



## RIVER LODGE AND RESEARCH CENTRE

### Information, Activities and Rates

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#### ABOUT THE IWOKRAMA RIVER LODGE

Nestled on the banks of the majestic Essequibo River in the heart of Guyana is the award-winning *Iwokrama River Lodge and Research Centre*. This eco-tourism property is located within one (1) million acres of protected and intact tropical rain forest which was donated to the international community in 1989 by the Government of Guyana to demonstrate its commitment to combating climate change and to show how tropical forests could be used to provide economic benefits in a sustainable manner. The River Lodge facility consists of various types of accommodation; a full service kitchen, restaurant and bar; two shops; and a boat dock.

#### RICH BIODIVERSITY

The Iwokrama Forest boasts extraordinary species diversity, and when combined with the nearby Rupununi Wetlands, they account for nearly three quarters of the animal species in all of Guyana.

Group	Iwokrama	Iwokrama & North Rupununi	Guyana	% Guyana Species (Iwokrama)	% Guyana Species (Iwokrama & North Rupununi)
Birds	471	648	821	57%	79%
Mammals	142	191	223	64%	86%
Reptiles	81	103	177	46%	58%
Amphibians	56	70	151	37%	46%
Fish	134	410	573	23%	72%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>884</b>	<b>1422</b>	<b>1945</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>73%</b>

#### ACCOMMODATION FACILITIES & RATES

Accommodation is provided in eight (8) well-appointed cabins with en-suite bathrooms and stunning views of the Essequibo River; a research building with six (6) bedrooms and shared washroom facilities; a training building with four (4) rooms containing multiple bunk beds and an auditorium; and full serviced camping facility downriver at the base of Turtle Mountain. The rates for the accommodations facilities are as follows:

##### **Cabin Accommodations**

- Single occupancy - US\$142.00 per cabin
- Double occupancy - US\$178.00 per cabin
- Triple occupancy - US\$213.00 per cabin

##### **Forenet Rooms**

- Single occupancy - US\$53.00 per room

##### **Training Rooms**

- Single occupancy - US\$27.00 per room

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<sup>1</sup>All prices quoted in US\$ and includes all taxes and service charges



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### MEALS

Sumptuous meals cooked by an Amerindian chef using local ingredients are served in the full service restaurant at the property.

- **Breakfast** US\$14.00
- **Lunch** US\$21.00
- **Dinner** US\$23.00

### FOREST CONSERVATION FEE

There is a Forest Conservation User fee of **US\$15 per person** (one time charge), part of which is donated back to the local community.

### GETTING TO IWOKRAMA

#### OPTION 1

**Overland with Iwokrama's Vehicle: Return Trip is USD\$550 for a 4 seater & US\$750 for a 6 seater**

Depart from Iwokrama's office in Georgetown in a 4x4 air conditioned vehicle with an experienced driver to the Kurupukari Landing, Region 9 where the Iwokrama River Lodge is located. Along the way your guide will point out unique and interesting wildlife, fauna and flora. There will be a stop for lunch at 58 miles Mabura where a traditional Guyanese meal and refreshment can be enjoyed. The duration of this trip is approximately 6 – 9 hours one way depending on road conditions, which means the terrain is rougher in the rainy season. An additional **US\$50** would also be charged for each night the vehicle remains at the River Lodge. Suitable vehicles are used for larger groups.

**N.B Please note that confirmation for booking Iwokrama vehicles needs to be done more than 24hrs prior to the tour otherwise a 20% premium will be added to the cost for transportation.**

#### OPTION 2

**Overland with a Public Mini Bus: Return Trip is USD\$120 per person**

Make your own arrangements and depart on a Mini-Bus from Georgetown to Iwokrama. This trip commences the evening before (approx. 6 pm) whereby the bus travels through the night making a stop for resting etc. then continues to reach the Kurupukari Landing for the 6 am opening. Our guide and vehicle will uplift you from our Radio Station (RS1). To make a reservation call **P & A Bus Service** on tel: **(592) 225 5058**

**OPTION 3 - THIS OPTION IS NOT CURRENTLY AVAILABLE – Flights are available only if there are 6 or more persons booked.**

