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April 8-20, 2012

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Day-to-Day Itinerary

Guyana—where the Caribbean meets South America and the North Atlantic we will find ornithological treasures, unique foods, and a fascinating culture. Join us!

Sunday April 8, 2012 Arrive in Guyana

Arrive in Guyana in the morning. We will be met by our local guide and transferred to Georgetown.

Overnight at Cara Lodge. (D)

Visit http://www.carahotels.com/guyana_lodge/index.php



Monday April 9, 2012

Abary Creek, Mahica River

With a packed breakfast, we will travel eastward from Georgetown to Abary Creek Trail to look for Blood-coloured Woodpecker and Rufous Crab-Hawk, the first of the many range-restricted species we will be hoping to find on this tour. The woodpecker is only known from a narrow coastal strip which runs eastward for just a few hundred miles from Guyana and finding this species will be one of our main priorities.

We will also look for the poorly-known White-bellied Piculet. An area of mangrove less than 50 kilometres from Georgetown is a good place to find Rufous Crab-Hawk, a species which has been badly affected by the reduction in this habitat type. This is also a reliable site so we stand an excellent chance of seeing all three species. We now travel to the Mahica River. We will take a boat on the river to see Guyana's national bird, the Hoatzin, which is found in abundance along this river system. On the way back we will stop and bird as opportunities arise for Black-capped Donacobius, Point-tailed Palmcreeper, Moriche Oriole and Rufous Crab Hawk.

On our return journey to Georgetown, we will visit some mudflats where we are likely to find a range of waders as well as Scarlet Ibis, Black Skimmer, Brown Pelican and Magnificent Frigatebird. Continue to the beautiful Botanic Garden, where an ornithological highlight is the Blood-colored Woodpecker and an astonishingly colorful Veniliornis found only in the Guianas and even there almost wholly limited to the narrow coastal plain. The gardens also host Pinnated Bittern, Brown-throated Parakeet, Great Horned Owl, Golden-spangled Piculet, White-bellied Piculet, Black-crested Antshrike, Spotted Tody-Flycatcher and Wing-barred Seed eater. A number of macaw and parrot species are also present, including the Festive Parrot.

Overnight at Cara Lodge. (B, L, D)

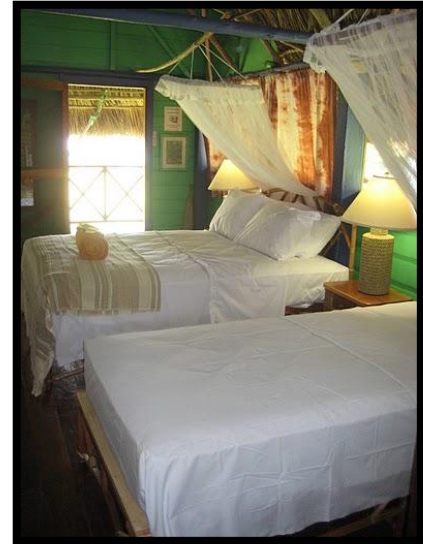
Tuesday April 10, 2012

Demerara and Essequibo Rivers, Kaieteur Falls, Iwokrama Rainforest, Iwokrama River Lodge

After breakfast transfer to the airport at nearby Ogle, where Red-breasted Blackbirds sing and Snail Kites patrol, we'll fly by aircraft over the Demerara and Essequibo Rivers and hundreds of miles of unbroken tropical rainforest to Kaieteur, the world's highest free-falling waterfall where we will spend 3 hrs.

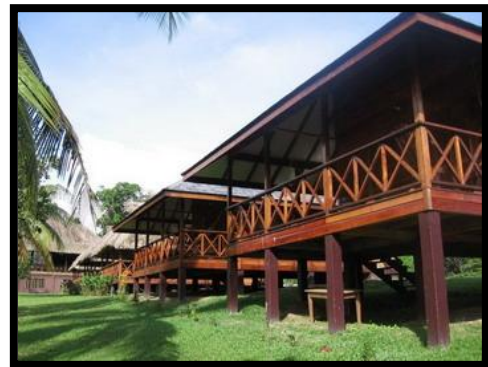
Though Venezuela's Angel Falls are greater in total height, their filamentous drop occurs by stages whereas Kaieteur is a single, massive, thundering cataract 100 meters wide created as the Potaro River makes a sheer drop of 228 meters, nearly five times the height of Niagara. The spectacle is the more impressive for its remoteness and it is altogether possible that we'll be the only persons viewing it.

