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1. Geographical location

Located on the Atlantic Ocean coast of the Demerara river, Georgetown was named after King George III. The town that is enclosed by a blanket of field with savannah lands and marshy swamps on its east and south is also the capital of the country. The town is laid out in a north-south, east-west framework, is weaved with canals protected by sluices and kokers. With a tropical and humid climate all around the year, Georgetown lies at a small elevation which is just one meter below the high tide level.



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2. Neighbouring cities/countries

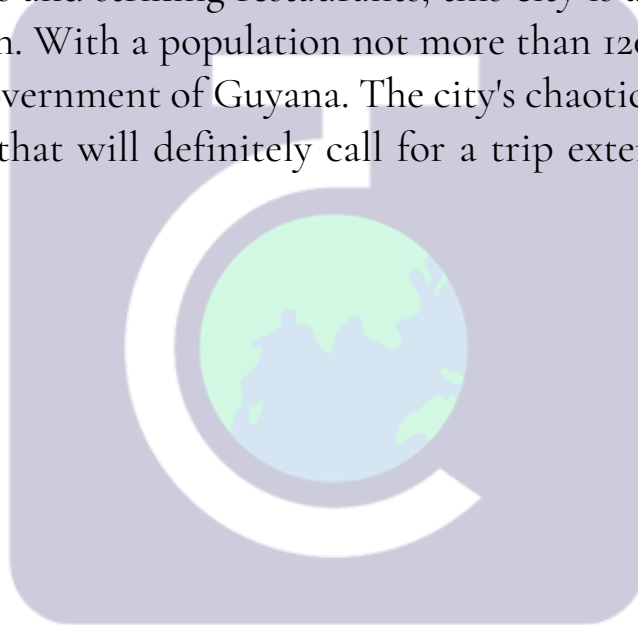
The Nearest Towns To Visit Georgetown Includes Linden, Bartica, Anna Regina And Lethem.



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3. Significance

The Fairy Land - What makes the capital of Guyana beautiful is its fairy tale setting that comprises of the quaint Dutch Victorian and Colonial architecture, magnificent avenues and its tree-lined streets. Georgetown, a destination where getting lost is difficult, for you will find yourself in easy-going streets, enclosed by messy parks and unique infrastructure making it ever-delightful. Boasting of rich historical monuments and striking restaurants, this city is also known as Garden City of the Caribbean. With a population not more than 120,000, the town is the seat of the central Government of Guyana. The city's chaotic life is complimented by its laidback feels that will definitely call for a trip extension, when you step your foot.



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4. History

Formerly began as a small town in the 18th century, Georgetown was made a capital city after the colonization of the French in the year 1782, prior to which the British captured the existing colonies in the year 1781 and chose the mouth of the Demerara River as the establishing point for the development of the city. Earlier known as the capital Longchamps, the town was soon conquered and restored by the Dutch in 1784, who renamed it to Stabreok. The Dutch glory didn't last long since the British took over the region and renamed the town in the honour of King George III to the presently known - Georgetown. It was during this time when the town began to develop and expanded its horizons. The abolition of slavery in the year 1834 resulted in the importation of indentured Indians and black settlements in the area. The town that was then controlled by a Board of Police gained official city status in 1842, further followed by building of first railroad in the continent. Georgetown flourished during the 19th century and was made a crown colony that reasserted British control. However the year 1945 saw the Great Fire that destroyed the glorious architectural gems of the town. The country finally gained Independence from the UK in 1966, further becoming a republic in 1970. Today the city is the largest urban center of the country and stands high as the most important city for the Guyana and Caribbean.

5. Cultural identity

Guyana is a smorgasbord of different cultures that blend in to make the country uniquely beautiful in its own way. Reflections of Amerindian, Chinese, African, Dutch, Portuguese and Indian cultures portray the many visual arts scene that is not only thriving but something to cherish and experience when visiting the country. The native Amazon Rainforest communities in the country like the friendly Macushis, Wowetta in the Rupununi, Patamonas of Surma and the Arawaks of Santa Mission will invite you to spend a few days with them and experience their unique traditional cultures offering you a perfect community tourism experience. Be wowed by the processing and traditional food along with the beverage made from cassava (i.e. root tuber) and be amazed by their intriguing folklores, native cultural performances and their rainforest stories. The traditional music is a mix of Latin, European, African influences, further complimented by the impactful native cultures of the region that includes, Caribbean reaggae, chutney and soca. The folklore of the country is similar to the Caribbean folklers, accompanied by Amerindian, African Indian and Portuguese beliefs. With a similar cuisine to Anglo Caribbean, the food of the country reflects the ethnicity of the country and its colonial past. A wide diversity in food is represented by coup rice, curry and roti, however one pot meal steals the show as the national dish of the country. An odd combination of restraint and religion, Guyana is a diverse country that unifies the many cultures despite the differences in the culture, beliefs and religion.

Index**6. Natural resources**

The town isn't home to any Natural park, infact Guyana is home to only one National Park which is located in the region of Potaro-Siparuni and is popularly known as Kaieteur National Park. As sugarcane dominates the country, Sugarcane is found here in abundance. Guyana is rich in forest resources as well as rice fields, Petroleum, bauxite, diamonds and gold reserves.



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7. Key site seeing places (paid and free)

7.1. Paid

7.1.1. The Guyana National Zoo

Opened in 1952, this National Zoo gives you an opportunity to see over 100 species of exotic and tropical wildlife that include harpy eagles, manatees and many interesting animals. Many of the animals in the zoo are rescued animals, hence approach them with caution.