**Fly to Annai and Overland with Iwokrama's Vehicle:**

**Return Airfare on Trans Guyana from Ogle Airport in Georgetown to Annai - US\$300**

**Land Transfer from Annai with Iwokrama's Vehicle – US\$230 one way (for 1-4 persons)**

Trans Guyana Airline offers daily scheduled flights from the Ogle International Airport (Georgetown) to the Annai Airstrip, where you will be met by an Iwokrama's staff to be transferred in a 4x4 air-conditioned pick-up to the Iwokrama River Lodge. The flight time is approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes and the land transfer is about 2 hours. Iwokrama's Reservations Office (77 High Street, Kingston, Georgetown) is an agent for Trans Guyana and tickets can be arranged and purchased there.



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### **OPTION 4**

#### **Air Charter to the Fair View Airstrip**

**9-Seater Aircraft - US\$3,322 Return**

**13-Seater Aircraft – US\$5,202 Return**

Charter a flight with Air Services Limited or Trans Guyana Airways from Ogle Airport to the Fair View Village Airstrip, which is about a 5-minute drive to the River Lodge. Charters are ideal for groups and can be arranged at Iwokrama's Reservation Office in Georgetown.

### **ACTIVITIES AND TOURS**

#### **READ AND RELAX**

You may want to spend a portion of your adventure simply enjoying the peace and quiet of a pristine forest environment or taking advantage of the amenities at the River Lodge. You can enjoy the sounds and sights of birds and monkeys or reflect upon the dark and mysterious Essequibo River. Take a nap or read in one of the hammocks. There is also a small but expanding reference library and a tourism office with complimentary internet access.

#### **BIRD WATCHING AT THE RIVER LODGE**

With close to 500 species of birds in the Forest, Iwokrama is a birder's haven. Numerous bird species can be seen from at the River Lodge including the colourful scarletas well as blue and green macaws; various species of parrots; and toucans.

#### **GUIDED TOURS**

Iwokrama offers numerous tours and activities on land and in the river using professionally trained guides. A description of these tours and the prices follows:

#### ***Canopy Walkway***

Departing 5am and 2pm Opened in November 2003, the 154 meter (505 ft.) state-of-the-art Canopy Walkway envelopes you in the jungle's mid-level canopy from heights of up to 30 meters (98 ft.). If you visit at dusk or dawn, you'll have the best chance to see birds like the Green Aracari, Scarlet Macaw, Guiana Toucanette or Channel-bill Toucan. Red Howler Monkeys may also be observed. Check out the epiphytes such as orchids and bromeliads, and look for the amazing parasitic Ficus plant as it engulfs another tree. Ask your guide to show you the endemic Greenheart tree, the Waramadan (endemic in Guyana only to the Iwokrama Forest) and the poisonous Aromata! You can also spend the night at the nearby satellite camp and experience the "art of survival" with our knowledgeable guides.

#### ***Guided Nature Walk***

Explore one of the nearby wildlife trails near the Field Station with an experienced Iwokrama Guide. Ask your guide about the Mora, Soft Wallaba and Wamara trees and the Screaming Piha, the Grey Chinned Hermit, and the Black-necked Aracari. You might even spot Howler Monkeys or a Sloth.

#### ***Nocturnal Wildlife Spotting by Boat***

Just imagine yourself cruising on the Essequibo River through the black of night, maybe lit only by a pale moon. Your guide shines the spotlight and there it is... the red-eye glare of the Black Caiman! Frequently and closely seen lying on the river banks, the world's largest of the alligator family grows to 6 meters (20



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ft.) long. A boat ride at night may also introduce you to other nocturnal creatures such as Tree Boas, Pacas, Nightjars, and Hula tree frogs.

### *Indian Island Sunrise Boat Ride*

At dawn you can take an early morning boat trip round Indian House Island. Ask your guide to show you the butterflies, snakes and macaws as they come out to have “breakfast” on the edge of the island.

### *Petroglyphs*

During the low water season take a boat ride to visit the ancient petroglyphs near to fair View village. These stunning works of art are estimated to be over 6,000 years old.

