

JUNGLE COMBAT

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This two week course is based on UK Special Forces (UKSF) patrolling and fighting skills in a jungle environment.

Throughout you will be living in the forest and using military simulation (milsim) paintball guns and other weapons. These are no toys. They look and feel like the real thing and are exceedingly well made. Some of them cost over a \$1000 and come equipped with laser dot sights, M203 grenade launchers, night vision and much more.



After meeting up with the rest of the group in the capital city of Georgetown we fly deep into the jungle to the Amerindian community of Surama. Here we issue the gear you'll need for the coming trip (jungle combats, webbing, weapons, hammocks etc) as well as introduce you to the local Amerindian hunters who will be your guides, and your enemy on the upcoming adventure. As well as being excellent jungle hunters, all these guys are also ex Guyana militia trained and in recent years, they have been the guys training the real UKSF, USSOF, CANSOF and others how to operate in the jungle, so they'll be no pushover. The course starts with you living in the jungle for the first week as a team. Here you'll learn all the skills needed to live in this environment, some of the hazards and some of the basic survival skills. You'll also go through a mini SF training school where everything including stand to, weapons drills, anti ambush skills, contact drills, man down drills, obstacle crossing, patrol skills, navigation; pretty much everything you'll need to work as an SF soldier in the jungle will be taught. It's a lot and the mental and physical curve is steep! There will be a number of training missions you'll have to complete as part of this phase. Ambushing enemy patrols, your own anti ambush drills, man down drills and so on



Once we're satisfied you're ready you'll be given a mission. After extensive orders and rehearsals you'll embark on a raid against the bad guys! You'll have to observe the target to gather information using advanced optics and listening devices, maybe even mini UAV's. You need to come up with an attack plan and contingency plans for all "the what if's" and then eventually you'll have to conduct the operation.

It will be mentally exhausting, physically tough, you'll have to be patient in the extreme, as stealthy as a jaguar and when the moment comes for it as decisive and aggressive as an SF operator. And don't forget there is a real enemy who are the masters in the jungle, so if you are going to get one over on them, you have to be excellent.

You've seen the movie, read the book, maybe even played the computer game, now come see if you can do it for real, for two weeks and in the middle of the Amazon!

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The map below shows Guyana and its location in South America





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Day	Event	Remarks
Sun	<p>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.</p>	<p>Accommodation will be in a local hotel in en-suite shared rooms. No meals are provided whilst you are in Georgetown.</p>
Mon	<p>Today we head off by light aircraft to the Amerindian village of Surama. We will 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>	<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.</p>
Tue Wed Thurs Fri Sat Sun Mon	<p>We'll head into the forest today and set up your patrol base where you'll be learning and continually rehearsing the skills necessary to fight in a jungle environment. Skills you'll learn include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Weapons *Patrolling & Contact drills (SOP's) *Ambush / anti-ambush drills *Man down *Harbour routine *Observation Post (OP) *Direct Action and Surveillance & Reporting (DA &SR) *Specialist equipment such as NVG's, Optics, UAV's *Boat drills <p>These and other skills will be practised in a number of scenario exercises to make sure the drills become second nature and you work seamlessly as a team.</p> <p>Each day will be busy and physically exhausting working from individual level to four man team level, from basic skills to complex, confusing and difficult scenarios.</p>	<p>Throughout accommodation is a hammock in the jungle, with meals being provided in the jungle school house area.</p>



<p>Tue Wed Thur</p>	<p>Final Exercise: A final, full scenario exercise. You and the team will have to covertly and tactically infiltrate to an enemy base, conduct SR on the target, plan the rescue of hostages held there and execute the plan.</p> <p>You will have to cover every aspect, the infiltration, attack plan, cut off's, rescue and of course how to deal with all those "what if's" You are compromised on the way in, the enemy force is larger than expected, the hostages are not where you expect, the enemy counter attack!</p> <p>The Exercise will include the whole aspect of the SF planning cycle from receiving the initial orders to making the plan, recceing the target, final orders, rehearsals and of course the assault and exfil. It will be your plan, based on the skills you've learned and the strengths of your team.</p>	<p>Accommodation and food is in the jungle.</p>
<p>Fri</p>	<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>Sat</p>	<p>The course formally finishes today and you should arrange your flights home accordingly.</p>	