Address : Georgetown, Guyana

Location : 6.8076272, -58.14674430000002

Contact : +592 627 6215

Website : <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Guyana-Zoo/112379888774267?rf=515450385137668>

Nearest Public Transport : Route 48 Bus Park(Not Recommended)

Entry Fee : Adult: GYD \$200, Child: GYD \$100

Open & Close Timing : Monday-Saturday 09:00hrs-20:00hrs

Time Required : 2.5

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.2. Pandama Retreat & Winery

Pandama Retreat is a one-stop-destination to enjoy the wonders of nature along with a wide selection of fruit and herbal wines making up for a perfect day to rejuvenate and relax. You can choose from many outdoor activities that include swimming, camping, hiking or birdwatching followed by a serene stay in the retreat's forest cabins.

Address : Plot 9 Madewini | Soesdyke/Linden Highway, Georgetown, Guyana

Location : 6.5076166, -58.20771500000001

Contact : +592 654 1865

Website : <http://www.pandamaretreat.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Route 45 Bus Park Bus Station (Not Recommended)

Entry Fee : Adults: GYD \$1000; Children (under 13years): GYD \$500.

Open & Close Timing : Open 24Hours

Time Required : 3

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.3. Demerara Rum Distillery

Demerara Distillery takes you through a tour to educate you more about the processing of rum and boasts of the last two original wooden pot stills in the world that work till date. Awarded and voted among the best rums in the world, the visitors can see the blend of almost 15-year old rum in ancient techniques. Not only can you purchase great bottles, but also taste the lip-smacking samples.

Address : East Bank, Demerara River, Georgetown, Guyana

Location : 6.720001300000001, -58.1890118

Contact : +592-265-5019

Website : <http://demeraradistillers.com/index.php>

Nearest Public Transport : Route 32 Bus Park Bus Station (Not Recommended)

Entry Fee : Tour Price: GYD \$3600

Time Required : 2.5

Expected Wait Time : 20 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes



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7.2. Free

7.2.1. Cheddi Jagan Research Centre

Celebrating the life of the Father of the Nation - Cheddi Jagan, this research center features Jagan's writings that include speeches, poetry, books and other path-breaking literature. You will find many objects and items on display to give you a glimpse of the life of Cheddi Jagan back then. The research center is one of the landmarks to know about the town's history in detail.

Address : 65 / 66 High Street, Georgetown, Guyana

Location : 6.823073600000001, -58.1616199

Contact : +592 223-7524

Website : <http://jagan.org/>

Nearest Public Transport : Ave of the Republic & Regent St Bus Station(Not Recommended)

Open & Close Timing : Monday-Friday 09:00hrs-16:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.2. Demerara Harbour Bridge

Stretching 1.8 kilometers across the river Demerara, Demerara Harbour Bridges is one of the longest floating bridges in the world. You ought to take a drive through this phenomenal bridge to witness the architectural wonders. Note: A toll is charged on the eastern end of the bridge.

Address : Demerara Harbour Bridge, Georgetown, Guyana

Location : 6.768304799999999, -58.17994020000003

Contact : +592 233 7008

Website : <http://www.harbourbridge.gov.gy/schedule.html>

Nearest Public Transport : Route 45 Bus Park Bus station (Not recommended)

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 Hours

Time Required : 0.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.3. Walter Roth Museum of Anthropology

Erected in the 1800s, this museum will give you a sneak peak into the lives of the former inhabitants of the region. Walter Roth is housed in an old wooden building, featuring two floors that are exclusively dedicated to providing detailed information on the Guyanese culture. So all the inquisitive people out there, grab your pen and diary as you get lost into the world of this museum.

Address : 61 Main St, Georgetown 05924, Guyana

Zipcode : 05924

Location : 6.818627800000001, -58.16347990000003

Contact : +592 225 8486

Website : [https://www.facebook.com/pages/Walter-Roth-Museum-of-](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Walter-Roth-Museum-of-Nearest-Public-Transport-Ave-of-the-Republic-&Regent-St-Bus-Station)

Nearest Public Transport : Ave of the Republic & Regent St Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Monday-Thursday 08:00hrs-16:30hrs, Friday 08:00hrs-15:30hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.4. St. George's Anglican Cathedral

One of the tallest buildings in the city, this Anglican church was built in 1892 and is the main cathedral of the city. A national landmark, the church exemplifies Gothic-style architecture, complemented by the historic white architecture featuring Greenheart wood. The interiors decorate themselves with stained glass, a giant chandelier and archaic relics that you won't be able to stop admiring.

Address : Carmichael St., Georgetown, Guyana

Location : 6.812679699999999, -58.1636623

Contact : +592 231 6150

Website : [https://www.facebook.com/pages/St-Georges-Cathedral-](https://www.facebook.com/pages/St-Georges-Cathedral-Nearest-Public-Transport-Ave-of-the-Republic-&Regent-St-Bus-Station)

Nearest Public Transport : Ave of the Republic & Regent St Bus Station

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 5 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.5. Guyana National Museum

This two-storey museum prides itself on being Guyana's natural and cultural

heritage, which has now become the landmark of the town. The first floor takes you through the nation's history, displaying models of historical buildings, forts and boats. If you are a car lover, then the old cars of the president are definitely a treat to see. The second floor covers natural history and a model of a giant sloth that has been reconstructed based on fossils found in the country.

Address : Georgetown, Guyana

Location : 6.813476000000001, -58.165712399999996

Contact : +592 225 7191

Website : <https://www.facebook.com/Guyana-National-Museum-316994461751623/>

Nearest Public Transport : Ave of the Republic & Regent St Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Monday-Friday 09:00hrs-16:00hrs, Saturday 09:00hrs-14:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 10-20 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.6. Promenade Gardens

The Promenade Gardens hold much historical significance as this place was used as a public execution area during the 19th century. Today, the gardens are used as a public area to just relax in the scenic green vistas. Surrounded by tall trees, colorful blooms and lush plants, this urban space offers a perfect place to take a stroll or read a book under a tree. Do pay a visit to the Mahatma Gandhi monument and the bandstand to dive into the history of the country.