### *Nocturnal Wildlife Spotting by Foot*

Take a nocturnal guided nature walk from the Field Station; things to look out for are nocturnal creatures such as Boas, Pacas, Nightjars, and Hula tree frogs, bats and many other animals of the night.

### *Wildlife Spotting by Vehicle*

This early morning or dusk activity involves taking a drive along the Iwokrama Rainforest passage in search of wildlife. 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.

### *Turtle Mountain and Stanley Lakes*

A trip to Iwokrama is not complete without hike to the top of Turtle Mountain. Take a 30-40 minute boat journey downriver and then hike the 2 mile trail up to 300 metre (950ft) summit for a stunning jungle vista punctuated by the powerful Essequibo River snaking through the forest. Numerous bird species can be spotted on the lower trail including the Red-and-Black Grosbeak, Yellow-billed Jacamar, and Brown-bellied Antwren. The journey may also reward you with sightings of monkeys such as Red Howlers, Wedge-capped Capuchins and Black Spiders, as well as Agoutis and Deer. For those who may find the trip to Turtle Mountain too strenuous, continue on the boat ride further downstream to a section of flooded várzea forest known as the Stanley Lakes. Here you traverse through a maze of small channels and oxbow lakes by boat as they pass through a palm-rich forest which is largely inaccessible by foot. You are likely to see river turtles as well as bird species such as Anhingas and Ospreys and the (very) occasional Harpy Eagle!

### *Canoe Ride*

For a small rental fee enjoy a leisurely canoe ride on your own along frontage of the River Lodge, under the watchful eyes of one of the guides.

### *Prince Charles and the Cock of the Rock Nature Trail*

The Prince Charles Nature Trail is located on the southern boundary of the Iwokrama forest and was created and named in honour of the Prince’s visit to this area in 2000. Here he signed the agreement to become Iwokrama’s Royal Patron under a towering Brazilian cedar. An 800 metre walk will take you through beautifully varied forest that connects with the 400 metre long Cock-of-the-Rock trail to form a loop. On the latter trail you will stop to investigate an active leak of the famous Guianan Cock-of-the-Rock with its luminous orange balls of feathers display among the boulder-strewn forested hillside which surely would be the highlight of the trip.



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### **Mori Scrub Trail**

This sandy soil trail is located in an area along the main road and supports unique vegetation. This is a good place to look for Rufous-winged Ground-Cuckoo, Rufous-crowned Elaenia, Black Manakin, and Red-shouldered Tanager.

### **RATES FOR TOURS AND ACTIVITIES (all prices in US\$)**

TOURS	1 Pax	2 Pax	3 Pax	4 Pax	5 Pax	6 Pax	7 Pax	8 Pax	9 Pax	10 Pax	11 Pax	12 Pax
Turtle Mountain Tour/Stanley Lake	178	178	178	213	213	213	356	356	356	427	427	427
Canopy Walkway	25	50	75	100	125	150	175	200	225	250	275	300
Caiman Night Spotting	30	41	53	65	76	89	119	130	142	153	165	175
Nocturnal Wildlife Spotting by Road	65	119	160	208	250	284	332	380	427	475	521	570
Rapids/Petroglyphs	30	41	53	65	76	89	119	130	142	153	165	175
Indian Island	30	41	53	65	76	89	119	130	142	153	165	175
Cock of the Rock Trail	38	70	116	156	195	234	273	313	352	391	430	470
Nature Trails Walk	17	30	41	53	65	76	89	119	130	142	153	165
Mori Scrub Trail Walk	30	41	53	65	76	89	119	130	142	153	165	175
Canoe Trip	12	17	23	30	35	41	47	53	59	65	71	76

### **DISCOUNTS**

#### **For Local Residents & CARICOM Citizens**

Guyanese nationals, persons residing in Guyana and citizens from CARICOM countries will get 20% off on accommodation, meals and tours all year round.