Kaieteur supports a unique micro environment with Tank Bromeliads, the largest in the world, in which the tiny Golden frog spends its entire life. Here we will hope to find White-chinned and White-tipped Swifts swirling over the gorge, and perhaps we'll be lucky enough to see the astonishingly colorful Guianan Cock-of-the-Rock, White-tailed Goldenthrout, Orange-breasted Falcon or Musician Wren. We will then continue on and land at the Iwokrama Airstrip. We will travel a short distance to the Iwokrama River Lodge in time for a late lunch. The Iwokrama Rainforest is a vast wilderness of one million acres. This protected area was established in 1996 as the Iwokrama International Centre for Rainforest Conservation and Development.



The Iwokrama Forest is in the heart of one of four last untouched tropical forests of the world - The Guiana Shield of North-Eastern South America. Iwokrama was established as a living laboratory for tropical forest management because the unsustainable utilisation of these forests will result in the extinction of half the world's plant and animal species and unknown changes to global climate. This is a protected area with a difference - the full involvement of people. Iwokrama is exceptional among conservation organizations because it joins with local people in every aspect of its work. From research to business, Iwokrama ensures local economic and social benefits from forest use and conservation. The Forest is in the homeland of the Makushi people, who have lived here and used the forest for thousands of years. People are a vertical part of the ecosystem. The success of Iwokrama relies on the ownership of local people and the combined skills of specialists and communities. Iwokrama does what so many International conventions have acknowledged as best practice. It has begun conservation locally and integrated conservation into national development.

After lunch we will look for birds along the trails near the River Lodge. Iwokrama is home to many bird species including Capuchinbird, Black Nunbird, Chestnut-rumped Woodcreeper, Amazonian Antshrike, Brown-bellied Antwren, Spot-tailed Antwren, Todd's Antwren, Spotted Puffbird, Guianan Cock-of-the-rock, Green Aracari, Guianan Toucanet, Guianan Red Cotinga, Pompadour Cotinga, Rufous-crowned Elaenia, Bronzy Jacamar, Chestnut & Waved Woodpecker, Gray Antbird, and Strong-billed Woodcreeper. Close by the Lodge is a Capuchinbird lek. Three other Neotropical species in the Iwokrama forest of high interest are White-winged Potoo, Rufous Potoo, and Rufous-winged Ground-cuckoo.



*Overnight at the Iwokrama River Lodge & Research Station. (B, L, D)
Visit <http://www.iwokrama.org/>*

Wednesday April 11, 2012
**Essequibo River, Turtle Mountain,
Amerindian village, Iwokrama River Lodge**

Making another early start we will embark on the Essequibo and circumnavigate Indian House Island giving us a chance for dawn song on the river including five species of Tinamou, Marbled Wood-Quail, Band-rumped Swift, White-banded and Black-collared Swallows, and Guianan Streaked-Antwren before returning to the River Lodge for breakfast. We then set out by boat for half an hour or less to the foot of Turtle



Mountain. Along the way, Harpy Eagle have been seen and we may also see Greater Yellow-headed Vulture, King Vulture, Gray-headed, Double-toothed and Plumbeous Kites and Black-faced Hawk. Here we explore the trails for a few hours first visiting Turtle Ponds where anis, herons and Green and Rufous Kingfisher hunt and then climbing to an elevation of 900 feet for a view of the forest canopy below and chances of Green Aracari, White Bellbird or a fly-by of one of five types of Eagles. The trails may reveal Little Chachalaca, Marail Guan, Black Curassow, Squirrel and Black-bellied Cuckoos, Eastern Long-tailed and Reddish Hermits, Blue-crowned Motmot, Guianan White-necked Puffbird, Collared Puffbird, Pygmy, Todd's, Spot-tailed, White-flanked, Gray, Long-winged, Rufous-bellied, and Brown-bellied Antwrens, White-lore Tyrannulet and Helmeted Pygmy-Tyrant. On the return trip we will bird as we go and hopefully spot Caica, Blue-headed, Blue-cheeked and Mealy Parrots, Cocoli Heron, Bat Falcon, Lined Forest-Falcon and Pied Lapwing.