Address : Middle and Waterloo Streets | North Cummingsburg, Georgetown, Guyana

Location : 6.8166163, -58.16188679999999

Website : <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Promenade-Gardens/332262660171380>

Nearest Public Transport : Ave of the Republic & Regent St Bus Station

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.7. Parliament Building

Gaze at the marvelous architecture of the Parliament Building that was

completed in 1834. One of the two buildings featuring a dome in the country, it also showcases a detailed carved speaker's chair, greenheart floors, mahogany-covered walls and paintings of the country's first president located in the parliamentary chambers of the building.

Address : Hadfield Street, Georgetown, Guyana

Location : 6.808672199999999, -58.166691099999998

Contact : +592 226-8456-9

Website : <http://parliament.gov.gy/>

Nearest Public Transport : Route 48 Bus Park Bus station

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.8. St. Andrews Kirk

Established in 1818, St. Andrew's Kirk is without a doubt the oldest structure existing in the town. Boasting of white architecture accompanied by well-preserved elements from the past, this church holds the town's cultural heritage since it allowed slaves to attend services.

Address : Avenue Of The Republic, Georgetown, Guyana

Location : 6.809334199999999, -58.166290699999999

Contact : +592 2272791

Website : <https://www.facebook.com/St-Andrews-Kirk-Presbyterian-343143059139648/>

Nearest Public Transport : Route 48 Bus Park Bus station

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.9. National Library of Guyana

The National Library of Guyana is filled with thousands of books, manuscripts, historical documents and phonograph recordings to give you an insight of the country's history. This public lending library was opened in 1909 and has established itself over the years. This is a paradisiacal place for all bibliophiles.

Address : 76/77 Church & Main Streets, Georgetown, Guyana

Location : 6.813689, -58.16464480000002

Contact : +592 227 4053

Website : <https://www.facebook.com/NationalLibraryofGuyana/>

Nearest Public Transport : Route 45 Bus Park

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 5-10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.10. The Georgetown Lighthouse

An architectural delight featuring iconic red and white stripes, visitors are no longer allowed to climb more than 130 steps of the Lighthouse. Despite that wonderful panoramic views of the city can be seen. This 200-year old lighthouse is not to be missed while visiting the town.

Address : Georgetown, Guyana

Location : 6.823669899999999, -58.164331899999998

Contact : +592 226 9871

Website : <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Georgetown-Lighthouse-Guyana/137194702970303>

Nearest Public Transport : Ave of the Republic & Regent St Bus Station

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.11. Guyana Botanical Gardens

A recreational park featuring an extensive collection of exotic flora and fauna, Guyana Botanical Gardens was established in the 19th century and took 35 years to complete. This lush green space boasts of ponds, canals and bridges that dot the gardens. The garden is also home to varied species of plants including palms, lilies, lotus and the Victorian Regia lily which is the national flower of the country. Spot various animals like manatees, tapirs, owls, giant otters, jaguars and capuchin monkeys as you stroll through various paved paths. A small white, wooden arched bridge located in the Botanical Gardens, known as the Kissing Bridge is one of the most charming attractions where people come for a relaxing walk or to click photographs.

Address : Vlissigen Road, Bourda, Georgetown, Guyana

Location : 6.8063709, -58.145162199999996

Contact : +5922315684

Website : <https://www.facebook.com/pg/Georgetown-Botanical-Gardens-128455587230140/about/>

Nearest Public Transport : Route 48 Bus Park Bus station (Not recommended)

Open & Close Timing : Daily 06:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.12. Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

The most significant Catholic Church in Guyana, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception was built in the 1920s and boasts of the Romanesque structure complemented by the beautiful marble altar which was gifted by Pope Pius XI.

Address : 27 Brickdam Street, Georgetown, Guyana

Location : 6.807461, -58.16206469999997

Contact : +592 678 7162

Website : <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Immaculate-Conception-Cathedral-Georgetown/116473968400239>

Nearest Public Transport : Route 48 Bus Park

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 5 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.13. Georgetown City Hall

This destination is ideal for all the obsessive history lovers and admirers. Go deep into the past of Guyana and appreciate the magnificent Gothic-styled architecture of this building that was built in the 19th century. Not only will you get a glimpse of the colonial past of the country but you will also find yourself amidst a fine structure that speaks for itself.

Address : Georgetown, Guyana

Location : 6.8110954, -58.16500070000001

Website : <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Georgetown-City-Hall/149084208438596>

Nearest Public Transport : Ave of the Republic & Regent St Bus Station

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.14. Radha Krishna Mandir

A well-maintained mandir, delivering the teachings of the Hindu scriptures with magnificent interiors, Radha Krishna is one of the most peaceful places in the town.

Address : Murray St, Georgetown, Guyana

Location : 6.813717700000001, -58.16023990000002

Nearest Public Transport : Ave of the Republic & Regent St Bus Station

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.15. Non-Aligned Monument

Located in the park facing St. George's Cathedral, this monument was established in the honor of 4 founders of the movement and was erected by the then President, Arthur Chung. Commemorating the conference of the foreign ministers of Non-Aligned countries held in Guyana in 1972, there are 4 busts sculptures of the founders of the Non-Aligned Movement.