#### **For Non-CARICOM Citizens (all other countries)**

Persons from all other countries are entitled to a 30% discount on accommodation only during the rainy season period of May 1<sup>st</sup> – July 31<sup>st</sup>

### **TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

1. All requests for provisional or confirmed reservations are to be made by the Guest by way of e-mail, letter, facsimile, voucher or addressed to Iwokrama River Lodge.
2. No reservation will be deemed confirmed unless acknowledged and accepted in writing by Iwokrama River Lodge. The Lodge will respond to all reservation applications in a timely manner and will reply using the same medium of communication whereby the request was made.
3. Provisional reservations will be held for 7 days, if a deposit is not made to confirm the reservation, the booking will be automatically released.
4. The reserving party must furnish Iwokrama River Lodge with the following information:
  - Guest's last name and full first names.



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- Number and category of rooms required.
- Preferred arrival and departure dates.
- Arrival and departure points and information (airline, charter or transfer information).
- Nationality of Guests.
- Types of paid tours they would like to undertake.

### **PAYMENT PROCEDURE**

Payment of each reservation charge shall be made as follows:

A non-refundable 20% deposit upon acceptance of reservations is to be received by Iwokrama River Lodge from the Guest within seven (7) working days from date of request; failure to provide a deposit will result in the automatic cancellation of the reservation.

The balance is due not less than thirty (30) days prior to arrival.

For reservations made within 14 days prior to arrival, the full amount of the trip is required.

### **CANCELLATIONS**

Should any reservation or payment provision not be observed by the reserving party, Iwokrama River Lodge will be entitled to cancel the respective reservation with immediate effect. This will be done by way of written notice.

### **CANCELLATION CONDITIONS**

Should a cancellation be received between confirmation and 7 days prior to arrival no cancellation fee will be charged. Should a cancellation be received between 6 and 3 days prior to arrival a 50% cancellation fee will be charged. Should a cancellation be received 2 or less days prior to arrival no refund will be given. Cancellation fees are calculated on the rate per person and on the total value of the full stay. All reservation amendments or cancellations are valid only if advised and accepted in writing, facsimile or e-mail. Iwokrama River Lodge **strongly** recommends that guests consider a travel insurance policy, which may assist in offsetting any unforeseen cancellation charges.

### **TRANSFER OF BOOKING**

In the event you are unable to come due to extraordinary circumstances, we may transfer your booking to another party provided the arrangements remain the same.

### **MODE OF PAYMENT**

All prices are quoted in US Dollars, but we accept the local currency. We accept Visa, MasterCard, and American Express as well as travellers cheques.

### **TRANSPORT**

Mode of transport utilised will be dependent on the number of clients travelling and participating in activities. All of our vehicles are 4 wheel drive and air conditioned. Fully trained and experienced English speaking driver/guides are provided.

### **ACCOMMODATION**

Large groups may have to share accommodation with a maximum of three adults per cabin.

### **TRAVEL INSURANCE**

You are advised to buy travel insurance through your agent before coming to Guyana.



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### LIABILITY

Iwokrama reserves the right to employ subcontractors to carry out all or part of the transport agreed to be supplied. The respective laws of the country govern Iwokrama's liability to passengers carried in its own vehicles. All claims are subject to the jurisdiction of the courts of the country in which the cause of action arises.

### VIEWING WILDLIFE

When it comes to wildlife viewing, please be advised there are no guarantees. It is a privilege to see animals in their natural habitats; our experienced guides will take every measure to ensure your experience is enjoyable. The only thing you can kill is time the only thing you can take is a photograph; the only thing you can leave is your footprints. Wildlife viewing is also dependant on the seasons.

### WHAT PERSONAL ITEMS TO BRING TO IWOKRAMA?

Rubber boots or other waterproof *footwear* (We do not recommend wearing open footwear to walk in the rainforest)

- Long trousers (2), preferably made of cotton-polyester mix
- Long-sleeved shirt, sweater or jacket for cool evenings
- T-shirts or short-sleeved shirts (3-4); light colours are preferable, darker colours can attract insects
- Several changes of socks
- Hat & sun-screen
- Flip flops or trainers to wear when not on activities
- Flashlight (headlamp if you want to see animal eye shine at night)
- Insect repellent
- Medication which you may require
- Binoculars
- A water container
- Small Day Pack to take on activities
- A Camera with flash.

### CONTACT US

For reservations and more information contact:

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