We'll visit Fair View, a nearby Amerindian village and their new Butterfly Farm where butterflies are bred for export. In late afternoon we'll take a walk on trails around the River Lodge to look for Swallow-winged Puffbird, Black-spotted Barbet, Golden-collared, Yellow-throated, Crimson-crested and Red-necked Woodpeckers, Guianan Toucanet, Black-headed, White-browed, Ferruginous-backed, Warbling, Scale-backed, White-plumed, and Rufous-throated Antbirds, Ringed Antpipit, Black-tailed Tityra and Thrush-like Schiffornis. Finally, after dark, we'll set out on the river once more, in hopes of finding one or another of its four species of caiman, and listen for nightbirds such as Spectacled Owl, Long tailed Potoo, Zigzag Heron or Blackish Nightjar.

Overnight at the Iwokrama River Lodge. (B, L, D)

Thursday, April 12, 2012
Iwokrama Forest, Iwokrama Canopy Walkway, Atta Rainforest Lodge

Before dawn we will transfer by Bedford Truck along the road through the heart of the Iwokrama Forest, where there is a good chance to see the elusive Jaguar. The Iwokrama forest is rapidly gaining an international reputation for its healthy jaguar populations that seem not to be troubled by the appearance of curious humans. No promises, but many have been lucky! The road also offers excellent birding, including a locality known as Mori Scrub, characterized by an unusual low, sandy forest. This supports an interesting assemblage of bird species, among them Rufous-crowned Elaenia, Black Manakin and Red-shouldered Tanager. We will stop along the road at numerous locations and look for species such as Guianan Red-Cotinga, Pompadour Cotinga, Blue-backed Tanagers, White-winged Potoo, Olive-green Tyrannulet, Rufous-winged Ground-cuckoo and Marail Guan.

Continue on to the Iwokrama Canopy Walkway with birding along the road as we travel. The Canopy Walkway is a series of suspension bridges and observation decks of up to 30 metres (98 ft) in height and 154 metres (505 ft) in length. The state-of-the-art construction allows trees to grow normally by using adjustable cables and braces throughout the support structure. The four observation decks enable visitors to view the mid and upper-level forest canopy and allow wildlife to remain relatively free from human intrusion. We will be looking for a procession of striking, canopy-dwelling birds such as Screaming Piha, Caica Parrot, White-throated Trogon, Golden-winged Parakeet, Guianan Toucanet and many more. If we are lucky we may even see the stunning and highly sought-after Pompadour Cotinga. We have a better chance of seeing the commoner Purple-throated Cotinga, whilst a notoriously shy species of monkey, the shaggy Guianan Saki, is sometimes seen here. Tonight we will do some night birding on the road.



Overnight at [Atta Rainforest Lodge](#). (B, L, D) There are 8 private and comfortable rooms with mosquito nets over beds. The rooms are quite simple but comfortable and is a great location. Bathrooms are on a shared basis, 4 in total and they are quite spacious.

Friday April 13, 2012

Iwokrama Forest, Iwokrama Canopy Walkway, Atta Rainforest Lodge.

Two days of birding from walkway and trails in area. Welcome the dawn chorus from the canopy walkway. Short-tailed Nighthawks settle in for the day, Swifts take to the sky, White throated and Channel-billed Toucans yodel, and Barred Forest Falcons call. You can spend the day birdwatching from the mid and upper canopy on the walkway as flocks travel past and look for Paradise Jacamar, White-necked Puffbird, Yellow-throated Woodpecker, Todd's Antwren, Black-tailed and Black-crowned Tityras and Dusky Purpletuft. Or you can bird along the jungle trails where antbird flocks include White-plumed Antbird, Spot-winged Antbird, Ferruginous-backed Antbird, Ash-winged Antwen, Long-billed Antwren, McConnell's Flycatcher, Gray-crowned Flycatcher, Plain Xenops and Wedge-billed Woodcreeper.

