

History and Culture Circuit

12 days / 11 nights
CULTURE AND NATURE HISTORY OF FRENCH GUIANA

Your destination:
French Guiana



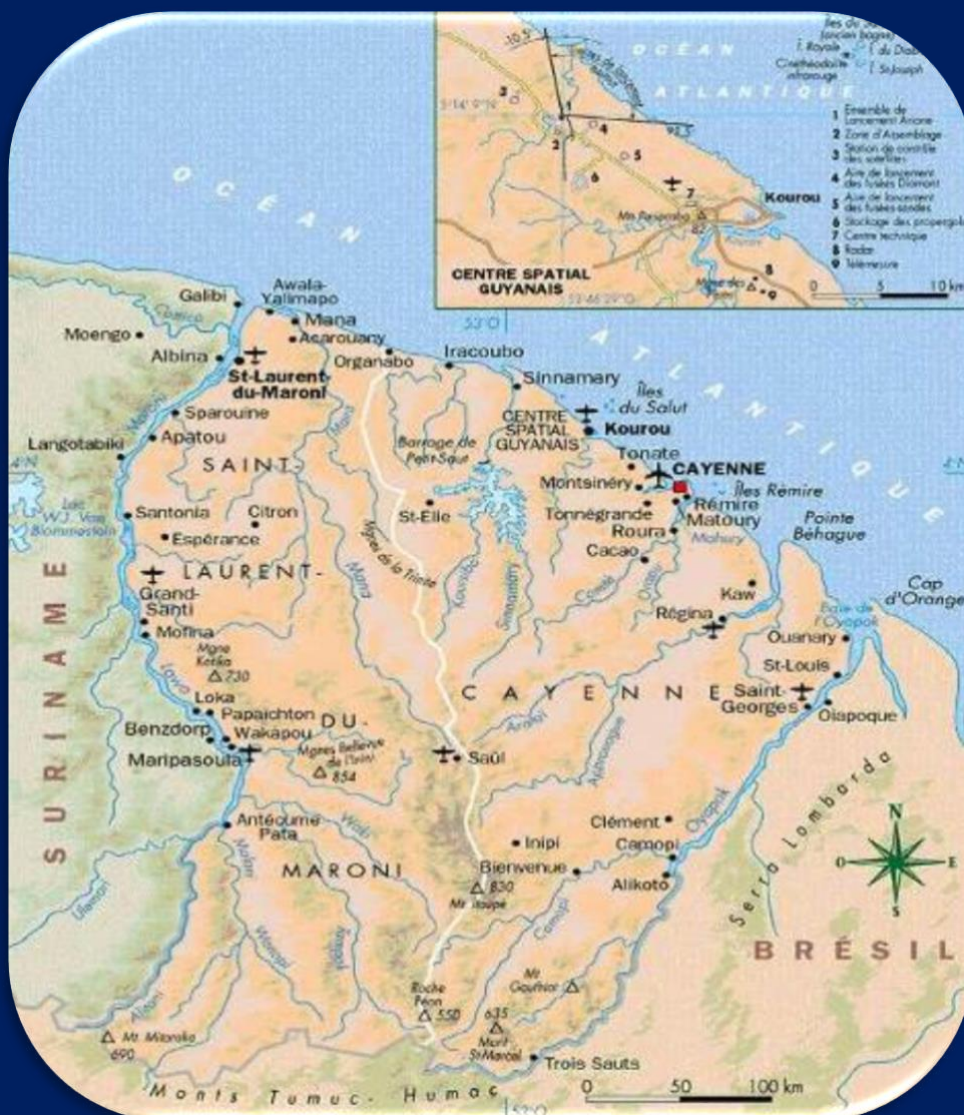
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THE FRENCH GUIANA DESTINATION



French Guiana is nature, more than 80,000 km² of primary forest, but also a coastline with very Beautiful beaches, rivers; protected nature with Europe's largest national park.

A diverse population: Native Americans, Maroons, Creoles, Hmongs, Chinese ...

French Guiana is a crossroads of peoples, their crafts and their gastronomy.

French Guiana is also history with the remains of the prison in St Laurent and the Devil islands, but Also, the legacy of its colonial past.

