



The **DUAL** Jungle Tour ADVENTURE & EDUCATIONAL TOUR

Napo Wildlife Center & Yachana Lodge have joined efforts to provide you with an adventure and educational tour during your visit to the Ecuadorian Amazon where you will experience the best that these two award-winning eco lodges have to offer.

The Napo Wildlife Center, NWC Amazon Lodge, is the greatest and ultimate alternative luxury eco-hotel in Ecuadorian Amazon. This ecotourism project includes the conservation of over 82 square miles of the most pristine Amazon Rain Forest within the Yasuni National Park, an important UNESCO Biosphere Reserve and the largest tract of tropical rain forest in Ecuador.

Yasuni's amazing biodiversity includes more than 1530 species of birds, reptiles, amphibians and fish. The flora is as bio diverse as the fauna with more than 5000 species of plants.

The lodge is owned 100% by the Añangu Kichwa community working for the protection of this area.

Yachana means "a place for learning" in the Kichwa language. All tours have been developed based on this idea, which is so fundamental to Yachana's mission that is to achieve sustainability through education.

You will enjoy first class accommodations and cuisine during your stay. Your multilingual indigenous guides will explain why Yachana's focus is always on community and economic development with an emphasis on conservation and education. The tours give guests a glimpse of the culture and culinary aspects of the lives of the local people. Highlights include a visit to the Yachana Technical High School where more than 100 students from six Ecuadorian provinces are receiving a hands-on, practical education and learning to become entrepreneurs and leaders in their communities and to conserve the rainforest they call home.

2016, PRICES PER PERSON IN USD

INCLUDING: Air ticket UIO-OCC-UIO	STANDARD		SUPERIOR	
	DOUBLE/TRIPLE	SINGLE	DOUBLE/TRIPLE	SINGLE
7 days – 6 nights (Tuesday to Monday)	1,988	2,982	2,331	3,437
9 days – 8 nights (Thursday to Friday)	2,442	3,662	2,862	4,293
Napo Wildlife Center	Standard Room		Suite	
Yachana Lodge	Jungle View		River View	

PLEASE NOTE: This is a sample itinerary subject to change due to weather conditions, safety and particular interests of guests and groups. Changes and additions are made in order to maximize wildlife viewing and wilderness enjoyment, cultural interaction with local people and to make the most of your time in the Ecuadorian Amazon.

Additional information:

- Yachana Lodge and Napo Wildlife Center are Smart Voyager-certified Eco lodges that implement sustainable tourism practices.
- Both lodges provide comfortable, spacious rooms with ventilation, lighting, and private bathrooms with hot water.
- The kitchen staffs prepare a wide variety of traditional dishes with organic products, most of which exemplify the traditional cuisine of the Amazon region.
- Transportation is by motorized canoe, which has a roof, comfortable seats, lifejackets and is operated by a highly experienced canoe operator.
- The local community guides have many years of experience working in the Amazon. The guides intimately know the forest and the species that inhabit it, as well as guiding techniques that allow them to work well with individuals and groups alike.

Included: Accommodation, all meals, pure drinking water, river/road transportation and local Coca airport transfers, all excursions and activities including visits to the Añangu Kichwa Community the exclusive NWC's parrot-macaw clay licks, native multilingual guides, the Yasuni National Park entrance fee and use of rubber boots and rain ponchos when needed.

Not Included: Drinks, gratuities and any other item not specified

ITINERARY 7 DAYS – 6 NIGHTS

DAY 1 - Tuesday

Departing from Quito, 30 minute flight to Coca over the eastern Andes mountain range. After landing, about mid morning, and airport procedures a 5 min transfer in local chiva (hired bus) or local taxi from airport to Port Francisco de Orellana will drive us to embark onto a comfortable covered motor boat. Here we start a canoe ride along the Napo river for about 2 hours approx, lunch box in route. Along the way birds like herons, kingfishers and others can be spotted. After arriving at NWC's entry dock we disembark for restroom then take a majestic and peaceful 1 to 2 hours dugout canoe ride surrounded by trees overhead, paddling along a narrow creek that connects to the lake where the lodge is located. Good possibilities of monkey sights of various species as well as large birds like toucans, parrots or even macaws. Late afternoon arrival to the NWC lodge by the overwhelming view of the Añangu lake, welcome drink and facilities.