Overnight at Atta Rainforest Lodge. (B, L, D)

Saturday April 14, 2012

Village of Surama and Rupununi savannah, Surama Eco-Lodge

Early morning birding on the walkway or jungle trails in the hope of seeing Mealy, Orange-winged and Blue-cheeked parrot, Flame-crested Tanager; Slate-colored and Yellow-green grosbeak, Slender-footed Tyrannulet, Black-capped Becard, Gray-fronted Dove, Ruddy Pigeon, Buff-checked Greenlet, Purple-breasted Cotinga, Golden-winged Parakeet, Black-throated Antshrike, Red-



and-black Grosbeak, Rufous-throated Sapphire, the recently split Guianan Puffbird or even the rare Crimson Fruitcrow. After breakfast we will travel to a rainforest trail to a special locality where Guianian Cock-of-the-Rocks are known to display and nest. This trail is through interesting forest and the guides can show the use of the plants.

Next, we will visit the village of Surama, situated in a small savannah, deep in the rainforest and surrounded by forest clad hills. It was here that Charles Waterton passed through in 1812 in search of the secrets of the useful Wourali poison known as Curare. Waterton was so stunned by this spot that he wrote in his memoirs “The finest park that England boasts falls short of this delightful scene”. On our arrival, we will receive a warm welcome from the local people and will be shown to our basic accommodation. After a rest, we might choose to explore the surrounding habitats. Birds characteristic of the Rupununi savannah, such as Fork-tailed Flycatchers and Grassland Sparrow can be seen well. Hopefully it won't be too long before our attention is drawn to the far-carrying growling song of the bizarre Capuchin bird. The skilled local guides sometimes know of the territories of these canopy-dwelling birds, their bald heads and strange hump-shouldered appearance an unforgettable sight if we are lucky enough to latch onto them.



Overnight at Surama Eco-Lodge. (B, L, D)

Visit <http://www.suramaecolodge.com/>

Sunday, April 15, 2012

Village of Surama and Rupununi savannah, Surama Eco-Lodge.

This morning we will be up early looking for birds around Surama, there are also plenty of other species to look for and during our stay we will hope to encounter Red-legged Tinamou, Painted Parakeet, Dusky Parrot, Lilac-tailed Parrotlet, Pale-throated Barbthroat, Rufous-throated Sapphire, Guianan Puffbird, Northern Slaty-antshrrike, Rufous-bellied Antwren, White-browed, White-bellied & Ferruginous-backed Antbirds, Lemon-chested & Ashy-headed Greenlets and Finsch's Euphonia. We also plan to do some night birding and will hope to locate the recently split Northern Tawny-bellied Screech-owl, as well as Tropical Screech-owl, Lesser Nighthawk, White-tailed Nightjar and both Great & Common Potoos.

Overnight at Surama Eco-Lodge. (B, L, D)

Monday April 16, 2012

Rupununi savannah, foothills of the Pakaraima Mountains Rock View Lodge at Annai

Some morning birding and then we will depart Surama. We now enter the North Rupununi. The Rupununi Savannah is to Guyana what the Gran Sabana is to Venezuela—an extensive area of grassland with termite mounds and scattered or riparian woodland. It differs in that much of it is devoted to cattle raising, though the large ranches are not very productive. Indeed, one can travel for hours without seeing a domestic animal of any sort. Needless to say, the birdlife here is markedly

different from that of the rainforest. Fork-tailed Flycatchers, Savannah and Black Collared Hawks patrol the grassland.

