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Dear Colleagues,

When I first visited Georgetown, I had a good idea of what to expect. I knew I would have the chance to explore the markets, and discover all kinds of fresh, local ingredients, many of which would be totally new to me. I knew I would be introduced to styles of art, architecture, music and cuisine that were different from those in other Caribbean and Latin American countries. What I hadn't expected, however, was the welcoming vibe that seemed to embrace me at every turn. From the tour guides to the waiters, the Guyanese people are a warm and inviting bunch (of course, being able to speak English with everyone made things a bit easier). But don't take my word for it, come to Georgetown, and discover for yourself.

Warmly,

Jane Behrend

Lead Representative, North America

PERSON OF THE MONTH: SALVADOR DE CAIRES



If you want someone to show you around Georgetown, Salvador is your man. He was born here in Guyana's capital city and spent his youth learning its ins and outs as only a young boy can. After studying at St. Stanislaus College in Georgetown and Mount Saint Mary's College in Derbyshire, England, Salvador returned to Georgetown to teach.

Before long, however, he and his young family left the city and turned to organic farming outside the small village of Wauna. In 1983, he moved to New York City and managed a textile plant. In 2010, Salvador and his wife Andrea returned to Guyana to manage [Karanambu Lodge](#) in the Rupununi. Six years later, they returned to Georgetown, where today Salvador works for a destination management company, which allows him to share the wonders of his worldly experience and his hometown with guests

FEATURED ITINERARY

GEORGETOWN CITY TOUR

Let Dagon Tours take you on this 4-hour, guided tour of a city that has been described as "an open air museum." Travel on air conditioned bus to the sea wall, to Main Street and all its historic buildings. Visit St. George's Cathedral, the Stabroek Market and more.



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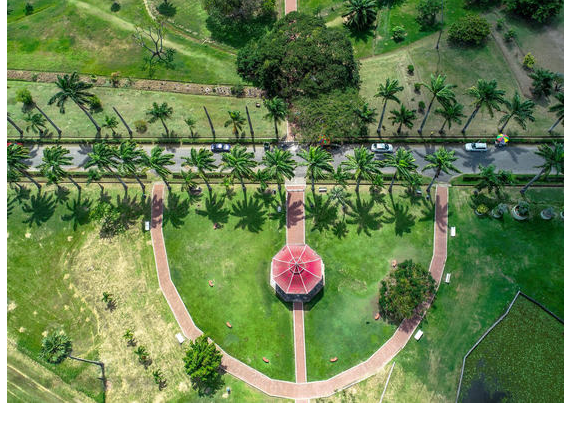
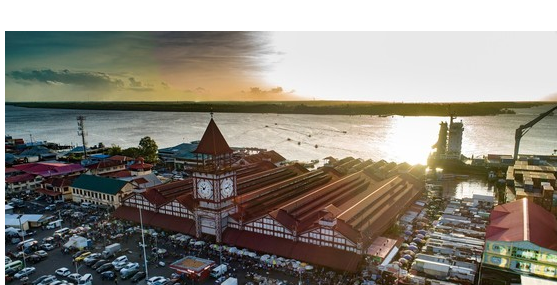
Georgetown Capital City and Gateway to Adventure

As you walk through Georgetown, you could be forgiven if you felt more like you were in a Caribbean city than a South American one. While Guyana's coastal, capital city bristles with energy, there is an unmistakable Caribbean vibe here largely due to the history of this part of the country. You can sense it in the architecture, the food, the music and the relaxed warmth of the people.



With a population of approximately 200,000, Georgetown boasts all the delightful diversions of a modern city that is experiencing rapid growth: hotels, shopping, bars and restaurants, nightlife and other stimuli for the urban soul.

However, there is a historical aspect to the city as well. Colonial architecture is on display, there are several museums celebrating Guyana's natural and cultural past, and in the center of town is St. George's Cathedral, reputedly the tallest wooden cathedral in the world.



For those seeking an oasis from the hustle and bustle, Georgetown's Botanical Gardens and National Park offer a bit of nature and its calming effects. Not only are these parks home for a great variety of South American fauna and bird species, there's a friendly group of manatees in the lakes who love to interact with visitors.

