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Outdoors

What are you seeing?

The impressive Blanche Marie waterfalls are more than 300 km southwest of Paramaribo. It is one of the largest waterfalls in Suriname with a huge displacement. The area is known for its beautiful flora and fauna. There are also smooth rocks, rapids, and waterfalls. And especially the soothing sounds of nature. And lots of adventure! Sometimes fallen trees must be cut down or 4-wheel drive cars pushed that are stuck in the mud.

What animals, plants, and other species do you notice?

During the trip I had made to Blanche Marie falls, there was a biodiversity to be seen including fauna such as hei (Agouti paca) and powisi (Crax alector) and flora such as red palulus (Heliconia bihai) and anjumara (Hoplias aimara).

How would you describe the environment?

An unspoiled rainforest to one of Suriname's largest and most beautiful waterfalls. The impressive waterfall stretches over 120 meters and is in highland, the best kind of tropical rainforest. All ingredients of the Amazon rainforest can be found.

Share the intention you expressed pre-adventure. How did it inform your journey?

The intention I expressed pre-adventure did positively influence my journey. It went exactly as I had planned and expected. The only thing is that I did not expect it to be a 12-hour journey.

Were you able to stick to the plan? If not, how did you adapt?

The 12-hour trip did cause me to start feeling a little cranky, due to my car sickness. I tried to adjust to the trip by constantly making pit stops to have some refreshments, stretch, and have some companionship with the group. This made me feel better during the trip.

How did the experience make you feel? Has it strengthened your relationship to the Earth and our individual and collective responsibility towards the environment?

With all the splendor I have seen and experienced at Blanche Marie Falls, my relationship to the earth and our individual and collective responsibility to the environment has grown stronger. It did make me more conscious of being frugal with nature because ultimately, we only have one that will take a long time to restore when we destroy it.



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