

## GEOGRAPHY TOURS

### GUYANA



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In view of the recent BBC series “The Lost Land of the Jaguar” the interest in Guyana has never been greater and we are pleased to offer a programme which covers the most interesting aspects for school groups.

The programme offers contact and links with local schools, pupils and teachers as well as the opportunity to search for the jaguar, giant anteater, bird-eating spiders and the impressive harpy eagle!

#### **Day 1**

Depart on scheduled flight to Georgetown. Arrive and transfer to your hotel.

#### **Day 2**

After breakfast visit the Botanic Garden, where you may be lucky enough to see the Blood-colored Woodpecker, as well as numerous species of parrots and macaws. In the ponds you can hand feed Caribbean Manatee.

Afternoon City tour

Overnight journey by coach to Kurupukari.

#### **Day 3**

Early morning arrive at Kurupukari, transfer by boat to the Iwokrama Field Station.

After breakfast you will be given a brief overview of Iwokrama and a tour of the facilities. You will then explore the extensive trail systems which allow good access into the forest, home of a wide variety of mammals and birds – possibly even the elusive Jaguar.

Afternoon travel by boat to the foot of Turtle Mountain

Evening you will set out on the river to spot the black caiman and other nocturnal wildlife.

#### **Day 4**

You will be split into Sub Groups A and B:

##### *Group A – Iwokrama Field Station to Iwokrama Canopy Walkway*

After a pre-dawn breakfast travel to the Iwokrama Canopy Walkway.

Afternoon birdwatching from the mid and upper canopy on the walkway. You will also have the opportunity to see numerous mammals including the Red Howler Monkey.

##### *Group B - Iwokrama Field Station to Bina Hill*

After a pre-dawn breakfast travel to Bina Hill.

Meet pupils and participate in sports such as football and cricket and have a cultural exchange. You will also visit Radio Pakaraima, which broadcasts for a few hours a day to the local Amerindian communities and broadcast a short presentation on your school. Afternoon engage in some interschool sport activities.

## Day 5

SUB Group A & B Rejoins–  
Breakfast at Surama & Day Tour

### *Group A - Iwokrama Canopy Walkway to Surama to Bina Hill*

Travel to the Amerindian community of Surama. Walk through the forest to the Burro Burro River for a quiet and skillfully guided paddle, looking along the banks for such mammals as Giant River Otter, Tapir, Tayra and Black Spider Monkey. Return to Surama for tour of the village and visit the school. Afternoon transfer to Bina Hill.

### *Group B - Bina Hill to Surama to Iwokrama Canopy Walkway*

Travel to the Amerindian community of Surama. Walk through the forest to the Burro Burro River for a quiet and skillfully guided paddle, looking along the banks for such mammals as Giant River Otter, Tapir, Tayra and Black Spider Monkey. Return to Surama for tour of the village and visit the school. Afternoon transfer to the Iwokrama Canopy Walkway. You will spend the afternoon birdwatching. You will also have the opportunity to see numerous mammals including the Red Howler Monkey.

## Day 6

### *Group A – Bina Hill*

Meet pupils and participate in sports such as football and cricket and have a cultural exchange. You will also visit Radio Pakaraima, which broadcasts for a few hours a day to the local Amerindian communities and broadcast a short presentation on your school. Afternoon engage in some interschool sport activities.

### *Group B – Iwokrama Canopy Walkway*

Full day observing the many different species of birds in the area.

## Day 7

### *Both Groups transfer to Annai..*

The whole group then fly to Kaieteur Falls. Flight continues onto Georgetown.  
Cultural evening and dinner.

**Day 8** - Transfer to the airport for flight to UK, arriving the next day.

Cost starts from £2599 per person and includes 3 free teacher/leader places based on 30 paying pupils.

## **CUBA – with a focus on Travel & Tourism**



The group will have the opportunity to learn about the current tourism market in Cuba during a visit to the offices of a major tour operator for a presentation and discussion on the subject of leisure travel to Cuba and within the Caribbean.

The tour will visit Havana, Vinales, the Las Terrazas Community and Biosphere Reserve and Trinidad.

**Day 1:** Depart from London Heathrow to Havana. . Transfer on arrival to 3\* hotel.

**Day 2:**

**AM:** City tour of Havana.

**PM:** Visit offices of an inbound operator to Cuba for presentation and discussion on tourism and leisure travel to Cuba and within the Caribbean “multi destination” tourism. Project looking at the key tourism objectives in Cuba, and review of the current market.