French Guiana is also the future with Kourou space port of Europe.

Come and discover this unusual country where the spirit of adventure and encounters will be at the rendezvous....

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Your program

DAY 1 ARRIVAL IN CAYENNE



Arrival at the airport of Cayenne.

You will be greeted by an agent of the agency Guyane Evasion who will have a welcome sign with your names on top... it will explain the details of your program, give you your welcome package and will accompany you to your hotel.

Recovering your rental car or private transport to your hotel.

Free dinner and night at your hotel on Cayenne 2 or whatever you want.

DAY 2 CAMP CARIACOU



Breakfast at your hotel and then head to Kourou (1:15 drive).

9.30am: Meet at PK18 Camp des Maripas - Degrad saramaca

After an hour of motorized canoe on the Kourou River arrival at the camp.

In the early afternoon, several activities will be offered, walking, canoeing, swimming.

Meals will be prepared and served by your companions.

Night canoe ride to discover the wildlife at night.

Dinner at the camp and night at the hammock camp (hammocks and mosquito nets are provided).

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DAY 3
CAMP CARIACOU



Breakfast at the camp.
In the morning, canoe ride on the creek.
Lunch at the camp.
In the afternoon, hiking in the forest of about two hours, basket workshop, weaving proposed by your guide. Return to PK 21 in Kourou around 5:30 p.m.
Free dinner and night in a hotel on Kourou - 3

DAY 4
MARONI AND THE TRANSPORTATION CAMP



Breakfast at your hotel and then head to St Laurent du Maroni.
Free lunch
In the afternoon we offer you a tour of the transportation camp.
The prison of the city of Saint Laurent du Maroni is a place full of history and emotion.
Every day of the year, guided tours of the Transportation Camp take visitors back to this era, in the footsteps of convicts, including the famous "Papillon".
free dinner and night in a hotel in St Laurent du Maroni.

DAY 5

ST LAURENT OF MARONI AND THE RIVER POPULATIONS



Breakfast at your hotel.

09:00: Departure pier St Jean du Maroni (15/20 min drive from St Laurent du Maroni), boarding a motorized canoe. visit Portal Island, Biguiston Native American village and its polishers, possibility of stopping in the black-brown villages visit their workshops in progress (construction of canoes, crafts, preparation of the cuckoo, peanuts ...).

11:00 am: Discovery of the ancient Indochinese Forest prison, stop depending on the season, visit the remains of the prison, discover the wildlife.

12:00 Arrival in Apatou visit the village discovery of the capital of art Temb .

13:00 First thrill with the passage of the Hermina Jump and stop for lunch, relaxing swim.

3.30pm return to Saint Jean du Maroni.

Free dinner and night at your hotel on St Laurent du Maroni.

DAY 6

MARONI ST LAURENT - AWALA YALIMAPO VILLAGE OF NATIVE INDIANS - KOUROU



Breakfast at your hotel and then head to Kourou (03:00 drive).

You will make a stop if you wish in the village of Awala Yalimapo, Native indian village and if you come during the nesting period of the leatherback turtles, you can attend this beautiful show on the beach of Awala.

Free lunch then continuation on Kourou

In the afternoon you can stop at the commune of iracoubou, or you will find the oldest church hand-painted by convicts.

Free dinner and night at your hotel on Kourou - 3

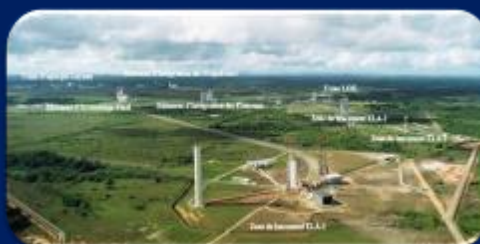
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DAY 7
THE SPACE CENTER



Breakfast at your hotel.

Then en route to Kourou with your rental car or private transfer (1 hour drive).

08:00am: meet in front of the space museum.

Visit the French Guiana space center with tourist bus (visit length 3 hours).

Selected in 1964 from 13 other sites for its particular location, it is today the "Europe's spatial port."

