# FRENCH GUIANA



French Guiana is a remote region of France covered in thick jungle and wilderness, although you'll also find colonial architecture, eerie prison-camp history and some of the world's most diverse plant and animal lifehere.

If you are looking for peace and nature in the rough, you will love Guyana. A confidential destination nestled between Brazil and Suriname, this small piece of French land on the American continent is almost entirely covered with equatorial forest. It is a real gem of biodiversity and the hidden diamond between the central atlantic fishing destinations.

Untamed coasts full of marine life make this eden an unmatched location to catch trophy Groupers, Tarpons, Cuberas, and other monsters.





# TARGET SPECIES



Among many species of fish we will be targeting monster Cubera Snappers, massive Tarpon, and superlative Goliath Groupers, among others like Jack Crevalle, Permits, Mackerels, different kinds of shark's, Barracudas, etc...

We will be practising lure casting for some awesome topwater action, jigging in the deeper spots, dropping some massive baits in the wreks and structures, and doing some trolling occasionally.

Be ready for the unknown, this is the place for surprises and breaking record catches.





# ACCOMODAT



We have different accommodation options, depending on the size of the group and the demands of our clients. Among them, apartments and bungalows near our harbor and the city center, all with king size beds, living room with open kitchen, fully equipped bathroom, parking space, kitchen and terrace.

Located high up, the apartment offers a breathtaking view of the city of Rémire-Montjoly. It will ensure you comfort and serenity throughout your stay. In addition, you will be entitled to a private parking space guaranteeing optimal security.

All accommodations have TV, AC, Wifi & cleaning service or washing machine.

The Bungalows are a slightly cheaper option and still a very comfortable and accessible place to stay for small groups.



### BOAT



Our vessel, the perfect tool for exploring these waters, it's a 10 meter long speed boat equipped with twin 150hp engines, all electronics like GPS and fish finders, coolers to keep our food and drinks ice-cold, plenty of place to cast and full of rod holders.

The Boat it's located in the mouth of the river, the best place to make our jump aboard accessible and practical everyday.





# SURROUNDINGS



French Guiana it's a strange mix of French law and rainforest humidity where only a few destinations along the coast are easily accessed and travel can be frustratingly difficult.

As a department of France, it's one of South America's wealthiest corners, with funds pouring in to ensure the smooth working of the Guiana Space Center at Kourou. But not even a European superpower can tame this vast, pristine jungle. You'll find potholes in newly paved roads, and ferns sprouting between bricks, while Amerindians, Maroons and Hmong refugees live traditional lifestyles so far from la vie métropole that it's hard to believe they're connected at all.

Once in the capital, Cayenne's market, shoppers will find a vibrant jumble of Amerindian basketry, African-style paintings and carvings, piles of spices at great prices, and soup stalls that serve up the best Vietnamese pho in the Guianas. Dark aisles of fruit and vegetable stands, overflowing with daikon, bok choy and bean sprouts, look more like Southeast Asia than South America. A crossroads of the Caribbean, South America and Europe, Cayenne is a city of myriad cultures surrounded on all sides by the sounds, smells and colors of the tropics. The streets of the town center are lined with colonial wrought-iron balconies with louvered shutters painted in now-faded tropical pinks, yellows and turquoises. Above it all sits the town's old fortress, an atmospheric wind-whipped ruin that looks down onto the palm trees of the town's elegant main square. Cayenne is also home to vibrant markets and excellent Brazilian, Creole, French and Chinese restaurants.

Plage Les Hattes is a top choice beach in Mana & Awala-Yalimopo. This long stretch of beach is a very important nesting ground for giant leatherback turtles, which can grow up to 600kg. The females come ashore from April to July, and their young hatch and make their way into the sea between July and September.

Trésor & Kaw Nature Reserve is one of French Guiana's most accessible primary rainforest areas, and wandering its 1.75km botanical trail is a great way to experience its rich diversity and wildlife. Trésor borders the mysterious forests and swamps of the Kaw Nature Reserve, an excellent place to observe caiman and spectacular waterbirds such as the scarlet ibis.









# OTHER ACTIVITIES



Bird-watching, hiking and canoeing are popular in French Guiana. Water sports – windsurfing, kitesurfing and sailing – are a major pastime on beaches at Montjoly and Kourou.