Eventually we reach Rock View Lodge at Annai. Rock View Lodge is located where the savannah meets the forest-covered foothills of the Pakaraima Mountains. With its tropical gardens and flowering trees, the lodge resembles an oasis in the savannah, and attracts many species of birds, particularly nectar feeders and frugivores. Nearby patches of light forest are home to certain ant birds and flycatchers, and of course the grasslands support an avifauna of their own. This afternoon we set out on the road to Camundi Bach, for Cinereous Mourner, Reddish Hermit, Rufous-bellied Antwren and Yellow-billed Jacamar, Fork-tailed Flycatchers, Savannah and Black Collared Hawks as they patrol the grassland. At dusk as nightjars and nighthawks tumble over the grasslands we will look for the Nacunda Nighthawk and White-tailed Nightjar. Return to the Lodge Evening relax and enjoy the lovely gardens and swimming pool.



Overnight at Rock View Lodge (B ,L, D)

Visit <http://www.rockviewlodge.com/>

Tuesday April 17, 2012

Rupununi River to Karanambu Ranch

After breakfast we travel to Ginep Landing and then travel slowly on the Rupununi River to Karanambu Ranch keeping an eye out for Jabirus nesting along the river, Bat Falcons, King Vulture, Crestless Curassow, White-necked Jacobin and Drab Water Tyrant. Karanambu is the home of Diane McTurk, widely known for her work rehabilitating orphaned Giant River Otters. Our birdwatching here will be largely in woodland patches or gallery forest along the river where we'll hope to find such species as Spotted Puffbird, Striped Woodcreeper, Pale-bellied Tyrant-Manakin, Golden-spangled Piculet and Capuchinbird. When water levels are appropriate a wooded swamp near the ranch is the site of a surprisingly large colony of Boat-billed Herons. Whilst out in the boat you may see Capped and Little Blue Herons, Great and Snowy Egrets, Purple Gallinule and Pied Lapwing. And at any season the river and airstrip provide habitat for no fewer than eight species of nightjars, including Least Nighthawk and White-tailed Nightjar.

Overnight at Karanambu Ranch. (B ,L, D)

<http://wilderness-explorers.com/guyana/karanambu.html>

Wednesday April 18, 2012

Karanambu Ranch

Birdwatching from daybreak to nightfall or later, we'll devote the day to exploring Karanambu and its varied habitats, traveling by boat to certain localities up and downstream,



and by Land Rover to one or another forest patch. Grasslands host Double Striped Thick-knees, Bi-colored Wren, and Bearded Tachuri while Forest patches host Ferruginous Pygmy Owl, Violaceous Trogon, Blue Ground-Dove, Plain-crowned Spinetail and Great Antshrike. The river is home to Wood Stork, White faced and Black-bellied Whistling Doves, Stripe-backed Bittern and Pied Lapwing. As we move around we may see Least Grebe, South American Snipe, Rufous-throated Sapphire, Yellow Tyrannulet, Cliff Flycatcher and Ruddy-breasted Seedeater.

Overnight at Karanambu Ranch. (B,L, D)

Thursday April 19, 2012

Karanambu Ranch to Georgetown

After a final morning at Karanambu, we may also see a Giant Anteater during our stay, as this species is not uncommon around the lodge. After breakfast, we take our scheduled flight back to Ogle and transfer to Cara Lodge. Enjoy an afternoon Georgetown City Tour highlighting the unique architecture - excellent examples of old colonial homes and buildings constructed of tropical hardwoods. The famous Stabroek Market, once described as a "bizarre bazaar", contains every conceivable item from household goods to gold jewelry. The tour extends to the Botanical Gardens which we explored on our first day in Guyana. Exploring the Gardens again will be a review of the coastal species and a chance to bid the avifauna of Guyana farewell. We return to the hotel for a farewell dinner in the Ballet Room of Cara Lodge.

Overnight at Cara Lodge. (B,L, D)

Friday April 20, 2012

Return home

Transfer to the airport for departing flight. (B)



Lodging

Here is a look at the accommodations for this Guyana tour.

