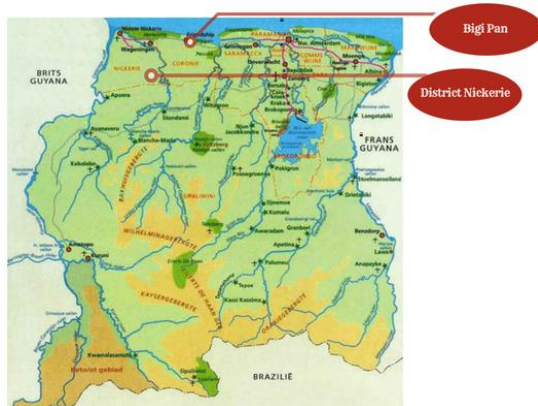


Bigi Pan Swamp and Birdwatching Tour



From Paramaribo to the west of Suriname where we visit the districts Saramacca, Coronie and Nickerie. Each district is characterized by the preservation of its authentic culture and economic activity. The highlight of this tour is a visit to the nature reserve Bigi Pan, where you will be amazed by the unique flora and fauna.



Highlights Tour:

- Along 4 districts each with their own unique characteristics
- Impressive boat trip to the Pan.
- Mangrove and Parwa forest
- Nature reserve Bigi Pan

Location:

Bigi Pan is a bird and fish rich nature reserve in Nickerie, northwest Suriname. Nickerie is located approximately 237 km from Paramaribo, and is the second largest city in Suriname.

General information:

The nature reserve Bigi Pan, which means 'Great Lake', extends to the Atlantic Ocean. Bigi Pan is a large swamp area in which many mangrove trees grow, and the area is known as a breeding ground for many bird species. In this area there are about 125 species of birds such as the Lepelbek, the Sabaku and the rare red ibis that is very special to see. Besides local birds, there are birds that descend from the cold Canada and North America to spend the winter here. Bird and nature lovers will certainly also get their money's worth here. Besides birds, the area is also rich in fish and caimans.

Tour description:

Travelers who choose an overnight stay in

Bigi Pan 2 days / 1 night.

Day 1 Paramaribo – Nickerie

This impressive tour starts very early to Nickerie - Bigi Pan. We go through 4 districts in particular, Paramaribo, Saramacca, Coronie and our final destination Nickerie. Each district has its own uniqueness. The guide gives you enough information about each district. Our first stop is in the Saramacca district with Groningen as its main place. Here you make the first toilet stop and coffee stop. We then visit Coronie where you also have the opportunity to make use of the sanitary facilities. After this we continue our tour to Nickerie, the second city of Suriname. If there is enough time, we drive directly to the market where you can buy delicious fruit, but also delicious Hindustani or Javanese delicacies. After this we board the bus for our trip to the pier for our boat trip to Bigi Pan. To reach this area, the boat is first pulled through a slipway. During the boat trip you can see the mangrove and parwa forest. These forests serve as natural protection against erosion and as a breeding ground for the young shrimps. We sail into the Nickerie River and then over the Jamean Canal. After you have left the Jamean Canal, a huge lake. In the lake you see wooden houses on stilts. When we arrive at the lodge we can enjoy our lunch. After lunch it is time to spot the birds. After your dinner, spotting caimans is on the program. (L, D)

Day 2 Bigi Pan – Paramaribo

After breakfast you can decide to do a mud bath. Enjoy this activity and get cozy with mud from the lake that scientists say is very beneficial for muscle and joint complaints and skin problems. After this we sail back to the lodge where we can still enjoy a hearty meal for our boat trip back to the pier at Nickerie. When we

arrive the bus is already waiting for us for our trip back to Paramaribo. On our way to Paramaribo we make a stop at Wageningen where you get a short tour of the guide. (O, L)

Travelers who choose an overnight stay in Nieuw Nickerie 2 days / 1 night.

