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Dear Colleague,

Guyana is a small country, about the size of Idaho. However, it is known as "The Land of The Giants." This is because so much of Guyana's wildlife can lay claim to this name. The largest member of the alligatoridae family - the black caiman. The largest fresh water fish - the arapaima. The largest snake - the anaconda. All, along with 15 [other giants](#), can be found in Guyana. It's a direct result of Guyana's vast amount of untouched rainforest, savannahs, mountains and rivers. When your clients are looking for nature-based adventure on a large scale, introduce them to Guyana - The Land of The Giants.

In adventurous spirit,

Jane Behrend

Lead Representative, North America

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PERSON OF THE MONTH

LEON MOORE

Guyana is home to over 900 species of birds. Leon Moore estimates he has seen 600 of them. A former soldier, Moore is now considered one of Guyana's premiere naturalist guides. In fact, he was named the 2013 Tour Guide of The Year by the [Guyana Tourism Authority](#). Moore has been leading guests through the rainforests and savannahs of Guyana for over 10 years. This experience inspired Moore to open his own tour company, Leon Moore Nature Experience, which specializes in birding, wildlife and photography tours in Guyana, Suriname and soon, Cuba.

FEATURED ITINERARY

Leon Moore Nature Experience

Wildlife and Birding Tour

This 10-day trip from Leon Moore Nature Experience will expose you to some of Guyana's best-known wildlife. You'll explore the Rupununi River and its surrounding rainforest, spotting a massive variety of bird species and other exotic wildlife. You'll stay in community-run eco-lodges, savor the local cuisine, and have the chance to interact with and really get to know your hosts (without having to use an interpreter, since Guyana is the only English speaking country in South America).



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LAND OF THE GIANTS

For such a small country, Guyana's wildlife goes big - as in physically large. Consider this roster of sizeable specimens:



Giant anteater—The largest member of the anteater family. If you're lucky, you may catch a glimpse of one at dawn in the savannah as they return home from night feeding.

Giant river otter—The largest member of the weasel family (someone had to be). That distinction notwithstanding, they are quite cute and a sight to see.



Arapaima—At up to 9 feet in length and over 400 pounds, it's almost not fair to call this a "fish," but it is. It lives in freshwater and travellers to Guyana can actually fish for one. You have to have a permit as it can only happen at a specific time of year and is strictly catch and release, but talk about a once in a lifetime experience and Instagramable moment!

Black caiman—The largest member of the alligatoridae family, and the largest predator in the Amazon ecosystem, these caiman can grow up to 16 feet in length and weigh 1,100 pounds. A boat trip down the Rupununi River usually reveals several of the big fellahs swimming on the surface, or sunning on the river banks.



Jaguar—The largest wild cat in the Americas. It is said that while you may not see a jaguar (spottings are pretty rare), it's probable that one will see you. Popular areas in Guyana where jaguar spotting are more likely include the road between Iwokrama River Lodge and Surama Ecological, along with upper Rewa River.

Harpy eagle—The harpy is one of the largest eagle species in the world, and the largest raptor in the Amazon. Its wingspan can reach up to seven feet and can be found in various spots in the Kanuku Mountains and Iwokrama Rainforest.



Anaconda—Everyone's favorite. Measuring up to 29 feet in length (seriously), they're one of the largest snakes in the world, who have been known to eat fish, caiman, and even a jaguar. Their name translates from the Greek for "good swimmer." And did we mention they sometimes hang out in trees?

Of course, not all of Guyana's wildlife species are setting size records, however there are enough "giants" roaming through our rainforests, rivers and savannahs to make "The Land of The Giants" an appropriate nickname for the destination.

VIDEO OF THE MONTH

Head into the interior and meet some of Guyana's natural "Giants" in this short video.



GUYANA IN THE NEWS



New York Amsterdam News says a trip to Guyana is sure to provide [adventure, surprise and a good time](#).

"Here, there are more than 900 species of birds, along with jaguars, giant anteaters, the endangered Black Caiman crocodile, and Arapaima gigas (also known as pirarucu), the largest scaled freshwater fish."



Travel Agent Magazine ran a [special report on Guyana](#) with a cover story that takes a firsthand look at the South American destination.

"We found a country with a unique, natural environment that included rainforest, savannah and a coastal city, as well as a destination serious about developing a sustainable tourism product."



The Thrillist says that Guyana is [South America's Best-Kept Secret](#)

"Forget about the well-trod tourist trail through Costa Rica, Peru, and Brazil -- Guyana's untouched interior offers the ultimate nature fix. Guyana may be the least visited corner of South America...the country simply does not fit the usual backpacker circuit."

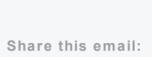


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