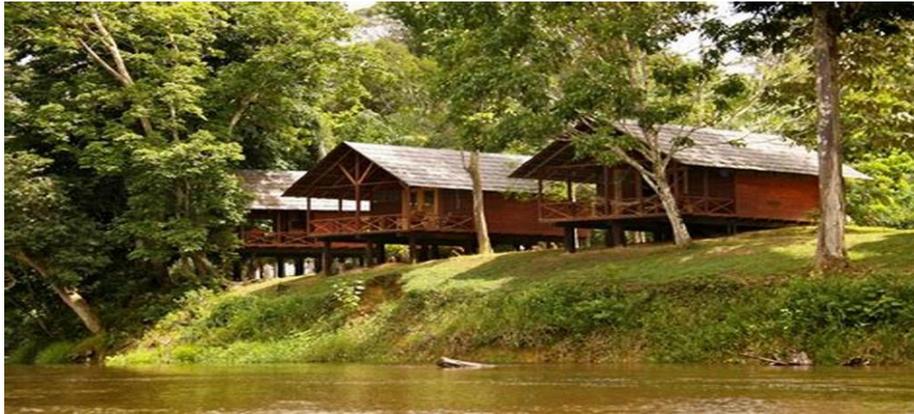


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Tourdescription:

4 days/ 3 nights

Day 01: Paramaribo - Awaradam

Your departure from local airport Zorg & Hoop in Paramaribo to the airstrip at Kajana, approximately 55 minutes by small airplane, south of Paramaribo. Upon arrival, our lodge

staff guide you to the dug-out canoe, ready to take you further on the Gran Rio River to your holiday destination. The trip to jungle lodge Awarradam on an island at the foot of the Awarradam rapids, takes about 30 minutes. After check-in and meet and greet with our staff, lunch is served at the lodge. In the afternoon, you have the opportunity to explore the surroundings and relax in the rapids. You will not miss out on the various eco aspects at our lodge. Our local staff of friendly Maroons originate from the Saramaccan tribe and the jungle lodge is built in traditional style. The cool evenings make air-conditioning or use of a fan redundant but you will indeed enjoy the comfort of a mosquito net. Solar energy is used for atmospheric lighting at night and all meals are prepared on wood fire, primarily with Surinamese ingredients. In the afternoon, we visit the beautiful "Peti" rapid, a few minutes by boat from the lodge. Here you can enjoy a refreshing, natural water massage and at departure, float back to the jungle lodge with your life vests on. On your first night at the lodge, you get more information about this unique area where the Maroons managed to maintain their ancient old West African traditions.

Day 2:

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After breakfast, we take you on an informative and adventurous jungle walk. Whilst you enjoy the surroundings in the pristine tropical rainforest, the guide shares interesting information about the trees and plants and how you can recognize animals based on their sounds and tracks. After the walk in the jungle, we visit the Peti rapids where we enjoy a pick-nick lunch. We stay here for the remainder of the afternoon, while you can relax in the river or enjoy the beautiful view on the rapid, from your hammock. After dinner, the guide shares more

information about the unique flora and fauna of the Amazon rainforest.

Day 3

After breakfast, we visit the local community where you will learn more about the local culture. During the trip on the river, a half hour downstream, you will experience the daily activities on the river, the life line of the local people. Underway, you see people fishing, washing clothes and dishes. In between the inhabited areas, you can enjoy nature and with a bit of luck you will even see a caiman lying on the river banks. From the pier, we go for an extended walk past various villages. Along the way, you will get a good impression of the daily life in a Maroon village. At sunset, we return to the jungle lodge Awarradam by dug-out canoe where lunch is served. The remainder of the afternoon till dinner, you have the opportunity to explore the lodge and the rapid nearby or get yourself pampered in the traditional Jungle Spa on the island.

After dinner, our guide takes you on a trip on the river to enjoy the jungle sounds at night.

Day 4

In the early morning, at dawn, we float downstream a while on the river with the boat, with the engine off, so we can enjoy the awakening of the jungle in all peace and quiet. This is also an excellent moment to see especially birds. After breakfast, you have the opportunity to enjoy some more swimming or just relax in all peacefulness while you enjoy the jungle sounds. Before your departure, our staff greets you farewell in the traditional manner. A dug-out canoe takes you back to Kajana. From there, return flight to Paramaribo.

Variant: 5 days / 4 nights (monday – Friday)

Day 4

This day is kept free for your own activities. If you go for a walk in the forest, right before breakfast, you have a good chance to spot several animals such as monkeys, birds and tropical frogs. You can also ask the guide to share more information about the medicinal plants in the tropical rainforest. And, of course, there is always your hammock luring you to enjoy the beauty and sounds of the jungle, in all peacefulness, while you can also read a book or just take a nap.

Day 5:

Early morning, at dawn, we float downstream a while on the river with the boat, while you can enjoy the awakening of the jungle in all peace and quiet.

After breakfast, you have the opportunity to relax again in the river or just enjoy the sounds of the jungle. Before your departure, our staff says goodbye in the traditional manner. A dug-out canoe takes you back to Kajana. From there, return flight back to Paramaribo.

Included in the tour

- Transportation by airplane
- Meals and juice (served during meals)
- Trips as included in the standard program
- Professionally trained Dutch or English speaking tour guide
- Overnight stay in the lodges

Not included in the tour :

- Alcoholic drinks and soft drinks available at the bar
- Purchase of souvenirs, extra activities and jungle spa treatment
- Tour activities that are not included in the standard tour program
- Transport to and from airport Zorg & Hoop (unless this is included in your booking)

- Accident and cancellation insurance

What to take with you

- Toiletries
- In the rainy season, a raincoat
- Water shoes and swimwear
- Flashlight
- Sunscreen lotion/ oils
- Mosquito repellent
- A hat against the sun (cap / hat)
- Long pants and shirt with long sleeves to protect from sunburn
- Photographic, film and/or video equipment and charger
- Light clothing
- Bath towel for swimming

***Note: De tour starts and ends at the the Local Airport "Zorg en Hoop".*

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