Day 1 Paramaribo – Nickerie

Very early starts our impressive tour to Nickerie - Bigi Pan. We go through 3 districts in particular, Paramaribo, Saramacca and our final destination Nickerie. Each district has its own uniqueness. The guide gives you enough information about each district. Our first stop is in the Saramacca district with Groningen as its main location. Here you make the first toilet stop and coffee stop. We then visit Coronie where you also have the opportunity to make use of the sanitary facilities. After this we continue our tour to Nickerie, the second city of Suriname. In Nickerie, check-in takes place at the hotel where you will stay this night. After checking in, the guide will take you for a short city walk through Nickerie and you will be taken to the Zeedijk of Nieuw Nickerie where you can enjoy the beautiful sunset. After shooting some photos, we return to the hotel where the dinner is ready for you. (L,D)

Day 2 Nickerie – Paramaribo

After breakfast you will be picked up by the guide. You will visit the market. After this the bus ride to the pier follows for our trip to Bigi Pan. To reach this area, the boat is first pulled through a slipway. During the boat trip you can see the mangrove and parwa forest. These forests serve as natural protection against erosion and as a breeding ground for the young shrimps. We sail into the Nickerie River and then over the Jamean Canal. In the lake you'll see wooden houses on stilts. When we arrive at the lodge we make the same use of lunch. After lunch it is time to spot the birds. After this we return to the lodge where you can swim, kayak,

fish or relax in a hammock with a book in your hand. In the afternoon we sail back to the jetty where the bus is waiting for you for your return trip to Paramaribo. On our way to Paramaribo we make a stop at Wageningen where you get a short tour of the guide. (O, L)

Included in the tour:

- Transport by car / bus and boat V.V
- Meals: 2 days / 1 night
1xO, 2xL and 1xD
3days / 2 nights
2xO, 3xL and 2xD
- Accommodation: If you have opted for an overnight stay at Bigi Pan you will stay at Stephanie Lodge in Bigi Pan on the basis of a double room with mosquito net.

If you have opted for an overnight stay in Nieuw Nickerie, you will stay at the Hotel Residence Inn on the basis of a double room.

- Activities as included in the standard program
- Non - alcoholic drinks
- Dutch or English speaking guide.
- ** Note: Long trousers and sleeves (warm enough for evening / night)

Not included in the tour:

- Alcoholic beverages
- outdoor activities outside the standard program.
- Accident and cancellation insurance
- We take into account any possible diets if you pass this on when booking.

What to take with you during the tour:

- Swimwear
- suntan lotion
- Headgear
- Bath towel
- Shawl, handy against sun, rain and mosquitoes
- Dark clothing and spare clothing

- Poncho
- Toiletries
- Film camera and / or camera is recommended
- insect repellent
- Your passport or official ID-proof for being able to prove at the control post
- Surinamese money for buying local delicacies / products along the way and any contribution for public toilet at toilet stop (SRD 2, - and SRD 3, -)

Length of stay:

Overnight in Bigi Pan

Day 1

Time	Activity
7.00 hrs	Pick up hotel
10.30 – 11.00 hrs	Coffeestop te Groningen
11.00 – 11.30 hrs	Toiletstop at Coronie
11.30 – 13.00 hrs	route Coronie – Nieuw Nickerie
13.00 – 13.30 hrs	Sightseeing / visit central market in Nickerie
14.00 hrs	Arrive at the pier / depart to Bigi Pan Lodge
14.00 – 15.30 hrs	Boattrip to Bigi Pan
16.00 uur	Lunch
17.00 – 18.00 hrs	Bird spotting at the Pan
19.00 – 19.45 hrs	Dinner
21.00 hrs	Caiman spotting

Day 2

Time	Activity
8.00 – 9.00 hrs	breakfast
10.00 hrs	Mud bath
11.30 hrs	Back in the lodge
11.30 – 12.00 hrs	Lunch
12.30 hrs	Boattrip back to the pier of Nickerie
14.00 hrs	Arrive at the pier.

Overnight stay in Hotel Residence Inn

Day 1

Time	Activity
7.00 hrs	Pick up
10.30 – 11.00 hrs	Coffeestop at Groningen
11.00 – 11.30 hrs	Toiletstop at Coronie
11.30 – 13.00 hrs	route Coronie – Nieuw Nickerie
13.00 – 13.30 hrs	Check-in Hotel
13.30 uur	Lunch
15.00 – 16.00 hrs	City tour
17.00 – 18.00 hrs	Zeedijk
19.00 – 19.45 hrs	Dinner

Day 2

Time	Activity
8.00 – 8.30 hrs	Breakfast
8.30 – 9.00 hrs	Visiting the central market
9.30	Arrive at the pier
11.00 hrs	Arrive at Bigi Pan and have lunch
16.00 hrs	Back to the pier
16.00 – 19.00 hrs	Bustrip back to Paramaribo

*** Note: You depart from one of the large hotels in Paramaribo and will be dropped off at the relevant hotel upon return.*