



SURINAME TRAVEL GUIDE

Event theme: “Right-sizing Regulatory Agencies – what is needed?”

Dates: 28, 29 and 30th October 2024

COUNTRY INFORMATION

Name of country: Republic of Suriname

Capital: Paramaribo

Currency

The official currency in Suriname is the Suriname Dollar (SRD). In addition to the SRD, foreign currencies US Dollar and Euro are widely accepted in commercial establishments. The daily exchange rate is set by the Central Bank of Suriname. Please refer to the website of the Central Bank of Suriname (<https://www.cbvs.sr>) for the daily exchange rates.

Main credit cards (Visa and Mastercard) are widely accepted at hotels

Language

The official language of Suriname is Dutch. In addition to Dutch, due to the diverse population, many other languages are often spoken such as Indonesian, Mandarin, Sarnami (Hindi + Surinamese) and local language Sranan Tongo (lingua franca). English is also widely spoken.

Climate

Suriname has a tropical climate characterized by high temperatures and humidity throughout the year.



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Religion

Suriname is a multi-ethnic and multi-religious society, where religious freedom is observed and celebrated.

VENUE

Courtyard By Marriott

Anton Dragtenweg 50-54,

Paramaribo, Suriname

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Hotel Room reservations contacts: melisse.sleman@courtyard.com

VISAS AND PERMITS

The CARICOM countries have special visa exemption agreements with Suriname, therefore the citizens from the member states are granted a visa-free stay of 90 days. The countries below can travel to Suriname visa-free.

- Antigua and Barbuda
- Bahamas
- Barbados
- Belize
- Dominica
- Grenada
- Guyana
- Jamaica
- Montserrat
- Saint Lucia
- St Kitts and Nevis
- St Vincent and the Grenadines
- Trinidad and Tobago



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The following countries do require a visa to enter Suriname:

- Anguilla
- St. Maarten
- Turks & Caicos Islands
- Us Virgin Islands
- British Virgin Islands

For all participants traveling from one of these countries, please visit the website below for further information:

<https://suriname.vfsevisa.com/suriname/online/home/index>

It is important to note that the visa application process is subject to meticulous scrutiny and may take **longer than 72 hours**. Therefore, it is strongly advised to submit the visa application well in advance of the intended travel dates.

We further inform you that paying the entrance fee does not apply. The entrance fee only applies to travelers who wish to visit Suriname for tourist purposes or family visits.

Additionally, a yellow fever vaccination is required for entry into Suriname. Since this concerns health, a waiver cannot be granted for this.



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The host, EAS, has held discussions with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Business, and International Cooperation, who have expressed their willingness to offer support. Therefore, OOCUR is kindly requested to prepare a list of individuals, traveling to Suriname and provide it to us in advance. This will allow us to negotiate with the airport for a smoother entry process for all guests.

The information required:

- Full name
- Passport number
- Date and time of arrival
- Flight information