DAY 2 - Wednesday

Early wake up to reach the best and easy access parrot clay licks in Ecuador, about 1 hour away from the lodge, guests reach there just before parrot activity kicks off at the clay lick between 7:30 to 8:30. A total of 11 species of parrots, parakeets and macaws can be seen. A visit that depends on weather conditions, but usually successful. Later, hike along forest trail to visit to the Kichwa community of Añangu and sharing time with a family on their activities. Return to the creek and hike through a Terra Firme Forest for about 30 minutes until we arrive to the second parrot clay lick where if the weather conditions help will be able to find different species of parrots, parakeets and even macaws. Lunch box served at the parrot clay lick observatory. Late afternoon arrival to the lodge.

DAY 3 - Thursday

After early breakfast, depart from the lodge to the finest experience at a canopy tower on the Napo. A 36m high canopy tower opened to guests in November 2004, a great way to experience the life above the forest floor. This is the second tower at the Napo Wildlife Center (the first is attached to the dining hall and allows great views of the lake). The tower is located about 30 minutes from the lodge Deep within the *terra firme* forest. As you ascend the 12-floor tower, you pass through different levels of the forest and emerge on top of a huge *Ceiba* tree. Here you cross onto a wooden platform that is actually built into the tree and experience the view formerly reserved only for the birds. The metal tower itself was constructed to the highest standards, galvanized, and carefully inspected by engineers. Safety is the priority. The platform at the top of the tree was constructed by tree platform specialists as well. From top to bottom, there is no finer canopy experience in Eastern Ecuador. Flocks of colorful tanagers pass right through the canopy of the tree, Blue-and yellow Macaws fly past, in nearby trees Spider Monkeys search for fruit, two species of large toucans call in the early mornings and afternoons, and the life of the forest canopy opens before you. Birds that are virtually impossible to see from the forest floor far below are suddenly right beside you, oblivious to your presence. The canopy tower opens a whole new world to guests of the Napo Wildlife Center!! Lunch served at the lodge. Afternoon visit to a terra firme trail, hike along primary forest to discover the forest interior, possibilities of finding lizards, colorful manakins or the unique and endemic Golden mantle tamarin monkeys. After the hike, explore the lake and creeks by dugout canoe with great possibilities of running into a Giant otter family on the way...

DAY 4 - Friday

Early departure and last excursion canoeing back to the Napo river, the creek may reveal new sights of Giant otters, Monk Saki monkeys or many other rare birds. Entry docking area, use of restrooms and embarking on motorized canoe in order to return back to Coca, arrival approximately after 2 hours boat ride up river, in order to meet the Yachana's guide who will welcome you and transfer to Yachana Lodge where will arrive after a 2-1/2 hour trip. At Yachana Lodge, you'll receive a warm welcome from our native staff that will serve you a refreshing beverage and snack while you are introduced to the Lodge facilities and issued rubber boots to use during your stay with us. After you've had a chance to rest in your room, your guide will take you on a short hike; first onboard the open bus, then the hike to a place where there is a beautiful and very large Ceibo tree. Your guide will be explaining a lot of things along the way. Enjoy a cocktail or other refreshing beverage while witnessing a spectacular sunset from your balcony or dining hall. Dinner is served between 7:00 – 7:30 PM.

DAY 5 - Saturday

After breakfast, you will board our ranchera (typical local bus) and accompany your guide as he leads you on a journey into the rainforest stopping to observe birds, and possibly monkeys, along the way. During your rainforest trek your guide will explain the uses of various medicinal plants and amaze you with his knowledge of the several species of birds and animals that inhabit the rainforest, which he calls home. Return to the lodge for lunch and an opportunity to rest before the next activity. In the afternoon you take our ranchera to Agua Santa community in order to board a raft downriver to observe a local family panning for gold. From there, using either inner-tubes, a small rubber raft or just life jackets, you can float/swim as you continue down river to the Puerto Rico port for pick up to return to the lodge, a relaxing way to enjoy the spectacular scenery that surrounds you. On your way to the river you will have a chance to visit the Yachana Training Center. The

Administrative will give an explanation of the activities to be carried out there. After dinner on one of your evenings at the lodge your guide will offer to take you on a night walk to discover a totally different side of the forest that only comes alive after dark. On this walk, you have the chance to see many small insects, amphibians, reptiles and other animals.