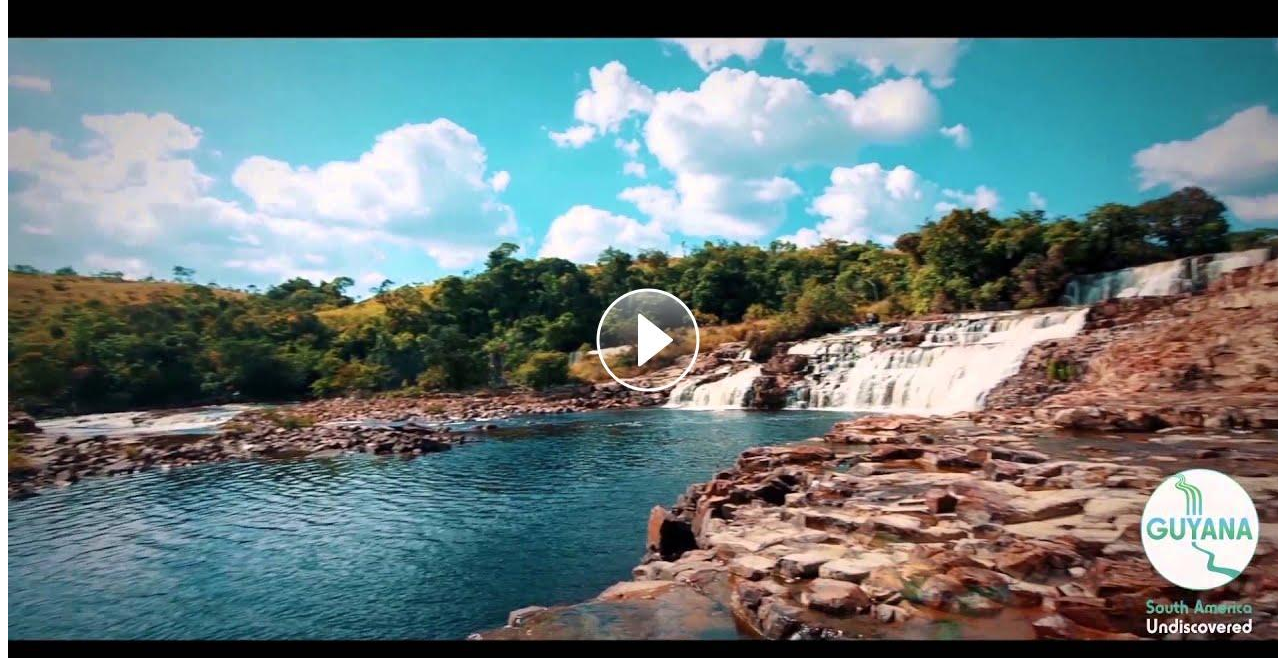
If in your Georgetown wanderings, you find yourself lost, or wondering what to do next, simply ask a local. They'd be more than happy to guide you to your next destination.

Want to learn more about Guyana's capital city? Check out this blog post from [Wild Junket](#), [13 Things to Do in Georgetown](#).

VIDEO OF THE MONTH

Guyana is a cultural melting pot. In addition to its indigenous peoples, the country's population is comprised of descendants of enslaved Africans brought to the Caribbean to work sugar plantations.

Nowhere is this blending of cultures more apparent than on the colorful streets of Georgetown. For a little taste of the beauty and energy that comes from embracing diversity, watch this video:



GUYANA IN THE NEWS



Business Travel News announced JetBlue will commence [daily flights](#) between New York's JFK and Guyana's Georgetown-GEO airport.

Guyana's public infrastructure minister David Patterson said the service comes as the nation sees " *continued and sustainable growth in several sectors of our economy, including service, tourism, mining and oil and gas.* "



Travel Weekly had their cover story on Guyana: [So You Say You Want Authentic?](#)

"The country has a tremendous endowment in its bio- and cultural diversity," said Brian T. Mullis, Director of the Guyana Tourism Authority. "Where else can you go that's this close to North America, find incredible natural attractions and may not see other tourists? Where more than 80% of the forest is still there, by design? Where you can interact with indigenous people and not need a translator?"



The Crowded Planet adventure travel website offers 14 reasons why Guyana is [South America's best travel secret](#).

"Have you ever considered traveling to Guyana, South America's most offbeat and adventurous country? If you haven't, but you have adventure in your blood, you should! . . . Guyana is unique in South America (and in the world!) for many reasons — and it's truly one of the world's best offbeat travel destinations. "

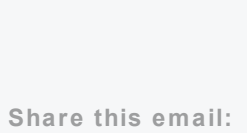


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