



# PARTICIPANT GUIDE

**52<sup>nd</sup> Ordinary Meeting of the South American Commission  
for the Fight against Foot-and-Mouth Disease**

**22-23 April 2026 – Pegasus Hotel**

Organization



**PANAFTOSA**  
Pan American Center for Foot-and-Mouth  
Disease and Veterinary Public Health

Support



Dear participant to **COSALFA 52**,

The Pan American Center for Foot-and-Mouth Disease and Veterinary Public Health of the Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization (PANAFTOSA/VPH-PAHO/WHO) and the Guyana Livestock Development Authority (GLDA) a semi-autonomous agency under the Ministry of Agriculture of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana, welcome you to the 52<sup>nd</sup> Ordinary Meeting of the South American Commission for the Fight Against Foot-and-Mouth Disease, 22-23 April 2026. We are confident that your participation will be extremely enriching to achieve the objectives set during both events.

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## ARRIVAL AT THE AIRPORT

**Cheddi Jagan International Airport (CJI)** is the main international airport of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana and the primary gateway to the country. It is located approximately 41 km south of Georgetown, in Timehri, Demerara-Mahaica Region. The airport serves as a hub for international and regional flights to and from Guyana.

Official website: [www.cjairport-gy.com](http://www.cjairport-gy.com)

### Transportation to Georgetown:

- Official airport taxis are available upon arrival
- Private shuttle and hotel transfer services are also available
- Travel time to Georgetown: approximately **45–60 minutes**, depending on traffic

### Transfer Service:

- *Exclusive taxi*: capacity for up to 3 passengers
- Average cost: **60 - 65 USD per trip**
- Payment is usually accepted in cash (USD or GYD)

### Eugene F. Correia International Airport (OGL):

Located on the East Coast of Demerara, Eugene F. Correia International Airport is approximately 15 km from central Georgetown, making it the closest airport to the capital city.

- Distance to Georgetown: 15 km
- Travel time: 20–30 minutes (depending on traffic)

### Transportation to Georgetown:

Airport taxis and riding services  
Hotel transfers and private vehicles

### Contact Information

 <https://www.ogleairportguyana.com/a-visitors-guide/>



## VENUE | ACCOMODATION

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### Hotel Guyana Pegasus

[South America, Seawall Road  
In Georgetown City, Guyana](#)

Phone: 592-225-2856

<https://www.pegasushotelguyana.com>



**It is recommended to book in advance, as it coincides with another event in the city on the same dates and high hotel occupancy is expected. Special rate: USD 250/night for participants. Please reserve at [reservations@pegasushotelguyana.com](mailto:reservations@pegasushotelguyana.com) and mention COSALFA 52.**

## HOTEL OPTIONS

### Duke Lodge

[Located just across from the  
U.S. Embassy on Duke Street](#)

[rorimaairways.com/dukelodge](http://rorimaairways.com/dukelodge)



### Cara Lodge

[294 Quamina Street,  
Georgetown](#)

[www.caralodge.com](http://www.caralodge.com)



### Aiden by Best Western

[88-89 Oronoque,  
and Robb St. Georgetown](#)

[aidenguyana.com](http://aidenguyana.com)



## VISA

To enter **Guyana**, travelers must hold a **passport valid for at least 6 months** beyond the date of entry. Visa requirements vary depending on nationality. Many countries in the Americas, Europe, and the Caribbean **do not require a visa** for short stays.

Before traveling, participants are advised to **check visa requirements with the nearest Guyanese embassy or consulate** or Ministry of Foreign Affairs at: <https://www.minfor.gov.gy/visa-information>

A **yellow fever vaccination certificate** may be required if arriving from or transiting through countries with risk of yellow fever transmission. The vaccine must be administered **at least 10 days prior to arrival**.

Complete Your Embarkation/Disembarkation Forms Online: Save time at the airport by filling out your Guyana Embarkation/Disembarkation forms online. These forms can be completed up to 30 days before you travel by visiting the website: <https://ed.gpf.gov.gy/>

## CURRENCY

The official currency of Guyana is the **Guyanese Dollar**

- Symbol: **GYD**
- ISO code: **GYD**

Foreign currency (especially USD) can be exchanged at **banks, exchange offices, and some hotels**. Credit and debit cards are accepted in major hotels and restaurants, though **cash is recommended** for smaller establishments. Exchange rates for the day according to <https://bankofguyana.org.gy/bog/>



## HEALTH SERVICES NEAR THE VENUE OF THE EVENT

Institution	Adress	Phone Number
<b>Georgetown Public Hospital Corporation (GPHC)</b>	New Market Street, Georgetown	+592 227-8210 +592 227-8241 +592 227-8245 <i>WhatsApp: +592 701-4742</i>
<b>St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital</b>	Murray Street, Georgetown	+592 227-2072 to 227-2075
<b>Woodlands Hospital</b>	South Road & Broad Street, Georgetown	+592 225-4050

**Pharmacies** are available throughout Georgetown, particularly along Sheriff Street, Regent Street, and nearby commercial areas.

## EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

Institution	Phone Number
Police	911
Ambulance	913

## ELECTRICITY

In Guyana, the standard voltage is **120–240 V**, with a frequency of **60 Hz**. Plugs and sockets are generally **Type A, B, D and G** (same as the United States). Visitors are advised to bring a **universal adapter** if needed.



## RESTAURANTS NEAR THE EVENT VENUE

### Guyanese Traditional Foods and National Dishes

Guyanese cuisine reflects the country's rich multicultural heritage, blending Indigenous, African, Indian, Chinese, Portuguese, and European influences. It is known for bold flavours, fresh spices, and the use of local ingredients from land and sea.

The national dish, **Pepperpot**, is a slow-cooked meat stew made with cassareep and spices, traditionally enjoyed at Christmas and symbolizing heritage and togetherness. **Cook-Up Rice**, a popular one-pot dish of rice, coconut milk, peas, and meats, represents Guyana's communal culture. **Metemgee**, made with ground provisions and coconut milk, highlights African culinary traditions.

Indian-influenced curries and roti, African-inspired staples, Chinese-style dishes, and Portuguese favourites further enrich the cuisine. Popular local snacks include pholourie, egg ball, bake and saltfish, and cassava pone.

Together, Guyanese traditional foods showcase the nation's cultural diversity and love for flavorful, home-cooked meals.

Type of Food	Name	Address	Phone Number
International	Terra Mare Restaurant	Guyana Marriott, Block Alpa, Battery Road, Kingstown, Georgetown	+592 608 5995
Italian / Caribbean fusion	Amici	301 Church St, Georgetown, Guyana	+592 708-9888
Caribbean	German's Restaurant	8 New Market Street, North C/Burg, Georgetown	+592 227 0079
South Indian	Parampara Restaurant	7 Oronoque St, Georgetown	+592 639 9799
Seafood	Fireside Grill & Chill	Newtown kitty, 154 Garnett St, Georgetown	+592 681 9306
International	Bottle Restaurant & Bar	294 Quamina Street Georgetown	+592 225 5301
Local cuisine	Backyard Café	West Ruimveldt, 510, Mandela Ave, Georgetown	+592 223 3332
Asian fusion	PF Chang	57 High Street, Kingstown, Georgetown	+592 500-9209
Café	Java Coffee Bar & Bistro	80 Duncan St, Georgetown	+592 227 0772
Café	Oasis Café	125 Carmichael St, Georgetown	
Fast Food	KFC	8-10 Vlissengen Road & Eping Ave, Georgetown	+592 227 7525
Fast food	Pizza Hut	137 Sherriff St, Georgetown	+592 219-5232
Steak House	Realm Steakhouse and Sky Bar	184 Waterloo St., Georgetown	+592-762-9980





## WELCOME TO GEORGETOWN, GUYANA!

### THE CITY

**Georgetown** is the capital and largest city of Guyana, located on the **Atlantic coast** at the mouth of the **Demerara River**. Known as the “**Garden City of the Caribbean**,” Georgetown features colonial wooden architecture, tree-lined streets, and a rich cultural heritage.

Guyana is the **only English-speaking country in South America**, with strong Caribbean cultural influences. Its population is ethnically diverse, including people of Indigenous, African, Indian, European, and Chinese descent. The country gained independence from the United Kingdom in **1966**.

Georgetown is the country’s main **administrative, commercial, and financial center**, hosting government institutions, international organizations, and major hotels.

Important information to make your stay more comfortable and safer:

### WEATHER AND TEMPERATURE

Guyana has a **tropical climate**, characterized by warm temperatures and high humidity throughout the year.

- Average temperatures range between **24°C and 31°C (75°F – 88°F)**
- Light, breathable clothing is recommended
- Rain showers may occur, so carrying an umbrella is advisable



## TOURIST ATTRACTIONS



### Stabroek Market & Clock Tower

One of the most iconic landmarks of Georgetown, Stabroek Market is a vibrant commercial and cultural center. The historic iron-and-steel structure, built in 1881, is easily recognizable by its tall clock tower. The market offers a wide variety of local products, crafts, spices, fruits, and everyday goods, providing visitors with an authentic experience of daily life in the city.



### St. George's Cathedral

St. George's Cathedral is one of the tallest wooden churches in the world and a major symbol of Georgetown. Built in 1892 during the British colonial period, this impressive Anglican cathedral features Gothic architectural elements and beautiful stained-glass windows. It stands as an important religious and historical landmark of Guyana.



### Promenade Gardens

Located in the heart of Georgetown, Promenade Gardens is a peaceful public park featuring manicured lawns, tropical plants, and colorful flowers. Originally established in the 19th century, it offers a relaxing space for visitors to enjoy the city's greenery and colonial-era charm. The gardens are also a popular spot for photography and cultural events.

**Thank you for your visit and happy stay in Georgetown!**

