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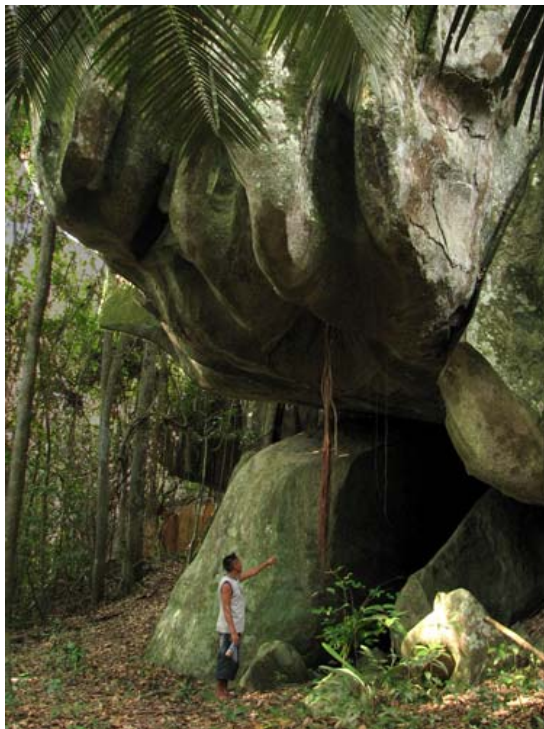
## Kwamalasamutu

**Iwaana Saamu Rainforest lodge and the caves of Werehpai.**  
Nature, culture and prehistory.

### 4 day tour

Pre-conference tour: June 4th till June 7th 2008

Post-conference tour: June 14th till June 17th 2008



### The area

Kwamalasamutu is situated in the south of Suriname, not far from the Brazilian border. Kwamalasamutu means bamboo and sand, which are both characteristic of the Sipaliwini River with its many sand beaches and waving bamboo. The indigenous Trio's are shy but friendly. They live from hunting, fishing and slash and burn agriculture.

The village consists of more than 9 different indigenous communities, who live in peace with each other under granman (chief) Asongo Alalaparoe.

The Iwaana Saamu Rainforest lodge is beautifully situated on a 20 minutes boottrip away from the village of Kwamalasamutu. Nearby the lodge the caves of Werehpai are situated with its impressive 350

petroglyphs. These petroglyphs are between 4200 and 5000 year old. Before 2004 for the whole of Suriname only 192 petroglyphs were known. With the discovery of Werehpai that number has more than doubled to 505 petroglyphs.

This area is also the nesting ground for the Cock of the Rock (*Rupicola rupicola*).



### Transportation

To the Iwaana Saamu Rainforest lodge, 2 hours by airplane and a 20 minutes boot trip.



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### Accommodation

The guest accommodations have been built in Trio tradition with wood and bamboo. There are two guesthouses, each with 3 rooms. Each room has 2 beds a modern bathroom and a beautiful view across the river.

There is a natural garden with benches and tables, a river beach (9 months a year) and several beautiful views across the river. Just tie your hammock and enjoy.

You will also find a dining/recreation room with traditional Trio objects like bow and arrow etc.

If you want to discover the river on your own there are dug out canoes to do so.



### Meals

The resort offers an all-inclusive meal service. Alcoholic drinks are not included.

### Facilities

There is no electricity and the lighting is done with oil lamps.

Hammocks available at the manager



### Program/excursions

- Visit to the village of Kwamalasamutu. Meet and get acquainted with the daily life of the different indigenous communities. Visit the shamans, their clinic, the shaman school and the traditional hospital.
- Forest walks
- Rainforest scuba diving and Trio style bamboo surfing
- Boot trip to the rapids, swimming in the river
- Visit to the caves of Werepai where you will see the 5000 year old petroglyphs
- Cultural evening with traditional Trio music and dance.

