

Tour Itinerary

Amazon

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Length: 6 days / 5 nights

Please remember to arrive 30 minutes before departure time or you won't be able to travel with the group.

ITINERARY:

DAY 1:

06:30	Leave Quito for Cayambe Coca National Park. We will pass by La Virgen, the highest point of the Pan-American Highway. We will arrive at the park and the ecological trail "Agua y Vida." We'll have some acclimation time before activities. The trek descends 8 km and takes about 4 hours, during which we'll observe the ecosystems (highlands, native vegetation and polylepis forests along with a spectacular view of 80 lakes) while descending to the Laguna de Baños, where our bus will be waiting to take us to Papallacta.	Cayambe Coca National Park
13:00	Lunch.	Papallacta hot springs
14:00	Visit to the Papallacta hot springs. Short informational talk before enjoying the afternoon in the thermal waters.	Papallacta hot springs
20:30	Dinner and lodging in Hostería Cumandá.	El Chaco

DAY 2:

07:00	Breakfast. Rafting activity	
	Visit to the San Rafael waterfall, two impressive natural wonders about 60 and 120 meters high. Along the trail we'll observe trail construction techniques, management and maintenance.	San Rafael waterfall



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19:00

Dinner and lodging at Hotel La Cascada

Lago Agrio

DAY 3:

07:00

Breakfast in the hotel. Leave for the INEFAN bridge – entrance to the Cuyabeno Wildlife Reserve, where we'll listen to an introductory talk from the Ministry of Environment park guards and then start downriver.

Cuyabeno Wildlife Reserve

The Cuyabeno River is the beginning of an exploration of the reserve's gray and black waters. Farther down we will arrive at the Laguna Negra, whose name comes from the water's black color, owed to the leaves that fall into it and release tannins. Here we can swim and observe the flooded forest Igapos' ecosystem.

Lunch and lodging in Samona Lodge

Samona Lodge - Cuyabeno
Wildlife Reserve

In the afternoon we'll tour the Amazon forest and observe its grand trees: Samona, Sandia and Capironas, and learn techniques for outdoor guiding.

19:00

Dinner

DAY 4:

07:00

Breakfast. Motorized canoe trip downriver to observe the reserve's biodiversity, including howler and capuchin monkeys, birds, charapa turtles and more.

Cuyabeno Wildlife Reserve

We'll visit a Cofan community who will teach us how to make casabe, a traditional type of bread, and afterwards have lunch in the Amazon forest.

We'll say goodbye to the Cofans and continue downriver to Nicky Lodge, where we will rest for the afternoon.

Nicky Lodge - Cuyabeno Wildlife
Reserve

19:00

Dinner and then "caiman hunting" in one of the



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lakes.

DAY 5:

05:00

Birdwatching accompanied by Kichwa guides. We'll learn some methods used for birdwatching. We might see: hoatzins, parrots at the salt licks, macaws, kingfishers and more.

Nicky Lodge – Cuyabeno Wildlife
Reserve

Breakfast.

Later we'll take a boat to the estuary to observe pink dolphins and learn about their ecology and the fascinating legends surrounding this mammal.

19:00

Dinner and night hike to see a different world of insects, frogs and bats.

DAY 6:

08:00

Breakfast and motorized canoe back to the bridge on the Cuyabeno River.

11:00

Arrival. Land transfer to Lago Agrio. Lunch.

Lago Agrio

13:00

Return to Quito by land.

22:00

Approximate arrival in Quito– Campus
Granados UDLA.

****Times for reference only**



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INCLUDED:	NOT INCLUDED:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land transport • Professional guides: Ecuadorian tourist guide, guide assistant and local guides • Lodging in shared rooms • Food • Rafting lesson • Entrance to places on the itinerary • First aid • Digital tour manual • Talk about community tourism • Talk about sustainable tourism, best practices, scientific tourism, animation • Talk about assistance for tourist groups 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extra drinks not part of the food service • Services other than those mentioned above • Personal expenses

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- Times are for reference only
- Activities are subject to change due to conditions or safety concerns
- Lodging in shared rooms
- "Menu"-style food: soup, entrée, dessert, drink
- Luggage size: medium suitcase. We recommend bringing only what's necessary and on the packing list.
- Each participant should bring a medical kit for his or her personal use (allergy medicine, painkillers, medicine for insect bites, sunburn cream, etc.)
- EVERY STUDENT NEEDS TO BRING THEIR PASSPORT ON THE TRIP



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WHAT TO BRING:

<p>Highlands</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Waterproof boots or shoes -Warm, breathable clothing -Gloves -Scarf, hat -Rain poncho 	<p>Amazon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Lightweight, breathable clothing -Hat for the sun, sunglasses
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- Sunblock, insect repellent
- Comfortable walking shoes and sandals
- Bathing suit, towel
- Notebook
- Audio recorder
- Camera
- Reusable water bottle (to use during hikes)
- Plastic bags



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