As an integral part of the Guyanese environment, during more than forty years ago, the C.S.G. has been an important step in the discovery of our region. during your visit, you will enter the exciting world of high technology. Under the leadership of experienced guides, you will take your seat at the control center for a presentation followed by a two-hour visit to the various facilities subject to operational constraints.

At the end of the tour, you will discover the Space Museum.

Free lunch on Kourou.

Afternoon free.

Free and night-time dining in a hotel in Kourou.

DAY 8
THE DEVIL'S ISLAND - ON THE TRACES OF THE BAGNE



Breakfast at your hotel. Transfer to Kourou pier by private car or with your rental car.

08:00am: boarding in a catamaran (stop on the Royal Island - St Joseph's Island) and sailing to the Devil's Islands (about 1 hour and a half sailing).

Located 15 km off Kourou, Royal Island, St. Joseph's Island and Devil's Island, forming the Devil's Islands archipelago, were one of the highlights of the penal colony. On the Royale Island, there are still many buildings built by the Prison Administration that bear witness to this prison universe closed in 1946. The hospital is an excellent example of late 19th century architecture; the death row, the church, the cure, the madhouse, the lighthouse, etc. Some of the buildings, especially the caretaker's dwellings, have been restored to the same and serve as rooms for those considering a stay on the island. The old guard mess houses the kitchens and restaurant where you can have lunch with a beautiful view of Devil's Island.

09:30/10:00am: arrival on the Royal Island.

Guided tour of the Royale island (departure at 10:30 a.m. in front of the Auberge des Iles, duration of the visit 2 hours).

The guide will accompany you to the church, the hospital, the children's cemetery, the supervisors' quarter, the museum. He will tell you the story lived by the prisoners on the Devil's Islands.

You can observe in freedom on the island, many agoutis, but also monkeys, macaws, and iguanas ...

There are many paths to walk on the island individually. Swimming possible in the "pool of convicts".

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Lunch at the "Auberge des Iles" restaurant (excluding drinks).

In the afternoon sailing to St Joseph's Island, if you have chosen the Catamaran option. Free time on the island to visit the remains of the convict cells and enjoy the beautiful shell beach.

17:00: return to Kourou and transfer back to your hotel on Cayenne.

Free dinner and night at your hotel on Cayenne.

DAY 09
CACAO AND ITS HMONGS POPULATION



Breakfast at your hotel and then on the way to Cacao (1:30 drive).

The Hmong, these "parias" of Southeast Asia, settled in Guyana in 1977 at the place called CACAO on the Comté downstream of Saut Bief. Challenged at the beginning, the success of their implementation gradually inserted them in French Guiana economy (agricultural production). They are currently one of the components of the French Guiana's multi-ethnic population. You will discover the world of tanned faces, fields, "Roses of Porcelain" mingled with the "Birds of Paradise" and other flowers.

all this in an atmosphere that has lost none of its authenticity from the highlands of the Laos. Every Sunday, come discover the market with a thousand colors and fragrances.

Lunch on Cacao.

In the afternoon drive to the Zoo of French Guiana (45 min drive).

The Zoo of French Guiana is more than 02:30 hours walk where you can discover and enjoy all the activities: a well-developed and educational course (with audio guide in French, American and a tropical greenhouse, a children's playground, a mini-farm, a bar and a local craft shop and souvenirs...

Free dinner and night at your hotel in Cayenne.

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KAW SWAMPS



Breakfast at your hotel.

07:00: departure from your hotel with your rental car or private transfer and then head to Kaw.
(2 hours drive).

09:00: arrival in Kaw and boarding a motorized canoe.

Discover the wildlife and beautiful landscapes of this nature reserve by motorized canoe.

Observation of the wildlife of the savannas. Visit the fishing village of Kaw and the Reserve House.

Tour, by canoe, on the swamps to the Floating Lodge:

you can observe the remarkable avifauna of these swamps: cocois herons, large white egrets, jacanas. Arriving at the Lodge, you can swim fishing and canoe.

Lunch aboard the ecolodge including drinks.

In the afternoon, continue the walk in the swamps. Activities will be offered such as fishing, kayaking.

Dinner aboard the eco Lodge and then discover the swamps at night, in search of the caimans, in the spotlight.