Île St Joseph, is an Island in the archipelago of "Îles du Salut". With its eerie solitary-confinement cells and guards' cemetery, Île St Joseph is overgrown with coconut palms, though it does have a good white-sand beach that is perfect for swimming.

Maison de la "Reserve Naturelle l'Amana" in Mana & Awala-Yalimopo. Amerindian settlements and thick clouds of mosquitoes populate Awala-Yalimopo and Plage Les Hattes, one of the world's most spectacular nesting sites for giant leatherback turtles. The reserve has a small museum that offers information about turtle biology and has two nature trails leading from its premises.

Ruins in Cayenne, in Fort Cépérou, it's one off the gardened Place Léopold Héder are the remains of Fort Cépérou, perched on land bought in 1643 from the Galibi people by the first French colonists. Most of the site is now a restricted military zone, but you can still stroll around the ruins for good views of Cayenne and the river.





# USEFUL INFORMATION



Guyana can be visited all year round, which is why the countless excursions operate even in the low tourist season, but the best time for fishing it's between June and December.

It is all year round with water at a temperature that oscillates between 27 and 28°C. The annual average temperature is 26°C with a maximum of 33°C, enough to make a Parisian green with envy. With an equatorial climate, Guyana experiences significant rainfall, yet its rate of sunshine remains very high. The coast benefits from the freshness of the constantly blowing trade winds, which makes it an excellent spot for kite surfers: kilometers of deserted and golden beaches, little swell and a steady wind.

The way to get to Cayenne is definitely by plane. Air France offers direct flights from Paris-Cayenne connecting the two cities in less than 9 hours.

Make sure you are up-to-date on all routine vaccines before travelling. Malaria it's rare and we don't recommend prophylactics due to their side-effects, but we do recommend preventing mosquito bites using protective clothing (light colours and loose clothing are best). They should be used during those times of the day when mosquitoes are biting, combined with insect repellent and sleeping under a mosquito net. Yellow Fever vaccine is required and mandatory for travelers arriving from all countries, and we strongly recommend having your own medical insurance beside the one you have included in your trip.

French Guiana is an Overseas Department of France and is part of the European Union. If you hold a EU or British Citizen passport, you do not need a visa to enter French Guiana for stays of up to three months.

The official language is French, though most of the population speak a Creole patois. English is also widely spoken. As an integral part of France, French Guiana is part of the European Union and the European, and starting in 2002, its currency is the euro. The current population of French Guiana is only around 300.000 at the moment, and most of whom live along the coast, substantially ethnically diverse.

Power plugs and sockets are of type C, D and E. The standard voltage is 220 V and the standard frequency is 50 Hz.







### WHAT TO BRING



- All you fishing gear if you like to use yours beside our trolling and stand up set ups
- Replacement gear, heavy tackle, strong reels and rods, leaders, lures, jiggs, hooks, etc...
- All your equipment for a day in the water
- Your beach clothes, hat, sunscreen, glasses, etc
- Insect repellent
- Your medicines
- Some warmer clothes for the night & one raincoat
- Passport with more than 6 months of validity
- Vaccination card
- Camera
- Cash in € or USD
- Credit card



# MEDIA & GUIDING



As a Professional Freelance Audiovisual Producer & Fishing / Spearfishing Guide, my job is to promote the best trips around the world, operated by the best companies I work with, always offering the best quality and compromise. I will, simply, bring you the best destinations, personally known, that offer you all the guarantees and adapts to your necessities. If you are a group, great! If you are alone, don't worry, I will find more people to join you! Whatever you want, from hardcore fishing to family holiday, I will provide Expert Coaching, advices & knowledge in the field, to make you catch that "one in a life-time" fish, that sometimes can be so elusive and challenging.

I know where & when to find them, and how to get you on them!

I'm also a professional cinematographer & photographer, and I will be capturing footage of your experience so you can have high quality content of memories that will last a lifetime.

# WHAT'S INCLUDED & WHAT'S NOT



Included

- 8 days and 7 nights Lodge accommodation in full board basis
- 6 full days off fishing, with drinks, snacks & meals aboard
- Transfers from and to Cayenne to the Lodge
- Fishing gear for trolling and Stand Up (other gear available upon request)
- Insurance

Not included

- Flights to and from Cayenne
- Day trips
- Visa on arrival
- Other meals not included in the plan & alcoholic beverages
- Tips