Address : Georgetown, Guyana

Location : 6.8130846, -58.1644364

Website : <http://nationaltrust.gov.gy/non-aligned-monument/>

Nearest Public Transport : Ave of the Republic & Regent St Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Ave of the Republic & Regent St Bus Station

Time Required : 0.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.16. Castellani House

Constructed by Cesar Castellani, this huge building made of wood was once the house of the Director of Agriculture in 1888. Mr. Linden Forbes Sampson Burnham, the former Prime Minister of British Guiana transformed the building in 1965 and made it his official residence. The inaugural collection of the art gallery in this building was held in 1993 and since then it serves as the cultural center of the city.

Address : Vlissengen Road & Homestretch Avenue, Georgetown, Guyana

Location : 6.8059946, -58.14996580000002

Contact : +592 225 0579

Nearest Public Transport : Route 48 Bus Park

Open & Close Timing : Monday-Friday 10:00hrs-17:00hrs, Saturday 14:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 5-10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.17. Stabroek Market

A crowded market featuring anything and everything, Stabroek is a historical agora from where you can buy traditional handicrafts, clothes, jewelry and a lot more.

Address : Georgetown, Guyana

Location : 6.809853699999999, -58.16744419999998

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.18. Hibiscus Craft Plaza

Visit this marketplace and find yourself surrounded by local handicrafts and choose from the wide variety that the vendors have to offer.

Address : Georgetown, Guyana

Location : 6.813100899999999, -58.1655475

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.19. City Mall

The only mall in town, the City Mall features small shops and few brands to choose from.

Address : Regent St, Georgetown, Guyana

Location : 6.8103206, -58.1603743

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.20. Guyana Stores

This is an all-encompassing shopping center featuring shops that range from clothes, jewelry to shoes and more.

Address : 19 Water St, Georgetown, Guyana

Location : 6.814278799999999, -58.166567099999995

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No



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8. Adventure sports, Local sports, stadiums

Cricket and Football dominate the city when it comes to sports. However there are no local teams or club that represents the town. Currently Georgetown does not have any sports stadium. Fishing is also considered one of the important sports in town, hence one should definitely give it a try through the various tourist agencies that are found in the city.

- **Providence Cricket Stadium:**

Address : Providence, Guyana

Location : 6.7576502,-58.1779846

Website : <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Providence-Stadium/135668999800392>



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9. Spas and relaxation

There are handpicked spa centres in the city offering relaxing therapies to revitalize your body.

- **Nayelli Salon & Spa:**

Address : 211 New Market St, Georgetown, Guyana

Location : 6.817260900000001,-58.159435099999996

Contact No : +592 226 2124

Website : <http://www.nayelli.biz/>

- **Healing Waters Spa:**

Address : Lot 'BX' Block 'Z' Plantation Providence | Princess Hotel
Guyana International, Georgetown, Guyana

Location : 6.762026000000001,-58.17784

Contact No : +(592)2657495

Website : <https://www.facebook.com/healingwatersspa01/>

- **Guyana Marriott Hotel Georgetown:**

Address : Block Alpha, Battery Road, Kingston, Georgetown, Guyana

Location : 6.825623,-58.163872999999997

Contact No : +592 231 2480

Website : <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/geomc-guyana-marriott-hotel-georgetown/?scid=bb1a189a-fec3-4d19-a255-54ba596febe2>

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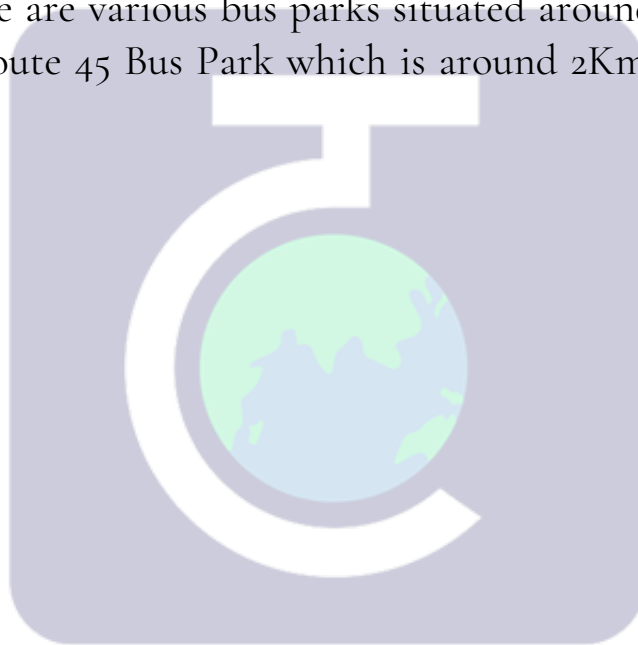
10. Key local guides and tours

Unfortunately there are no local guides available in the area, however one may find themselves surrounded by guides in certain attractions like historical monuments and museums. However there are private tours that are held in the region, these include – Air Guyana Private tours – See the whole of country from the top and enjoy the mesmerizing views. Untamed Adventures – Jungle Drives, Ranch life and visit to Indigenous communities can be experiences through untamed tours who specialize in jungle tours that will leave a mark in your life for a lifetime. The tour is organized by Anders and Sophias who are the locals of town. Wilderness Explorers Guyana – Nature and wildlife tours, explore the wilderness of the area through this tour for an unforgettable experience. Surround yourself with magnificent sceneries, lush tall trees and waterfalls and appreciate the nature's surroundings. Rum Tours – The rum factory tour takes you through the processing of Rum which is very informed complimented by great samples and bottles to take home.

