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## TAFELBERG CENTRAL SURINAME NATURE RESERVE

### 5 day tour

Pre-conference tour: June 3<sup>rd</sup> till June 7<sup>th</sup> 2008

Post-conference tour: June 14<sup>th</sup> till June 18<sup>th</sup> 2008

### The area

The Central Suriname Nature Reserve, a UNESCO World Heritage site since 2000, comprises 1.6 million ha of primary tropical forest of west-central Suriname. It protects the upper watershed of the Coppename River and the headwaters of the Lucie, Oost, Zuid, Saramacca, and Gran Rio Rivers and covers a range of topography and ecosystems of notable conservation value due to its pristine state. Its montane and lowland forests contain a high diversity of plant life with more than 5,000 vascular plant species collected to date. The Reserve's animals are typical of the region and include the jaguar, giant armadillo, giant river otter, tapir, sloth's, eight species of primates and 400 bird species.

The Tafelberg is unique because it's the most eastern Tepui and the only Tepui in Suriname. Tepuis are found in Venezuela, Guyana, Brasil and Suriname. Tepuis are the remains of a large quartz sandstone plateau that once covered the granite basement complex of the Western Guiana shield. Throughout the course of the Earth's history the plateau was eroded, and the Tepuis were formed.

Because of its steep hills the Tepuis are almost completely isolated from the surrounding forest. Although the Tafelberg is not as high as it's more western counterparts, its hills are as steep. A difference in flora and fauna can be noticed although not as distinct as in the higher Tepui.





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### **Transportation**

Tafelberg is only accessible by airplane. The flight takes about one hour.

### **Facilities**

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

### **Meals**

All meals, snacks, fruit, lemonade, coffee and tea are included. Alcoholic beverages and soft drinks are for sale in limited amounts.