Atta Rainforest Lodge

The Iwokrama Canopy Walkway is a series of suspension bridges and decks of up to 30 metres in height and 154 metres in length, located in the Iwokrama Forest. It gives visitors a new view of the mid and upper canopy of the forest and allows wildlife to be relatively free from human intrusion. At the base of the canopy walkway is Atta Rainforest Lodge, resting amidst towering trees and grassy lawns. The lodge provides comfortable accommodation with 8 private rooms, three home-cooked meals per day, and ample opportunities to explore the surrounding rainforest by foot, canoe, or 4X4. The forest around the walkway contains some important flora and fauna. Among these are endangered and protected species such as the jaguar, the bullet wood tree, greenheart and the waramadan (endemic in Guyana only to the Iwokrama Forest). Meals are freshly prepared local delicacies of free range beef, chicken and fish. Vegetarian and special diets are catered for with notice. Guyanese cuisine may vary from what you are used to at home, so feel free to pop in the kitchen and see what and how we are preparing the meals.



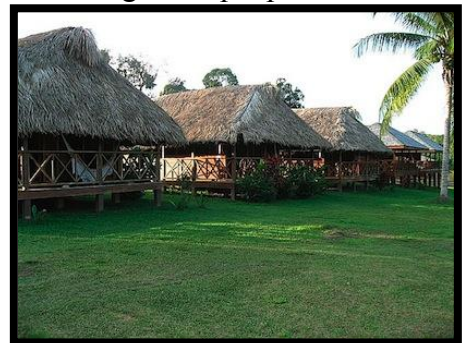
Cara Lodge

Cara Lodge was built in the 1840s and originally consisted of two houses. It has a long and romantic history and was the home of the first Lord Mayor of Georgetown. Over the years, the property has been visited by many dignitaries including King Edward VII who stayed at the house in 1923. Other dignitaries have included President Jimmy Carter, HRH Prince Charles in April, HRH Prince Andrew and the one and only Mick Jagger. This magnificent home turned hotel offers the tradition and nostalgia of a bygone era, complete with service and comfort in a congenial family atmosphere.

Iwokrama River Lodge

Iwokrama was established to promote sustainable and equitable utilization of 1 million acres of tropical rain forest to generate lasting ecological, economic and social benefits for indigenous people. The Center is responsible for conservation and management of 1 million acres of pristine rainforest and related research, development, and tourism programs. Half the area is a wilderness preserve.

Iwokrama is located in the heart of Guyana, with accommodation in eight timber cabins with thatched or shingle roofs, on the banks of the Essequibo River. Each cabin has an attached bathroom along with hammock-equipped verandas overlooking the river. Meals are served in the main dining hall where visitors mingle with rangers and scientific staff currently in residence at the Iwokrama Research Center.



Karanambu Ranch

Karanambu Ranch is situated where savannah grasslands, swamp and flood forest meet the Rupununi River. The settlement has the flavour of an Amerindian village, with clay brick and palm thatched cabanas set in a compound between the bush and the open range. The teeming wildlife, caring hosts, and charming setting make a visit to Karanambu a true highlight for most visitors. Your host, Diane McTurk, is known for her rehabilitation program which rescues orphaned giant otters and returns them to the wild. These playful creatures like to play, flop around, explore, and frolick amongst guests standing in the shallow banks along the Rupununi. The nearby savannah is one of the best places to observe another critically-endangered animal, the giant anteater. Guests at the Ranch are treated as friends rather than as clients: meals are served around a large dining table in the open living room of the main ranch house, accompanied by lively tales of Rupununi lore and intrigue.



Rock View Lodge

Rock View Lodge is located where the savannah meets the forest-covered foothills of the Pakaraima Mountains. With its tropical gardens and flowering trees, the lodge resembles an oasis in the savannah. The trees and gardens attracts many species of birds, particularly nectar feeders and frugivores. Rock View Lodge is managed by the owner, Colin Edwards, an Englishman who has been closely associated with Guyana since he came here as an agricultural volunteer in 1969. His love for the Guyanese interior, the arts, and the people of both Guyana are evident in the lodge, its working farm, and Rock View's community development efforts in the surrounding Amerindian villages. All buildings have electricity and running water from a deep well. Guests can even take a dip in the Rupununi's only swimming pool! Delicious meals are served under the old mango tree.



