



## Country Profile: Guyana

Guyana is a developing nation on the north coast of South America. Tourist facilities are not developed, except for hotels in the capital city of Georgetown and a limited number of eco-resorts. The vast majority of Guyanese nationals live along the coast, leaving the interior largely unpopulated and undeveloped. Travel in the interior of Guyana can be difficult; many interior regions can only be reached by plane or boat and the limited roads are often impassable in the rainy seasons. Read the Department of State [Background Notes](#) on Guyana for additional information.

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### COUNTRY OVERVIEW



<b>Country Name:</b>	Guyana
<b>Continent:</b>	South America
<b>Capital City:</b>	Georgetown
<b>Boundary Countries:</b>	Brazil, Suriname, Venezuela
<b>Recommended Hospitals in Capital:</b>	Medical Arts Centre, Prashad's Hospital Ltd., St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital
<b>Main Cities:</b>	Georgetown, Anna Regina, New Amsterdam, Corriverton, Bartica, Linton, Lethem
<b>Country Size:</b>	214,970sq km
<b>Population:</b>	769,095

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### COUNTRY GENERAL INFORMATION

<b>Language:</b>	English, Amerindian dialects, creole, Caribbean
<b>Currency:</b>	Guyanese dollar (GYD)
<b>Predominant Religions:</b>	Christian 50%, Hindu 35%, Muslim 10%, other 5%
<b>National Holidays:</b>	Republic Day, 23 February (1970)
<b>Economic Status:</b>	The Guyanese economy exhibited moderate economic growth in 2001-02. Chronic problems include a shortage of skilled labor and a deficient infrastructure.
<b>Security:</b>	Guyana Defense Force: Army, Coast Guard, Air Corps
<b>US Presence:</b>	<a href="#">U.S. Embassy in Georgetown</a> 100 Young and Duke Streets, Kingston Georgetown, Guyana Phone: 592-225-4900/9 Fax: 592-225-8497
<b>Major Airports:</b>	Airports: 90, Airports w/paved runways: 9  Georgetown – Cheddi Jagan International Airport (GEO/SYCJ) Georgetown Airport, Guyana, Timehri, East Bank Demerara, Georgetown, GUYANA Tel: +592 2 613074 Fax: +592 2 612244 E-mail: <a href="mailto:cjiac@cjairport-gy.com">cjiac@cjairport-gy.com</a> Customs, hours: 24 hours Tel: +592 2 612246

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