**Day 3:**

Full day excursion to Vinales

Including a visit the Las Terrazas Community in the Biosphere Reserve.

**Day 4:**

Transfer to Trinidad with a stop en route at the city of Cienfuegos. Check in at 3\* hotel for dinner and overnight.

**Day 5:**

**AM:** City tour of Trinidad.

**PM:** Visit the Valley de Los Ingenios (Valley of the Sugar Mills).

**Day 6:**

Full day excursion to Topes de Collantes in the Sierra del Escambray mountains.

**Day 7:**

Excursion to Santa Clara. Visit Che Museum & Memorial.

**Day 8:**

Return to Havana.

**Day 9:**

**AM:** Visit to Geography Department of a local secondary school and meeting with students.

**PM:** Transfer to Havana Airport for outbound flight.

**Day 10:** Arrival at London Heathrow.

Costs start from £1595 per person and includes 1 free teacher/leader place per 10 paying pupils.

**CHINA (Shanghai & Yangtze River)**



Our programme features an introduction to a School of Excellence in Shanghai, seminars on Chinese geography, including aspects of town, river, transportation and tourism planning and also a programme in all cities along the Yangtze itinerary.

**Day 1** - Depart on scheduled flight to Shanghai.

**Day 2**

Arrive Shanghai. Maglev Train Ride. Transfer to hotel.

**Day 3**

AM Walk on the waterfront to see the buildings in the heart of old Shanghai and the new developments on the east side of the river. Visit to the Pearl TV Tower.

PM Visit to the School of Excellence –joint activities with pupils

Evening cruise on the river to view the spectacle of Shanghai at night

**Day 4**

AM Visit to the Yuyuan gardens and the bazaar for shopping.

PM Visit the Shanghai Museum and City Government building to learn about plans for the development of Shanghai and see a vast lego style impression of the city in 2020.

Evening Shanghai acrobats

**Day 5**

AM Fly to Chongqing

PM Visit the Old Town Ciqikou and the E Ling Park.

Evening board the boat for a cruise down the Yangtze River through the three gorges.

**Day 6**

On-board sightseeing through the gorges and disembarkation at Fengdu – the legendary ghost city.

**Day 7**

On-board sightseeing through the gorges and disembarkation at the Wu Gorge for visit to the Lesser Three Gorge. Evening Farewell Dinner and Show on the ship.

**Day 8**

AM Arrive Maoping –visit to the Three Gorges Dam. Coach to Yichang.

PM Fly to Beijing and transfer to hotel.

**Day 9** - Transfer to airport departure flight to UK.

Cost from £1595 per person during February low season – 1 free leader place per 10 paying pupils.

*Please contact us for full details of what's included.*

**COLOMBIA****WHY VISIT COLOMBIA?**

Colombia is considered an undiscovered country with a perfect combination of biogeographic regions, cultural history and biodiversity. It is considered amongst the top five megadiverse countries in the world. This is a journey of incomparable tropical landscapes where two antagonistic ecosystems are

visited. The tour will visit the Santantander region which has tropical dry forests, Andean high oak forests, towns with Spanish colonial architecture, hard working and hospitable people.

**Day1**

Depart on scheduled airlines to Bogota. Transfer on arrival to Barichara and check in to hotel. Brief city tour on arrival.

**Day 2**

Full day excursion to San Gil to explore the caves and visit the waterfall.

**Day 3**

AM: Workshop about traditional architecture/town planning in Barichara.

PM : Walk across an ancient trail analysing the canyons geography.

**Day 4**

Full day excursion to Villa de Leyva - a town that has been declared a national monument, and one of the most representative towns of the colonial architecture in Colombia.

**Day 5**

Early in the morning hike to the unique moor ecosystem, located in Iguaque National Park.

**Day 6**

After breakfast depart for Bogotá. Check in to hotel.

**Day 7**

Early morning visit Chicaque natural reserve, from there we can see part of the east mountain range.

**Day 8**

Morning city tour of Bogotá before transfer to the airport for flight to the UK.

**Day 9 - Morning arrival in the UK.**

Cost from £1699 per person (minimum 15 persons travelling). *1 free leader place per 10 paying pupils.*

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