Surama Eco-Lodge

The Amerindian community of Surama is set in five square miles of savannah ringed by the heavily-forested Pakaraima Mountains. Surama's Macushi inhabitants still observe many of the traditional practices of their forebears living in the adjacent Surama Village. Surama is Guyana's first and most successful community tourism project, serving as a model for other villages seeking alternatives to mining and logging for income.

Accommodation is modest but clean and comfortable in one of four traditional thatch-roof benabs or one of the newer cabins, all of which have attached bathrooms. Meals are served family style in a central benab. Surama's guides are famous throughout Guyana for their deep knowledge of nature, and they relish the opportunity to share that knowledge with you.



An Additional Note on Accommodations:

Single supplement is subject to availability. Single supplement covers Cara Lodge, Iwokrama River Lodge, Karanambu Ranch and Rock View Lodge. Surama do not charge a single supplement but will give a single room if available.

Note: Internal flights allow a free baggage allowance of 20lbs/9.1KG. Exceeding this weight passenger/s will incur a cost of GY\$135.00 equivalent to US\$ 0.72 cents

PRICE: \$5400 per person, double occupancy. Single supplement is \$600
This cost is based on a minimum of 8 persons.

Price Includes:

- Mass Audubon naturalist
- All accommodations & meals
- Group airport transfers
- All travel within Guyana, including flights
- Park and preserve entrance fees
- Services of local naturalist guide and driver
- Cooler with ice, bottled water, drinks in bus
- All tips and gratuities to guides and drivers
- Medical Evacuation coverage

Does Not Include:

- Personal items, beverages from the bar, optional activities
- Passport fees, laundry, phone calls, or gift items.
- International airfare and airport departure tax (\$41, cash only)

Your Mass Audubon Naturalist/Birding Guide ~ Elissa Landre



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CANCELLATION Policy: If you need to change your booking, you must inform us immediately in writing. All cancellations must be done in writing and are effective upon receipt in the Massachusetts Audubon Travel Office. Cancellations received up to 121 days prior to departure will be refunded deposits less a \$300 per person fee. For cancellations between 120 and 90 days prior to departure, all deposits will not be refunded. There are no refunds for cancellations 90 days or less from departure. We strongly urge all travelers to purchase trip cancellation insurance. You will be sent information from the Massachusetts Audubon Society upon receipt of your deposit.

Your Responsibility: Although every precaution is taken to safeguard you and your belongings, group travel trips by their nature involve a certain amount of risk. Trip participants should understand that the domestic and international trips sponsored/operated by Massachusetts Audubon Society (Mass Audubon Tours) - hereafter collectively "M.A.S." - involve known and unknown risks. M.A.S. assumes no responsibility for injuries, death, financial losses or damage to clients' property caused by or occurring during participation in any of the travel trips sponsored/operated by M.A.S. Trip participants must assume responsibility for having sufficient skill and fitness to participate in the trips and activities offered or sponsored by M.A.S. Trip participants must also certify that they have no medical, mental or physical conditions which could interfere with their abilities to participate in the activities and/or trips they are participating in and they must assume and bear the cost of all risks that may be created, directly or indirectly, by any such condition. It is the responsibility of trip participants to have in place adequate insurance to cover any injury, damage or emergency transportation costs related to their travel and/or participation in trip activities and/or to bear the costs of such injury, damage or emergency transportation costs. Because of the risks associated with the travel trips sponsored by M.A.S. we urge all trip participants to supplement their own insurance with travel or vacation or emergency response types of insurance. M.A.S. requires that all trip participants acknowledge and assume these risks by reading and signing an M.A.S. Release and Waiver and Assumption of Risk contract prior to departure.

CONDITIONS OF TRAVEL: Travelers will be provided with an itinerary and trip preparation information. It is expected that travelers will read this information prior to trip departure. Travelers will be responsible for completing an application reservation form, including the personal information and a release of liability. (see attached) Travelers will be expected to abide by the terms set for in the invoice. During the tour, travelers are asked to respect and follow the directions of their guide and leader.