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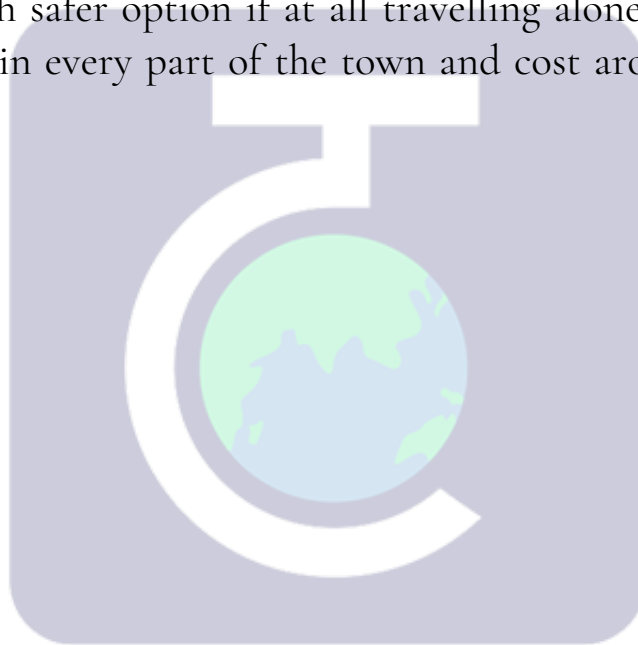
11. Transportation hubs

Airport Cheddi Jagan International Airport – The main airport serving Georgetown is Cheddi Jagan International Airport which is one hour or 40Kms away from the main city. One can either take a taxi to the town and it will cost around GYD \$5000 or can take a minibus from the airport costing around GYD \$260. Bus Terminal Route 45 Bus Park – The city does not have a specific bus station however there are various bus parks situated around the city. The major Bus Park includes Route 45 Bus Park which is around 2Kms away from the city centre.



Index**12. Transportation cost**

The most common way to travel around the city includes minibuses, the fare of these buses ranges from GYD \$60-\$1000 depending on your destination. To travel within town one can take minibuses however sometimes they do not drop you at the exact location, hence from there on one can take taxis. The fare per person to travel in the minibus costs GYD \$60. One can also commute within the city through taxis, a much safer option if at all travelling alone in the night. Yellow taxis can be spotted in every part of the town and cost around GYD \$500 for a journey.



Index**13. Baggage allowance**

Heavy amount of luggage is strictly not allowed in minibuses, hence one has to make sure to travel as light as possible, however if travelling by taxi one can carry heavy amount of bags, although while strolling around it is recommended to just carry a backpack in order to avoid causing inconvenience to those around you.



Index**14. Must try food and local savouries**

The food of the country is driven by various cultures that includes Chinese, African, Amerindian, East Indian and Arabian. A country that reflects diversity with its food recipes.



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15. Restaurant & Nightlife

Georgetown is bustling with fabulous restaurants that boasts of its many cuisines including Chinese, African, Indian, European and Amerindian cultures. Dining in the country is all about a blend of eclectic cuisine, impeccable service and impressive ambience. The highly skilled Guyanese chefs prepare mouth-watering food blending various natural spices and herbs. This culturally diverse nation provides many finger licking ethnic dishes on a platter at the many local eateries spread in the city. The nightlife scene in the town isn't as bad with the amount of bars and night clubs that the place has to offer. Visit the downtown of the city to bump into various restaurants serving traditional creole dishes as well as other international cuisines.

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- **Night Cap:**

Address : 8 Pere St, Georgetown, Guyana

Location : 6.824612999999999,-58.1379

Contact No : +592 231 8846

Website : <http://nightcap.cafe/>

Open / Close Time : 17:00hrs-00:00hrs

- **German's Restaurant:**

Address : 8 New Market St, Georgetown, Guyana

Location : 6.81864349999999,-58.165086799999

Contact No : +592 227 0079

Website : <https://www.facebook.com/germansrestaurantgy/>

Open / Close Time : Monday-Saturday 09:00hrs-17:30hrs, Sunday 09:00hrs-15:30hrs

- **The Bourbon Restaurant:**

Address : 176 Middle St., South Cummingsburg Georgetown

Location : 6.81638909999999,-58.163069800000

Contact No : +592 226 5363

- **Maharaja Palace Restaurant:**

Address : 207, Sherriff St, Georgetown, Guyana

Location : 6.81805589999999,-58.1350243

Contact No : +592 219 4346

Website : <https://www.facebook.com/Maharaja-Palace-Restaurant-181011685267791/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 11:00hrs-23:00hrs

- **Shanta`s Puri Shop:**

Address : 225 Camp St, Georgetown, Guyana

Location : 6.81684579999999,-58.158763799999974

Contact No : +592 226 4365

Website : <https://www.facebook.com/shantaspurishop/>

Open / Close Time : Monday-Saturday 08:00hrs-18:00hrs

- **The New Thriving Restaurant:**

Address : cnr Main & Hope Sts, Georgetown, Guyana

Location : 6.816030599999999,-58.1648227

Contact No : +592 225 1730

Website : <http://newthrivingonline.com/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 10:30hrs-21:30hrs

- **Brasil Churrascaria & Pizzaria:**

Address : 208 Alexander St, Georgetown, Guyana

Location : 6.808505299999999,-58.15949549999999

Contact No : +592 225 6037

Website

<https://www.facebook.com/brasilrestauranteguiana/?rf=179331628782935>

Open / Close Time : Monday-Saturday 11:00hrs-23:00hrs

- **Francine's Fish & Chips:**

Address : Sheriff St, Georgetown, Guyana

Location : 6.812070599999999,-58.1366026

Contact No : +592 227-2753

- **Oasis Cafe:**

Address : 125 Carmichael St, Georgetown, Guyana

Location : 6.8151214,-58.162846100000024

Contact No : +592 226 9916

Website : <http://www.oasiscafegey.com/index.php>

Open / Close Time : Monday-Thursday 07:30hrs-18:30hrs, Friday 07:30hrs-20:30hrs, Saturday 09:00hrs-21:30hrs, Sunday 10:00hrs-18:00hrs