You will be able to observe three species of caimans: the red caiman, the bezel caiman or the black caiman, the largest of the three can measure up to 5 metres! Magical atmosphere.

Night in bed or hammock in a collective space.

DAY 11 **KAW MARAIS - GUYANE ZOO**



Breakfast on the ecolodge

Sailing back to Kaw pier.

Free lunch - visit to the zoo, which features more than 250 species of French Guiana animals

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DAY 12
DEPART



Breakfast at your hotel.
Free morning to make your last purchases and visit the market of Cayenne
(Wednesday - Friday - Saturday morning only).
Free lunch
In the afternoon head to Cayenne airport (30 min drive)

Remarks:

*It should be noted that during confirmation, the order of the program may be changed depending on the availability of providers. If there is a rocket launch during your stay, be aware that visiting the space center is not allowed at J-2 to J+2, the Islands of Salvation are also evacuated on the day of launch. We will change the program order accordingly.
Some excursions require a minimum number of participants to confirm the departure, at worst of the case, of a alternative will be suggested to you.*

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RATES

NUMBER OF PEOPLE	RATE PER PERSON
<i>CIRCUIT BY CAR TOUR (WITH RENTAL CAR)</i>	
Base 1 person (1 single room - Cat A car rental)	1779 €
Base 2 people (1 double room - Cat B car rental)	1230 €
Base 3 people (1 room Triple - Cat B car rental)	1089 €
Base 4 people (2 double bedrooms - Cat I car rental)	1150 €
Base 6 people (3 double bedrooms - Cat D car rental)	1099 €
<i>PRIVATE CAR CIRCUIT WITH DRIVER ON REQUEST</i>	

This rate includes:

Your Accommodation

- 4 nights hotel 2Cayenne with breakfast.
- 3 nights hotel 3Kourou with breakfast.
- 2 nights hotel 3'S St Laurent du Maroni with breakfast.
- 1 night hammock at Camp Cariacou in hammock and full board.
- 1 night in hammock or bed (collective space) on the Kaw Marshes aboard the ecolodge

Land Benefits

- 13 days of vehicle rental or private transfer depending on the option chosen
- walk on the Kaw Marshes in full board 24 hours.
- Admission to the French Guiana Zoo
- visit the space centre and the space museum.
- Catamaran crossing to the Salvation Islands on 1 day
- guided tour of the islands of salvation
- canoe ride on the St Laurent River with lunch
- guided tour of the Maroni St Laurent Transport Camp.
- 2-day excursion to Camp Cariacou in full board
- Full travel diary including all the tourist documentation of your tour.

This rate does not include:

- the plane tickets arriving and departing from Cayenne.
- fuel for rental car
- personal expenses
- meals not mentioned in the program

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USEFUL INFORMATIONS

Entry formalities

For The French, an Identity Card is sufficient. For EEC nationals, a visa-free passport and a return ticket are required. For non-EEC nationals, you will be asked for the same terms and conditions as for entry into metropolitan France.

More information on the formalities of entry on the **website of the Prefecture of Guyana**.

Health

Vaccination certificate against yellow fever mandatory.

Time difference

France: - 5 hours in summer / - 4 hours in winter French Canada: -1 hour in summer / -2 hours in winter Guadeloupe, Martinique: -1 hour

Currency

The Euro is used throughout the department. National and international credit cards as well as chequebooks from French banks are accepted in French Guiana.

Language

French is spoken fluently by all coastal populations and English is properly understood.

Phone

From France and Overseas: 0594 - 6 digits From abroad: 00 594 - 6 digits.

Useful Info

Electric current: 220 v Eau: tap water is safe to drink all along the coast Commercial hours: stores usually open Monday to Saturday from 8am to 1pm and 4pm to 7pm. Grocery stores and supermarkets stay open late at night (8:30 p.m.) and Sundays from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Public holidays: they are identical to those of metropolitan France, in addition to those specific to Guyana: Ash Wednesday in February or March and June 10 (abolition of slavery).

Seasons

There are 2 seasons in Guyana: - **the rainy season**

(January to February and from April to the end of June) between 25 and 29 degrees - **the dry season**

(March and July to mid-December) between 30 and 35 degrees

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