

A TRIP TO THE TUMUC HUMAC MOUNTAINS 10 DAYS OF EXTRAORDINARY ADVENTURE...



Guyane Evasion



YOUR TRIP



DAY 1

Morning flight from Cayenne on Air Guyane (1-hour flight).

Arrival in Maripasoula. Stop to the shops to buy supplies (incl. bottled mineral water).

12.00am – Your pirogue (dugout canoe) casts off from Maripasoula and motors down to the Amerindian village of Antécum Pata. Stops are scheduled en route to visit the Gobayasoula cascades and the Amerindian village of Talwen. Night in Antécum Pata in your hammock.

DAY 2

Breakfast at the village.

Further navigation on pirogue (5 to 6 hours each day).

Stops are scheduled en route to visit 1 or 2 of the last Amerindian villages before you adventure in the uninhabited Amazonian forest begins.

Bivouac night in the forest.

DAY3

Breakfast.

Further navigation on pirogue (5 to 6 hours each day).

Stops scheduled for lunch and to discover Guiana plants and fauna.

Bivouac night in the forest.

DAY 4

Arrival at the foot of Mount Talwakem (ca. 2,362ft high). Forest base camp.

Part of your personal belongings will be stored there in "touks" (airtight plastic barrels).

Time to prepare your rucksack (ideally waterproof) with your survival kit for the next 3 to 4 days to be spent on the mountain slopes (hammock, blanket, food tins, individual tarpaulin, etc.).

Climbing Mount Talwaken begins: 1 hour of trekking on level ground but across a number of creeks and mudflats; then 5 hours of real climbing to reach to the top—with plenty of obstacles (difficulty rate: 4/5). This climbing requires to be in good physical condition.

Top to be reached in the late afternoon.

Bivouac night on Mount Talwaken.

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DAY5

Group breakfast.

Free time on Mount Talwaken. Your guide may take you to a beautiful little cascade (ca. 30 minutes of walking). He will also tell you about the legends surrounding the mythical mountains all around.

2nd bivouac night on Mount Talwaken.

DAY 6

Breakfast on the slopes.

Free day to explore and enjoy the stunning views.

3rd bivouac night on Mount Talwaken.

DAY 7

Breakfast on the slopes.

Downward return trek (5 hours of hiking).

Late afternoon arrival at the forest base camp.

Bivouac night at the base camp.

DAY8

Breakfast.

Return pirogue trip (5 to 6 hours of navigation).

Bivouac night in the forest.

DAY9

Breakfast.

Return pirogue trip (5 to 6 hours of navigation).

Bivouac night in Antécum Pata.

DAY 10

Arrival at Maripasoula.

End of your trip.



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What we supply:

1 pirogue

1 guide + 1 "takariste" (rowing pole pilot)

2 satellite phones

1 60hp engine + 1 15hp backup engine

Ropes and individual tarpaulins for bivouacs

Kitchen kit and foodstuffs (stove, gas bottles and pans + cooking oil, onions, lemons, rice and "couac" (manioc flour) for the whole group)

Life jackets

Trekking boots Ponchos

1 pharmacy kit (level 1-type, incl. gauze swabs and disinfectant)

What you must prepare:

Breakfast supplies for 10 days (incl. powder milk or condensed milk, chocolate, coffee/tea, cereals and sandwich bread)

Mineral water bottles (packs you can buy directly on arrival at Maripasoula)

Water purification tablets

Hammocks (ideally made of parachute silk, lightweight and resilient)

1 large "touk" (airtight plastic barrel) to store your belongings

Large rucksack to climb Mount Talwakem

Plastic cutlery, plates, water flask and cup

Food tins for 4 days (ideally small tins)

Own pharmacy kit (incl. Paracetamol®, mosquito repellent, disinfectant and diarrhea tablets)

Toiletry bag (soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, wipes, towel, etc.)

Clothing made of synthetic material for fast drying (incl. swimming trunks/swimsuit)

Note: full-length garments are required against the night cold

Cash for personal expenses (e.g. bottled mineral water or the Maripasoula airport-tolanding stage transport fares: €5 per person)



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PRICES

STANDARD TRIP FOR 10 DAYS	PER PERSON
Roundtrip flight ticket (Cayenne-Maripasoula-Cayenne)	€177.00
Price per adult for 10 days	€700.00
1 hammock night in Maripasoula (self-catering home)	€12.00
1 hotel night (double bed but without breakfast) in Maripasoula	€45.00



Important:

- In order to recuperate fully, we advise you to spend a night in Maripasoula before flying back to Cayenne at the end of your trip; several hotels (with beds) and self-catering homes (with hammocks) are available and we can book them for you (see above chart for prices);
- Just ask your guide if you can't find where to buy bottles of mineral water (indispensable item!).
- Only 5kg of baggage are allowed in cabin by Air Guyane regulations (max. 10kg (ca. 22lb) in the hold). Extra charges apply above this limit (€2.5 per kilogram in excess—without guaranteed sameday delivery).
- We recommend large-size rucksacks and "touks" (airtight plastic barrels)
- Forest and mountain bivouacs are rough—no toilets or showers throughout your trip.
- Your guides will hunt and fish for meals but you should definitely prepare food tins for your stay on Mount Talwakem (4 days and 3 nights).
- Depending on local weather and water-level variations on the river, the number of nights spent on Mount Talwakem may be changed.
- A minimum number of 6 participants is required for each trip.
- A specific permit for each individual must be delivered by local authorities. Please allow 1 month for processing of your application (which must include a medical certificate of non-contagion).
- Individuals are also required to report their arrival and later safe return at the local Gendarmerie in Maripasoula.

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