- **Lady Fingers:**

Address : 232B Middle St, Georgetown, Guyana

Location : 6.815218199999999,-58.1591531000000

- **Buddy's Night Club:**

Address : 137 Sheriff St, Georgetown, Guyana

Location : 6.8168954,-58.135220600000025

Contact No : +592 231 7260

Website : <http://buddysguyana.com/nightclub/index.php>

- **Palm Court:**

Address : Main St, Georgetown, Guyana

Location : 6.8166329,-58.1646002999999

Contact No : +592-231-81446

Website : <https://www.facebook.com/palmcourtgy/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 11:00hrs-02:00hrs

- **Club Latino:**

Address : Seawall Rd, Georgetown, Guyana

Location : 6.8058627,-58.1583665

Website : <https://www.facebook.com/pages/El-Club->

Latino/317642458289115

- **704 Sports Bar:**

Address : 1 Lamaha St, Georgetown, Guyana

Location : 6.8164899,-58.151359000000014

Contact No : +592 225 0227

Website : <https://www.facebook.com/pg/704Guyana/about/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 12:00hrs-04:00hrs

- **Sidewalk Café and Jazz Club:**

Address : 176 Middle St, Georgetown, Guyana

Location : 6.816389099999999,-58.1630698000000

Contact No : +592 2265363

Website : <https://www.facebook.com/Sidewalk-Cafe-Jazz-Club-92529817394/>

- **Hibiscus Bar:**

Address : 91 Middle Street | North Cummingsburg, Georgetown, Guyana

Location : 6.816584499999999,-58.163016799999998

Contact No : +592 231-5857

Website : <https://www.facebook.com/HibiscusRestaurantLounge/?rf=198214543528516>

- **Le Bistro 176:**

Address : 176 Middle Street, Georgetown, Guyana

Location : 6.8158829,-58.1611216

Contact No : +592 226-1612

Website : <https://www.facebook.com/Bistro176/>

- **House of Flavors:**

Address : 177 Charlotte St, Georgetown, Guyana

Location : 6.8097891,-58.162844199999

Open / Close Time : Monday-Saturday 06:00hrs-21:00hrs, Sunday 06:00hrs-16:00hrs

- **Hack's Halal:**

Address : 5 Commerce St, Georgetown, Guyana

Location : 6.81156259999999,-58.166161100000

Contact No : +592 226 1844

Website : <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Hacks-Halaal/251540011529622>

Index**16. Average meal cost**

Economical Meal: GYD \$1000-\$2000 Mid – Segment Restaurant: GYD \$5000-\$8000 Luxury Dining: GYD \$10,000 and above



Index**17. Shopping**

The town is not home to many shopping centers, however there are few markets and complexes here and there that can be visited by the poeple to take back the traditional and locally crafted handicrafts.



Index**18. Tourist benefits**

The VAT charged in the country is 16% on goods. One can also find a duty free shop at the airport if willing to shop from the town. There are not many options when it comes to duty-free shopping in town. Also, there are some attractions that offer discounted rates and special attention to people with reduced mobility and senior citizens. One needs to pay an exit tax on departure at the airport that costs around GYD \$4000 (US\$ 20).



Index**19. Essential local apps**

Unfortunately there are no local applications that can come in handy when travelling to Georgetown.



Index**20. Driving**

One can drive down and in-around the city without any stress. You just need a proper US/UK driving license to drive around the city, make sure that you have your passport and other documents all the time on you, since you can be pulled over anytime by the cops. One will also require a Guyana driving permit that is valid for a month only. PS – People in Guyana drive on the left side of the road.



Index**21. Travel essentials**

Following are the necessary things to keep in mind while travelling in the country –

- Adapter/Plug – 110 volts in Georgetown; 220 volts elsewhere, including some Georgetown suburbs. Plugs as in US.
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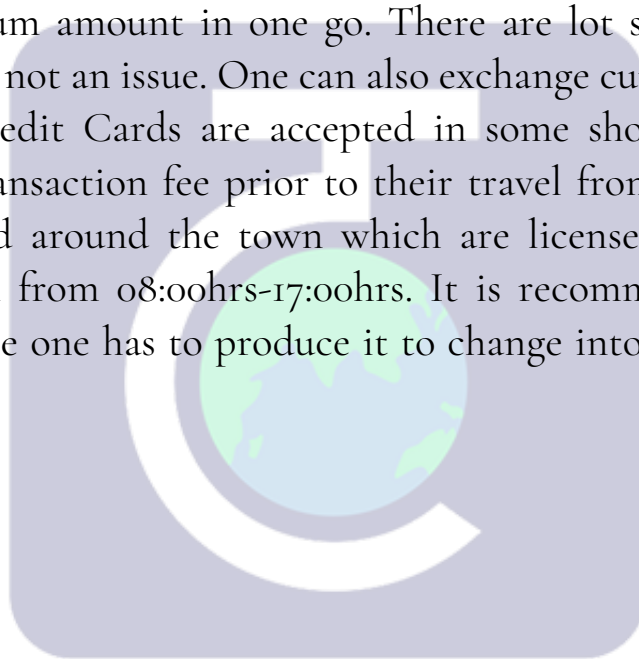
Index**23. Local currency**

The Guyanese Dollar is the currency of Guyana. 1 US Dollar = 207.21 Guyanese Dollar



Index**24. Change vendor's commission, ATM charges**

There is no ATM located at the airport hence make sure to carry some amount of cash. The only bank that accepts international cards in town is Scotia Bank. Banks are likely to charge you with a foreign transaction fee in an ATM, hence make sure to confirm with your bank about the fee charges prior to your transaction. One can only take out a limited amount, so it is recommended to take out the maximum amount in one go. There are lot shops that accept US Dollars, hence that is not an issue. One can also exchange currency in the markets at a decent rate. Credit Cards are accepted in some shops, but one need to confirm the extra transaction fee prior to their travel from the bank. One will find Cambios in and around the town which are licensed currency exchange houses and are open from 08:00hrs-17:00hrs. It is recommended to keep your Cambios receipt since one has to produce it to change into Guyanese dollars on departure.



