

# Guyana

**Continent:** South America

**Languages Spoken:** English

**Population:** 790,000

**Currency:** Guyanese dollar (GYD)

**Area:** 214,969

## Main Landmarks:

- {'name': 'Kaieteur Falls', 'writeup': "One of the world's most powerful waterfalls, located on the Potaro River in the Kaieteur National Park."}
- {'name': "St. George's Cathedral", 'writeup': 'An Anglican cathedral in Georgetown, known as one of the tallest wooden churches in the world.'}
- {'name': 'Iwokrama Forest', 'writeup': 'A protected rainforest reserve known for biodiversity and conservation efforts.'}

## Head of State / Government:

President Irfaan Ali

## Main Cultural Events:

- {'name': 'Mashramani', 'writeup': "An annual festival celebrating Guyana's Republic Day with music, dance, and colorful parades."}
- {'name': 'Phagwah', 'writeup': 'A Hindu spring festival also known as Holi, celebrated with vibrant colors and community gatherings.'}

## Food & Cuisine:

Guyanese cuisine is a blend of African, Indian, Amerindian, and European influences, featuring dishes like pepperpot, roti, and cook-up rice.

## Brief History:

Originally inhabited by indigenous peoples, Guyana was colonized by the Dutch and later the British. It gained independence in 1966 and became a republic in 1970.

## Important People:

- Forbes Burnham - Former Prime Minister and President
- Cheddi Jagan - Former President and independence leader
- Walter Rodney - Historian and political activist

## Current Conflicts:

Ongoing territorial dispute with Venezuela over the Essequibo region.

## Youtube Links:

- Discover Guyana: South America's Hidden Gem

- Kaieteur Falls - The Mighty Waterfall of Guyana
- Guyana Travel Guide - What to See and Do
- Mashramani Festival Guyana 2023 Highlights
- Guyana's Iwokrama Forest - Conservation in Action