

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!

Everyone meets in Georgetown (the capital city) from where we head into the forest by light aircraft, flying over hundreds of miles of jungle clad mountains criss-crossed by many rivers and creeks.

Kit issue, sort and initial briefs will take place in a local Makushi Amerindian village. Here we get you comfortable with the jungle. The following day we move deeper into the jungle 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 move deeper into the forest and 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 (depending on how you have done in the training phase), 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 wish 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!

A trip to Kaieteur is truly amazing and a must do in Guyana. Flights to Kaieteur depart on weekends from Georgetown only, so your trip needs to cater for this extra time if you plan to visit. It is definitely worth it.



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. Here we check you have the right gear and issue you specific jungle kit and go through some basic safety lessons prior to heading into the jungle	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 Wed Thurs Fri Sat Sun Mon	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: <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. After a few days you then start fending for yourselves, Military style 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. 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.	Accommodation and food is what you make / provide for yourself!! You have to prove yourself capable in the training period of doing isolation on your own. It is NOT guaranteed. Bushmasters staff only will make this decision.



	<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 same hotel as the first night.</p>
Sat	<p>The course formally finishes today and you should arrange your flights home accordingly.</p>	