25. Staying connected

The two major networks that dominate Guyana are Digicel and GT&T. If your stay is for a longer period of time, it is recommended that you buy a local sim to stay connected. Buying a SIM card in Guyana is affordable and one is surely to get good network at almost all the areas. However to buy a SIM card, you will need a Xerox of your Passport for identification purposes. It is highly recommended that one buys a SIM of Digicel since not only is the network great but also available in all major supermarkets. The Wi-Fi connectivity in the region is good.



Index**26. Time Zone**

Guyana Time (GYT) (UTC -4) is 4 hours behind the Coordinated Universal time.



Index**27. Languages**

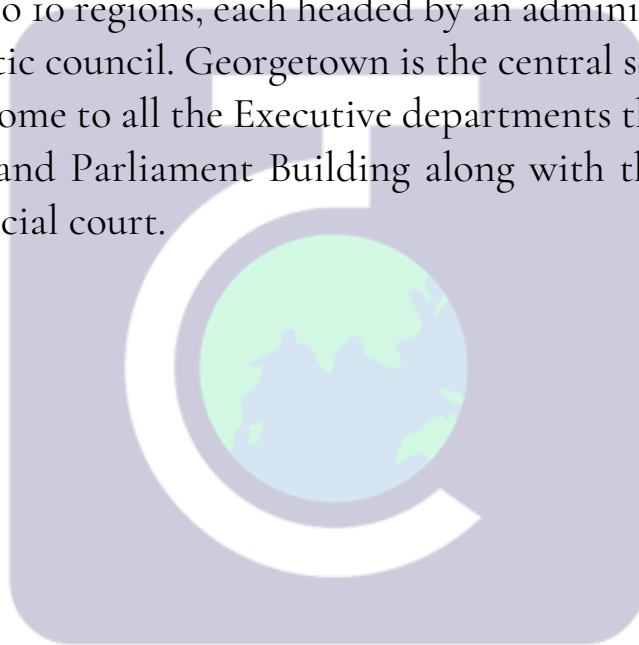
Guyana is influenced by various cultures like Indians, Africans, Europeans etc, hence the dialects and different languages is as diverse. However the official language of the country is English, followed by Guyanese Creole which is an English based languages. Other influences include Chinese, Urdu, Hindustani, Caribbean, Dutch, French, Warao and Macushi etc.



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28. Political Scenario

The country's politics takes place in a framework of a semi-presidential rule where the President is the head of the government. This democratic-republic is divided into three major branches – Executive Power - This is exercised by the government. Legislative power - Vested in both the National Assembly of Guyana and the government. Judiciary - Independent of the executive and the legislature. Guyana is divided into 10 regions, each headed by an administrative who provides for a region democratic council. Georgetown is the central seat of Government of Guyana. The city is home to all the Executive departments that includes Guyana's Legislative Building and Parliament Building along with the Court of Appeals, Guyana's highest judicial court.



Index**29. Economic Scenario**

The economy of the town is derived by its commercial activities, since it is the largest urban center in the country. The economy is resource-based and the various businesses contributing the city's economy include international trade in Demerara sugar, bauxite, gold, timber and diamonds that are exported through the Georgetown seaport and harbour.



Index**30. Religious belief**

The dominant religions in the country are Christianity, Hinduism and Islam. Majority of the people in the country are Indo-Guyanese. The country is ethnically diverse, reflecting African, Chinese, East Indian, and European ancestry, as well as a significant indigenous population. Other religions include Baha i Faith, Judaism and Obeah etc.



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31. Visa requirements

The citizens of United States of America, Australia, Canada and United Kingdom do not require a Visa to travel to Guyana. One just needs to have a valid passport which should have empty pages and should not be expiring within the next 6 months of travelling. Contact the nearest embassy to find out about the required documents. People from other countries require a valid visa to enter the country. For more information, visit: http://www.guyana-tourism.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=3&Itemid=5



Index**32. Essential vaccination**

One needs to be any disease free before travelling in the country and during the visit in the country. Hence it is recommended that one should visit their General Doctor for a routine check-up. Also, when travelling to Bolivia, some basic vaccines are suggested – • Hepatitis A • Tetanus • Hepatitis B • Malaria



Index**33. Theft and Safety**

The town is known for its notorious petty crimes hence it is not recommended to walk alone at night on the stranded streets. Areas like the Tiger Bay, Albouystown and Ruimveldt are known as the high crime areas. It is not recommended to carry large amount of cash on the roads, hence leave your personal belongings, expensive items in the bag safely. Carry a copy of your passport for identification purposes. Homosexuality is not particularly not encouraged in this country so descretion is advised.



Index**34. Embassy/Consulate**

Following is the list of embassies found in Guyana:
<http://embassy.goabroad.com/embassies-of/guyana>



Index**35. Accessibility**

Georgetown is not the best place for people with reduced mobility, since only some hotels offers wheelchairs or assistance to the disables. Some places do offer a special discount on the entry fee for the disables, but when it comes to public accessibility of the wheelchairs, and other such stuff, the places falls short of them.



