

The Lost World Trek, Venezuela

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Almost 500 years ago, Christopher Columbus landed on the northern shores of Venezuela and declared that he had discovered a 'new world'. In his wake came Spanish settlers and prospectors, lured by vivid accounts of the gold and diamond deposits to be found in the mountains of this vast and unexplored country. The bulk of the diamonds and gold may be long gone, but Venezuela remains a mysterious 'new world' whose extraordinary natural heritage is one of South America's best-kept secrets.

Our spectacular Venezuelan trek takes us to the monolithic, table-top mountains which rise from the forests of Canaima. A surreal and fantastic landscape which inspired Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's adventure epic 'The Lost World'. Our adventure finishes with a breath-taking flight over the awe-inspiring spectacle of the Angel Falls more than 15 times taller than Niagara.



Detailed itinerary

Day 1: Depart UK to Caracas via Madrid

On arrival in Caracas we connect to a flight to Puerto Ordaz where we stay overnight.

Day 2: Puerto Ordaz to Gran Sabana to San Francisco de Yuruani

Today we have a chance to visit Gran Sabana by 4x4 Land cruisers. We spend the night in the Indian Village of San Francisco de Yuruani.

Day 3: San Francisco to Rio Tek/Kukenan River (5-7hrs trekking)

We leave San Francisco for our 1 hour drive to the last Indian Village before Roraima Paraitepuy, which will be our starting point for the trek. Today we will walk through open savannahs before reach our final camp point. In order to reach our camp we will need to cross two rivers by foot- but don't worry our experienced guides are here to help.



Day 4: Rio Tek/Kukenan River to Base Camp (5-6hrs trekking)

After a good breakfast we start our walk to base camp which is 1870m above sea level. We walk uphill for 2 hrs and on our way we will cross smooth hills in the savannah and beautiful landscapes covered with orchids. After lunch we really start adventuring into the jungle. Overnight at base camp.

Day 5: Base Camp to Roraima Mountain (5-7hrs trekking)

Today will be a tough day. We have a 3hr steep trek into the jungle but you will be amazed by the beauty and the overwhelming number of ferns and other rare plants.

Finally we can tough the wall of the Roraima Mountain and a small waterfall will bring us our much needed refreshment. We will then continue to trek for another 2hrs to reach the top which is 2700m above sea level. In the afternoon we will have time to discover the area surrounding the camp.

Day 6: Roraima Mountain (4-5hrs trekking)

Today we will discover the mystical top of the Roraima Mountain. We will find thousands of faces and sculptures in bizarre stone formations and be amazed by the valley of crystals and the fantastic view from the top of Roraima to the valley floor.

Day 7: Roraima Mountain to Rio Tok (7-9hrs trekking)

Today we will descend the mountain to our campsite at Rio Tok. We will walk around 7-9hrs downhill going from 2700m to 1050m. When we reach camp we can enjoy a great swim in the river with a fabulous view to the Kukenan and Roraima Mountains.



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Day 8: Rio Tok to Paraitepuy (4hrs)

Today we walk around 4hrs to the Indian village of Paraitepuy Our 4X4's will be waiting for us with cold drinks and lunch. After lunch we go back to Santa Elena and celebrate with a Gala dinner in the evening.

Day 9: Santa Elena to Ciudad Bolivar

Today we depart Santa Elena for Ciudad Bolivar. We fly over the highest waterfall on earth, The Angel Falls! They spill from the Auyantepui into what is known as the Devil's Canyon 979m below. We spend tonight at the hotel and will have the opportunity to shop or relax by the pool.

Day 10: Travel to Puerto Ordaz to catch flight to Caracas to UK

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel and then depart to the airport to catch your flight to Caracas and onward flight back to the UK.

Day 11: Arrive in the UK

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Challenge grade
Moderate to tough

Best time of year
January to April and October to December

