

JUNGLE SURVIVAL

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Maximum Participants: 10

This Jungle Survival course will take you to the jungles of Amazonia, set upon some of the oldest geological formations in the world. This is where Sir Walter Raleigh searched for El Dorado, and Sir Arthur Conan Doyle dreamt up the stories of "The Lost World." In some of the most pristine and untouched primary jungle in the world, you will learn how to survive from just what is around you and then you will have the chance to put your skills to the test!

After some time in Georgetown (the capital city) to sort out our gear, we head into the jungle by light aircraft over hundreds of miles of jungle clad mountains criss-crossed by many rivers and creeks.

Initial jungle training and acclimatisation will take place in a local Makushi Amerindian village. Here we get you comfortable with the jungle. After just a few days we will move deeper into the jungle by dug out canoes, where we will begin the real fun work of survival training. Within the stunning Pakaraima Mountains, covered in jungle and criss-crossed by rivers, the Bushmasters ex UK Special Forces Survival Instructor and local Amerindian hunters from the Makushi tribe will take you through all you will need to know to survive. We concentrate on things that work, not that look fancy. This is the real stuff, the way the Makushi Amerindians have done it for thousands of years.

The first few days we concentrate on general skills needed to live in the jungle. After this brief training period we get into the details of jungle survival for the next several days. You will learn how to find water, make traps, hunt with bow and arrow, set a fire without a match or lighter, build a shelter, leave signs for rescuers and if all else fails, find your own way and own transport out of the jungle!



After having gone through these basics comes the reality. For a couple of days on your own or in pairs you will be placed in a simulated survival situation, though Bushmasters staff will be monitoring you throughout. Using just your belt kit, you have to put into practice the skills you have learnt. There will be survival tasks to complete. We call this isolation, where there is not only the practical problems of daily existence to cope with, but also the psychological difficulties of not having those modern luxuries, of being in a strange environment, of little human contact, of lack of sleep.....can you cope?



Leaving the jungle behind we head back to Georgetown by light aircraft. Those who chose to can take an optional trip to Kaieteur Falls. You will fly over much of the area you have been in and see some of the giant Tepui in the distance, including Mt. Morakabang and Mt. Ayanganna, the highest mountain in Guyana. You will spend two hours on the ground at Kaieteur, exploring the falls from different viewpoints, including right up close with your toes in the water. You may also get chance to see the rare Cock of the Rock bird and the tiny, golden frogs, which live in the giant bromeliads near the falls. Each little frog is 160 times more potent than cocaine, so no kissing allowed. From Kaieteur Falls the light aircraft will take you back to Georgetown, where the Bushmasters staff will meet you and take you to your hotel for the last night in Guyana.

A trip to Kaieteur is truly amazing and a must do in Guyana. There are no scheduled services to visit the falls, so we would have to charter a plane to fly you there. Cost will therefore depend on how many people from the trip would like to go.



Kaieteur Falls

The map below shows Guyana and its location in South America





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Day	Event	Remarks
Sun	Meet up day. Please plan your arrival flight so as to be available to meet with the rest of the course members today. We will arrange an exact time and venue to meet in Georgetown closer to the date, as there are a variety of flights with different arrival times into Guyana that people may wish to take.	Accommodation will be in a local hotel in en-suite shared rooms. No meals are provided whilst you are in Georgetown.
Mon	Today we head off by light aircraft to the Amerindian village of Surama. We have to take a 4x4 journey for an hour and will arrive at the village eco-lodge late in the day.	Accommodation is in the community eco-lodge, in shared benabs with basic facilities. All meals cooked by local staff at the lodge and served in the central benab.
Tue	<p>Today we check you have all the right equipment for the jungle, plus show you how to use most of it and more importantly pack it so it stays dry.</p> <p>We'll also go through some basic lessons about the jungle, the type of things to expect and even introduce you to some of the local inhabitants – not the human kind either.</p>	Accommodation is in the community eco-lodge, in shared benabs with basic facilities. All meals cooked by local staff at the lodge and served in the central benab.
Wed Thurs Fri Sat Sun Mon	<p>Over the coming days we will go through all the main skills of survival in the jungle. These fall into a series of main headings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Psychological • Water • Shelter • Food • Fire <p>During this period we also leave the main training camp and head much further into the jungle by boat or on foot, to a more remote spot to continue the training before isolation begins.</p>	Throughout accommodation is a hammock in the jungle, with meals prepared for you initially but after a few days you then start fending for yourselves, though the rations are provided.
Tue Wed	The training is over. Today you leave all your comforts behind you and head off with your buddy to your very own stretch of jungle to survive in.	Accommodation and food is what you make / provide for your self!!

	<p>With just your belt kit and recently learnt knowledge to help you, you will be given a series of tasks to complete, in order to survive and make yourself as comfortable as you can. As you progress you will be visited by the staff and your endeavours rewarded with some bush food to keep you going.</p> <p>You will make your own shelter, fire, heater, mosquito repellent, scavenge and hunt food, find water and make ways to show the outside world and rescue parties where you are.</p> <p>This is not just about sitting around and waiting for help, because it is not coming. You have to work at it and you will be exhausted both physically and mentally.</p>	
Thur	<p>At last there is light at the end of the tunnel. A local rescue team find you and help you escape the jungle. We leave the jungle behind and head out into a local Amerindian community, where we can wash off the trail, eat some fresh food, drink a few beers and swap stories of the last few weeks.</p>	<p>Meals and accommodation in shared en-suite rooms at the community lodge.</p>
Fri	<p>Today, probably with a little bit of a sore head, we travel back to Georgetown by light aircraft.</p> <p>In Georgetown no meals are provided, but we'll recommend some excellent places to eat at from Chinese to a Brazilian BBQ!</p>	<p>Tonight accommodation will be provided at the hotel.</p> <p>A trip to Kaieteur will have to be by charter aircraft. Please let us know well in advance of your trip if you would like to visit the falls. It is definitely worth it.</p>
Sat	<p>The course formally finishes today and you should arrange your flights home accordingly.</p>	