Index**36. Emergencies**

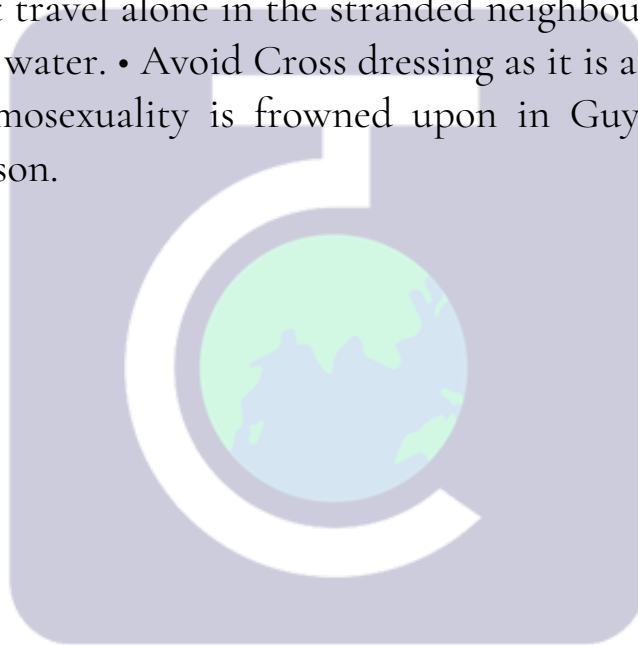
In case of any emergencies following are the hospitals that one can definitely pay a visit – Georgetown Public Hospital Address: New Market St, Georgetown, Guyana Phone: +592 617 3170 Woodlands Hospital Address: 110 Carmichael Street Carmichael St, Georgetown, Guyana Phone: +592 227 0355 The SOS numbers in case of any emergency includes – Police - 911 Fire - 912 Medical - 913



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37. Do's and Don'ts

Do's • Access the country's breath-taking waterfalls and the beautiful rainforests and mountains • Do wear sunscreen and avoid the sun between 1Pm and 3PM. • Do take anti-malarial medications in order to stay healthy as malaria is widespread throughout the country. Don't's • Do not discuss the current affairs of ethnic relations between two major races, politics and socio-economic issues in the country. • Do not travel alone in the stranded neighbourhoods in the town. • Do not drink the tap water. • Avoid Cross dressing as it is a criminal affair in the country. • Male Homosexuality is frowned upon in Guyana and one can be sentenced for life prison.



Index**38.Tipping basics**

The tipping charge in Guyana is around 10% which is pretty low compared to the rest of the world hence tipping is considered customary in the country. Taxis drivers need not be given any tip unless you have hired them on a full day basis, then a tip of 10% is expected to be given. In hotels it's upon you to give the tip to the maids or the bell boys which is around GYD \$500-700 whereas in restaurants a tip of 10-15% is definitely expected since a lower amount of service tax is charged.



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39.Pet info

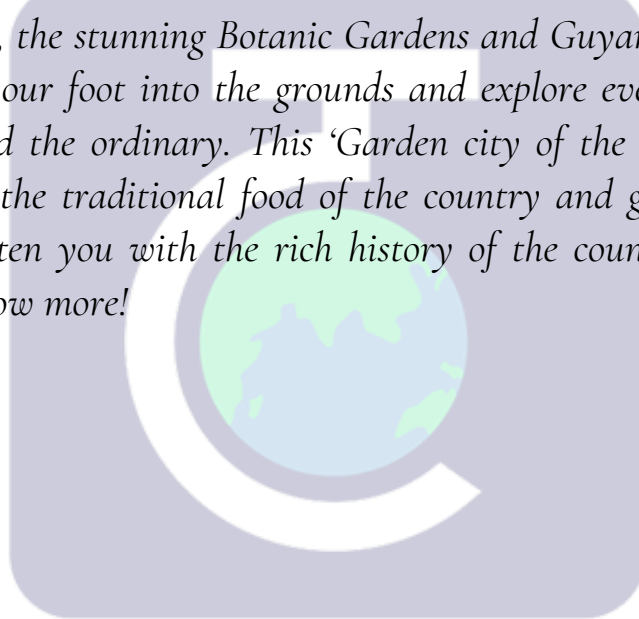
Following are the guidelines to be followed if one wants to bring in the pet in the country –

- Your pet must have a License for Import to enter the country.
- One needs to write an email to thag@networksgy.com prior to their travel if they are willing to bring in their pet with them. After they receive your request, Guyana will assign a Veterinarian to your visit. You must notify the Veterinarian 24 hours prior to your arrival in Guyana. Your dog or cat must be vaccinated no more than 30 days prior to entry. Shortly before traveling, the Guyana Veterinary Certificate must be completed. Although it is not required, we recommend that a USDA or CFIA licensed veterinarian complete the form and you have it endorsed by the USDA or CFIA if traveling from the United States or Canada. If you are not traveling from either of these countries, the Governing Authority of your country responsible for the import and export of animals should endorse the forms.
- A copy of the Rabies Certificate should also be included for endorsement.
- The animal will be inspected at the airport by the veterinarian assigned before customs can release the animal.
- An ISO-Standard Microchip is recommended and the microchip number must be put on the vaccination record & health certificate

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Conclusion – Why to select this destination

Perched at the mouth of the River Demerara, the cinematic town of Georgetown stands proud as the capital of Guyana. Enclosed by magnificent Victorian and Colonial architecture, the city formerly served as the British colony showing its root till today with English being the official language. The town is surrounded by historic monuments, landmarks and tree-lined streets that will make you fall in love with the city instantly. Need reasons to visit the town? The world's tallest wooden building, the colorful chaotic life of Stabroek market, the stunning Botanic Gardens and Guyana's great Waterfall are just the trailers, step your foot into the grounds and explore every inch of the city for Georgetown lies beyond the ordinary. This 'Garden city of the Caribbean' is a prefect destination to try out the traditional food of the country and get into the lives of the locals, who will enlighten you with the rich history of the country and its traditional basis, urging you to know more!



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