

# Gran Rio Expedition



*An expedition to the pristine Amazon rainforest above the Gran Rio River is a real experience for nature lovers who dare to challenge! The tour starts with an hour's flight to Jungle Lodge Awarradam, which offers you a wonderful view over the pristine tropical rainforest of Suriname.*

*During the trip by canoe from Jungle Lodge Awarradam to the base camp you will pass numerous spectacular rapids. The beautiful and rugged jungle tours are highly rewarded with a breathtaking panorama of the Amazon rainforest. During this tour, far away from the inhabited world, you will be able to fully enjoy the overwhelming flora and fauna. The Gran Rio Jungle expedition is a real must for adventurers and nature lovers!*

## Location:

The Gran Rio pronounced "go-lio " and free to translate with large river, is a river that rises in the Surinamese inland, in the district Sipaliwini. The river flows into Djumu where it merges with the Pikin Rio and flows further as Suriname River.

## Tourdescription:

*Note: Departs on Mondays and Fridays*

### Day 01:

Our Jungle adventure begins at the airport care and hope, where we check in for a flight of about one hour to Kajana runway on the river Gran Rio. After arrival we make a half-hour trip by canoe to Awarradam Jungle Lodge. Here the food supplies and our local guides will be on board and the trip will be continued on the Gran Rio River. A beautiful boat trip of almost 3 hours upstream takes us to the wonderfully located base camp where we will spend three nights and sleep in hammocks. After we have established ourselves, we explore the surroundings while the cook ready our supper. After the meal we discuss our route for the next day, our first trip to the pristine Amazon rainforest.

### Day 2:

A 4 km long path (way there) through the primary forest brings us to our destination for today, the Logosokun, Saramaccan for Turtle Hill. Three hills along the road make the walk a real challenge. The final destination is at an altitude of 310 meters and offers a beautiful view of the jungle beneath it and named after the turtle found in the area in the discovery of

this place. In the afternoon we return to our base camp where we can fully enjoy the refreshing waters of the river with its rapids. Our local guides will gladly take you on the river to catch your fish in a traditional way.

### Day 3

On this day, we can choose from various activities. Gangasa-sitonu is a beautiful, overhanging, large stone somewhere in the midst of the jungle. The walk to reach this rock is not very far (2.5 km), so that there is sufficient time to pay close attention to the local flora and fauna. A walk about as far as to Logosokun (4.1 km), our destination yesterday, lies Folokun, Saramaccan for flower hill. This hill offers a somewhat lower viewpoint but the area a little further on, is more extensive so that you can walk around. It's also possible to stay at the base camp, enjoying the rapids or go fishing. Jointly, we decide which destination we will choose. At sundown, we drift off with the dugout canoe. This is the right time of the day to spot animals. If the weather permits, we will make a camp fire and listen to tales from our guides who will eagerly tell you about the importance of this area for the Saramaccans, since centuries.

### Day 4

After a late breakfast, we make preparations for our boat trip back to Awarradam where we will spend the last night. Along the way, we drift off with the dugout canoe while we can fully enjoy the flora and fauna of the untouched forest. Late afternoon, we arrive at Awarradam Jungle Lodge where we will spend the night in traditionally built cabins. After an enervating trek, a visit to the local Jungle Spa is highly recommended, after which a wellstocked bar and our bed will definitely feel as a luxury!

### Day 5

At Awarradam, after breakfast, you have the opportunity to relax in the rapid and explore the

island. We say goodbye to our local friends before we depart towards Kajana airstrip for our return flight to Paramaribo.

### Included in the tour

- Transport by plane
- Meals and juice (served during meals)
- Travel as included in the standard program
- Professionally trained Dutch or English speaking 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 not included in the standard tour programme
- Transportation to and from Airport Care & Hope (unless this is included in your booking)
- Accident and cancellation insurance

### What to take with you during the tour

- Flashlight with spare batteries
- A headpiece (cap/hat)
- long trousers and long sleeve shirts against burning and evening against mosquitoes
- Sufficient film and/or video equipment-
- Batteries
- Airy Clothing
- Bath Towels
- Swimwear
- Rain jacket or poncho or umbrella
- Sneakers and water shoes
- Insect Repellent
- Sunscreen Oil
- Flashlight and spare batteries
- Personal Stuff
- Surinamese money for buying souvenirs and your possible calculation

**Time schedule:**

*De time schedule is indicated in days*

Day	Activity
1	PBM – Awarradam - Basiskamp
2	Logosokun
3	Trip to Gangasa – Sitonu
4	Back to Awarradam
5	Flight Awaradam - PBM

*\*\*Note: The tour starts and ends from Zorg & Hoop Airport.*

*Subject to changes*