RESERVATION /APPLICATION FORM (2 SIDES)

Tour to: _____ **Travel dates:** _____

Passenger 1 Name as shown as passport: _____

Nickname for Name tag: _____ **Date of Birth:** _____

Passport number (1) (for international trips): _____ **Expiration date:** _____

Passenger 2 Name as shown as passport: _____

Nickname for Name tag: _____ **Date of Birth:** _____

Passport number (2) (for international trips): _____ **Expiration date:** _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip: _____

Phone: Home: _____ Work: _____ Cell: _____

Email address: _____

Room Preferences

___ I request single accommodations where available and will pay the single supplement.

___ I would like to be assigned a roommate. If one is not available, I will pay the single supplement.

Personal Information:

___ I/We are non-smokers. (If you are a smoker(s), please check here ___ and note that smoking is limited to outdoors in non-group spaces)

___ I have a food allergy (Yes / No). If **Yes**, please list: _____

___ I prefer a special diet (Yes / No). If **Yes**, please list: _____

___ I am allergic to medications, insects other: List _____
(you are required to carry your own Epi-pen and necessary medications)

___ Is there anything else we should know about your health that might impact your ability to participate comfortably on this trips? Please describe: _____

Deposit: Please find my enclosed **check** _____ or please **charge** _____ my credit card for the deposit:

VISA MC Card # _____ Exp. _____

Checks should be made payable to "Massachusetts Audubon Society"

Signature: _____

IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY, PLEASE NOTIFY:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Phone: Work/Daytime: _____ Home or Cell: _____

Release and Assumption of Risk

I would like to participate in the birding and nature tour named above (the "Tour") organized by Massachusetts Audubon Society, Inc. ("Mass Audubon"). I am aware that participation in a Mass Audubon tour involves risk, including, but not limited to, the hazards of living in and traveling over unpredictable terrain often in remote areas without adequate medical facilities, exposure to disease and infection, being subject to the forces of nature, and travel by airplane and motor vehicle.

In addition, I understand and acknowledge that, if I participate in the Tour, one or more of the risks described above or set forth here could result in or cause bodily injury or death to me or damage to personal property of mine: Physical exertion, Travel by foot, plane, train, auto, vans, bus, boat or other conveyance, Consumption of food and beverages, Civil unrest, terrorism, banditry, or criminal activity, High altitude, Inadequate medical facilities or service.

I acknowledge that I have received and read carefully information describing the Tour, including, but not limited to, the Terms and Conditions and the paragraph in the Terms and Conditions entitled "Your Responsibility". I acknowledge that the enjoyment and excitement of touring is derived, at least in part, from the inherent risks incurred by travel and activity beyond the accepted safety and routine of life at home or work, and that part of the reason I have decided to participate in the Tour is to experience this enjoyment and excitement. I further acknowledge that I have had the opportunity to discuss with my medical provider the medical risks involved in the Tour. I have also had the opportunity to research the Tour and to understand fully the risks involved.

Therefore, notwithstanding the risks of participating in the Tour set forth and as described above, and in consideration of Mass Audubon permitting me to participate in the Tour:

- (1) I agree to assume and accept all risks associated with this tour; and
- (2) I hereby release and forever discharge and covenant and agree not to sue, and agree to indemnify and hold harmless, Mass Audubon and its Directors, Officers, Employees and agents (collectively the "Releasees"), and each of the releasees from and against and in regard to any and all Claims, demands, actions suits, losses, costs, damages, and expenses and any and all liabilities and obligations, which I shall or may have against the Releasees or any one or more of them arising out of, or in connection with, my participation on the tour.

I agree that this release and Assumption of Risk shall be (a) binding upon me and my heirs, executors, legal representatives, successors, and assigns, and (b) deemed a contract made under seal under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and shall be governed by, and construed and enforced in accordance with, the internal laws of said Commonwealth without regard to its principles of conflict of laws. I have carefully read, understand, and voluntarily sign this release and assumption of Risk.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Signed: _____ Date: _____