



GUYANA FACT SHEET

CURRENCY

The Guyana Dollar with a fluctuating exchange rate of:

CURRENCY	GUYANA EQUIVALENT
US Dollar	200 Guyana Dollars
Canada Dollar	200 Guyana Dollars
UK Pound	365 Guyana Dollars
Euro	265 Guyana Dollars

Cambios are licensed currency exchange houses. Most cambios are open from 8:00am to 5:00 pm and on Sundays 8:00am to 4:00pm. **It is important that you keep your cambios receipt; you will need to produce them to change Guyanese dollars on departure.**

CREDIT CARD

Some major credit cards and travellers cheques are accepted by some hotels, restaurants, supermarkets, car rental agencies and tour operators. Credit cards with CIRRUS and/or PLUS mark can be used at any Scotia Bank ATM machines in Guyana. American Express is not accepted at most establishments in Guyana.

DEPARTURE TAX

An exit tax of GYD \$4,200 (USD \$21) is chargeable on departure at CJIA. This tax is purchased at the airport near the check-in counter. You should confirm your ticket at least 48 hours before departure.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

All visitors require a valid passport. Those arriving by air require an onward plane ticket.

Visas are necessary for all visitors except nationals of the following countries: Commonwealth countries, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Korea, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden and USA.

STC-13 conference delegates requiring a visa will be granted a waiver. Please click to download a Guyana visa application form which must be completed and returned with your STC-13 registration to CTO New York office email: Annette@caribtourism.com or fax: 212-635-9511. CTO New York will forward to Guyana for processing and contact you when completed.

All Visa applications MUST be submitted at least 3 weeks (March 26, 2012) prior to the Conference.

ELECTRICITY

The voltage is 110 volts in Georgetown, 220 volts in other places, 50-60 cycles. Transformers can be used to step-up/step-down the voltage. Electrical appliances are widely available in Guyana.

HEALTH & SAFETY

Water: It is safer to drink purified bottled water. There are several brands that are inexpensive and widely available. You can purchase water at supermarkets, shops, roadside shops and vendors throughout Guyana.

IMMUNIZATION

There is a risk of malaria in certain parts of the interior. Consult a doctor for the required precautions if you intend to travel into the interior.

Georgetown and the coastal areas are malaria-free. Georgetown has the Public Hospital and there are several other hospitals around where advice can be sought.

Please note that the following Study Tours will take you to the interior and you should ensure you receive the proper immunization before traveling:

- River Expedition Tour
- Santa Mission/Arrow Point Tour
- Resort Hopping – Marudi Creek Resort and Splashmins Resort
- City Tour, Demerara Distillers Limited Tour and Mangrove Heritage Tour
- Kaieteur and Orinduik Falls
- Surama/Annai/Aranaputa Tour
- Iwokrama and Canopy Walkway Tours

Further information can be obtained from the Vaccination Division of the Ministry of Health by calling [\(592\) 226 7338](tel:5922267338) or [\(592\) 226 1366](tel:5922261366).

SHOPPING HOURS

8:30am – 4:00pm Monday to Thursday

8:30am – 5:00pm on Fridays

8:30am – 12:00noon on Saturdays

Most supermarkets are opened from 8:30am to 6:00pm on weekdays, 8:30am to 7:00pm on Saturdays and 10:00am to 2:00pm on Sundays. Markets are usually opened on Saturdays. Stabroek and Bourda markets are usually busy all day 24 hours per day.

- Shops around the country normally open from 7:00am to 6:00pm
- Bars usually from 6:00pm to 12:00 midnight
- Night Clubs usually from 10:00pm to 2:00am

TAXES

Value Added Tax (VAT) of 16% is chargeable on goods and services, however, many items are zero rated or exempt. Business charging VAT should display their Certificate of Registration for VAT.

TIME

Guyana is 4 hours behind GMT and 1 hour ahead of EST.