Hard liquor, tips, personal porter and meals in Georgetown and whilst travelling to Mahdia

Suggested Checklist-All may not be Compulsory

Broad rim or peaked sun hat.

Large handkerchief to protect back of neck from sun.

Lightweight, quick dry, light colored long pants and shirts (to minimize mosquito bites at night and sunburn in the day)

Lightweight socks that dry quickly.

Shorts, bathing suit, T-shirts (ideally light color cotton)

Slippers or sandals (for easy on and off around camp, or when boots drying out)

Appropriate boots for hiking.

Poncho

Sunscreen and chap stick

Insect repellent

Medications for specific personal conditions (for allergic reactions, heart conditions, digestive disturbances, malaria prevention etc.)

Calamine lotion or sunburn cream

Sunglasses (ideally with carrying straps)

Small personal first aid kit (aspirins, small bandages, rubbing alcohol, antibiotic cream, diarrhea medication, gauze pads and rolls of tape insect cream)

Plastic water bottle

Backpack

Labeled plastic bags and tiedowns (to protect everything against dirt, rain, submersion)

Personal toiletries (toothbrush, paste, soap, small towel, etc.)

Small flashlight and extra batteries (indispensable if you have to get out of the hammock at night)

Camera, lenses, films, memory card

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