

*Kaieteur Falls, Guyana*  
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*[Panning, high-angle shot of a river flowing through a gorge in the jungle; the camera pans the river to show the edge of a waterfall; the sound of running water is audible]*

**Burton Lim:** I'm Burton Lim, Assistant Curator of Mammals at the ROM. I'm working with Ross MacCulloch, Assistant Curator of Herpetology. We're surveying the biodiversity of amphibians, reptiles, and mammals.

*[Cut to aerial view of the river and waterfalls; faint buzzing of a plane in the background; title reads: Kaieteur Falls]* Kaieteur Falls is a spectacular natural treasure found deep in the rainforest of Guyana in northern South America.

*[Cut to a view of the sky and the edge of the waterfall]* The easiest and only other way to Kaieteur is by flying in on a small plane.

*[Cut to a panning shot of the waterfall with foliage and rocks in the foreground]*

*[Cut to still of four men standing on a rocky outcropping in front of the waterfall]* Regis James from the Amerindian village of Aishalton and Deirdre Jafferally from the capital city of Georgetown are helping me and Ross.

*[Cut to view of Red Beard picking his way over the rocks at the edge of the falls; title reads: Red Beard Porkknocker]* Our local guide goes by the nickname of Red beard. He is a porkknocker, which is a historical name in Guyana for gold and diamond miners.

*[Camera pans out as Red Beard squats beneath a tree]*

*[Cut to a panning shot of the waterfall with columns of mist rising on either side; title: Johnson's View]* A few hundred metres down the gorge is Johnson's View, which gives a nice panoramic of the complete height of water falls. Kaieteur Falls has a drop of 250 metres which is five times the height of Niagara. Also looming on the horizon are the surrounding tepuis, or flat-topped mountains.

*[Cut to aerial shot of the waterfall; the sound of a plane is audible]* My research often brings me back to Guyana, and the falls are one of the most spectacular sights in the

country. *[Camera pulls out to show a spectacular aerial view of the waterfall and surrounding vegetation]*

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