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Dear Friends,

While Guyana has an abundance of spectacular natural phenomena, the most spectacular of them all, however, is arguably Mount Roraima (Mt. Roraima). It is a table-top mountain (tepui) with massive, sheer cliffs leading up to a (mostly) flat top. At 9,000 feet, it is Guyana's tallest mountain. While there are opportunities to summit Mount Roraima, just seeing it from the rainforest floor, or from a small plane flight is enough to impress even the most worldly of travelers. Please read on, and learn more about Guyana's fabled Mount Roraima, and think about which of your hard-core adventure-seeking clients would love to explore it when it's safe to travel again.

Warm regards,

Jane Behrend  
Lead Representative, North America

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**UPCOMING WEBINARS**

## PERSON OF THE MONTH: **AKEEM STOLL**



When he was a young boy, Akeem Stoll liked to watch airplanes take off and land from the airstrip near his home in Matthew's Ridge, Guyana. He dreamed of becoming a pilot and realized that dream in 2010 when he received his private pilot license. Four years later, he earned a scholarship to study at the Palm Beach Helicopter Flight Training School in Florida. After completing his studies, he returned to Guyana and has been a helicopter pilot employed by Air Services Limited for the past seven years. He loves his job, especially delivering travelers to

the top of Mount Roraima. "The feeling of being over 9,000 feet in the sky on a mountain is exhilarating, to say the least," Akeem says. In addition to flying, Akeem is passionate about more Earth-bound pursuits like farming and exploring nature.

## **RISE AND INSPIRE**

It rises from the floor of the rainforest like an unforgiving monolith. At its peak, it's 9,000 feet tall, but what makes Mount Roraima truly spectacular is its final 1,300 feet--vertical cliffs of bare rock punctuated by the occasional waterfall.

Mount Roraima is the tallest of the Table Mountains, or tepuis, and is actually a part of three countries: Venezuela, Brazil and Guyana. Its barren, wind-swept plateau is 12 square miles of black sandstone, small rainwater pools and a handful of hardscrabble shrubs.



While it has been done by professional mountain climbers, reaching the top of Mount Roraima from the Guyana side is difficult though not impossible. Documentary films have been made about the people who try it. The only way the summit can be reached without technical gear is via the Paraitepui route, which originates in Venezuela. While more common for travelers, we promise ours is an adventure you definitely would not forget.

Guyanese tour operator Bushmasters offers several heli-expeditions and climbing expeditions to the top of Mount Roraima. But don't think this is a soft adventure. The top of Roraima is cold, wet and

subject to powerful winds, which actually makes abseiling over the edge (similar to rappelling) and sleeping in portaledges--pods dangling on the side of the mountains--a viable and must do option. This is no place for the faint of heart. But don't just take our word for it, check out the itinerary of what this trip looks like below.

Europeans first heard of Mount Roraima from Sir Walter Raleigh, who sighted it in 1595. It is said to be the inspiration for Arthur Conan Doyle's "The Lost World," and figures prominently in many of the myths and legends of local cultures. One thing about Mount Roraima has not changed over the centuries--it is one of the most striking geological phenomena on Earth.

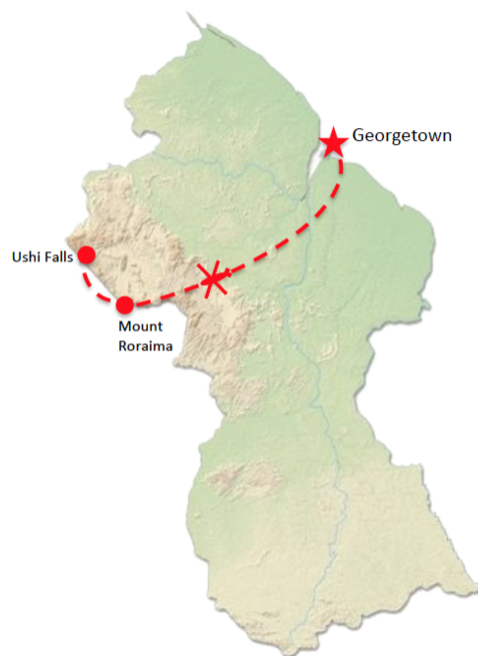
Travelers who are seeking an adventure of the most dramatic calibre should give a Mount Roraima expedition serious consideration when it's safe to travel again.



## FEATURED ITINERARY: MOUNT RORAIMA & USHI FALLS ABSEIL

This 7-day/6-night adventure from [Bushmasters](#) is bound to get your adrenaline pumping. There will be no shortage of mountains, waterfalls, ropes, helicopters, sweeping vistas and unforgettable experiences.

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## VIDEO OF THE MONTH

What's it like to approach Mount Roraima by helicopter? And the land there? This short video by Green Innovations provides the answers, as we see the massive table mountain rising through the clouds. Much of this footage was shot by, and/or features our Person Of The Month, Akeem Stoll.





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## GUYANA IN THE NEWS

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"She's a high achiever! Briton, 21, becomes **first woman in the world** to climb 2,000ft sheer 'wall' of mountain in Guyana rainforest..."

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"Leo's expeditions are never dull – inspiring audiences around the world for as long as we can remember, with mind-blowing locations and hardcore adventure right at the center of every story. Not forgetting the fact that with Leo, there's always plenty of laughs along the way too."

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**Watch the expedition team's diary unfold** as they explore the heights of the Lost World..."

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"**Community-led and owned tourism is an ethos** in Guyana that has seen indigenous communities throughout the country's hinterland creating, implementing, and offering their own sustainable tourism initiatives to incoming visitors..."

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"Leo Houlding is one of the **most famous rock-climbers** in the world. He tells adventurer Steve Backshall about the most bizarre and unforgettable experience of his life..."

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