DAY 6 - Sunday

You have the option to start your day early by participating in a bird watching excursion or sleep little longer before enjoying another splendid breakfast, the first of the day's Amazon culinary delights. After breakfast, you will board our ranchera to go to a farm where you can see and harvest some products you have probably never seen or prepared before. Return to the lodge and learn how to make chocolate using organic cacao harvested from the local families. Turn the cacao beans into delicious jungle chocolate, one of the main ingredients for several of the delectable deserts served at the lodge and drink a delicious coffee made with the roasted coffee beans picked by you. You will be fixing your own lunch. After lunch, you will travel by canoe to the home of shaman and his family to learn about local Kichwa culture and traditions, and to participate in a cleansing ceremony. Afterwards, try your skills at using a typical blowgun and spear. This is a wonderful cultural activity to know a local family. Return to the lodge for dinner. Rest before dinner and enjoy the sunset from your balcony or dining hall.

DAY 7 - Monday

Before breakfast you will board our canoe for the way back to Coca to take your flight back to Quito.

ITINERARY 9 DAYS – 8 NIGHTS

DAY 1 - Thursday

A rewarding 30 minute flight to Coca over the eastern Andes mountain range is the beginning of this amazing experience. After landing, a short 5 minute drive to the port in the Napo River will take you onto a comfortable covered motor boat. Here we start a boat ride along the Napo for approximately 2 hours. Some aquatic birds can be spotted on the way. After arriving at Napo Wildlife Center's welcoming area, we take a magical and peaceful 2 hour dugout-canoe along a narrow creek that connects to the lake where the lodge is located. Great chances to spot wildlife, various species of monkeys as well as large birds like toucans, parrots or even macaws. Late afternoon arrival at the lodge.

DAY 2 - Friday

After a buffet breakfast, experience the life above the forest floor visiting the 36-meter canopy tower. This tower is located about 30 minutes from the Lodge deep within the forest. Get a very good sample of the 567 species recorded so far, with a close look at colorful tanagers, macaws, toucans, flycatchers and even Spider or Howler Monkeys feeding themselves on the nearby trees. The canopy tower opens a whole new world to the guests of the Napo Wildlife Center. Return to the Lodge for a typical Ecuadorian lunch. After lunch there are many options to choose from before you start the afternoon activity: climb the dining room tree tower for more birds, or just relax in your hammock. In the afternoon, hike through a marvelous terra-firme forest to discover the ecology and the role of plants in the complex world of the Tropical Rain-Forest: vines, ancient trees, bromeliads, orchids stand out in this impressive natural garden. After the hike, explore the surrounding creeks with possibilities of running into a Giant otter family. Dinner at 7:30pm.

DAY 3 - Saturday

This morning we visit the best parrot clay licks in Ecuador!!! Early start and paddle downstream on the Añangu creek as far as the welcome area. Then, take the motor boat for a 10 minute ride for a wonderful view of thousands of parrots such as Amazon-Mealy, blue-headed, orange –cheek, among others, landing on the earth to eat the clay. Later, back to the welcome area and a short hike to the parakeets' clay lick, where hundreds of cobalt-winged parakeets remain on the top of the trees searching for the best time to eat the salts, chemicals and minerals contained in the organic matter. Lunch in the welcome area. In the afternoon, visit the interpretation area to see the traditions of the ancestral Kichwa community of Añangu. Back to the lodge late in the afternoon where you'll be welcomed back with a refreshing fresh juice. Dinner at 7:30pm.

DAY 4 - Sunday

This morning we hike along the Tiputini trail and its terra-firma forests and swamp forests, searching for more wildlife such as Golden-Mantled Tamarins, White-Faced capuchin monkey, two and three toed sloths, pigmy squirrels, carnivores and their tracks on the forest floor. Back to the lodge for lunch and a well deserved rest. In the afternoon paddle canoes will take you to explore deeper areas in the surrounding creeks with more possibilities of seeing unique wildlife. After dinner a video about the community and Napo Wildlife Center will be shared with you.

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Early breakfast, and last excursion canoeing back to the Napo river, the creek may reveal new sights of Giant otters, Monk Saki monkeys, hoatzins, blackcapped donacobius or other birds. The motorized canoe will return you back to Coca, in order to meet the Yachana's guide who will welcome you and transfer to Yachana Lodge where will arrive after a 2-1/2 hour trip. At Yachana Lodge, you'll receive a warm welcome from our native staff that will serve you a refreshing beverage and snack while you are introduced to the Lodge facilities and issued rubber boots to use during your stay with us. After you've had a chance to rest in your room, your guide will take you on a short hike; first onboard the open bus, then the hike to a place where there is a beautiful and very large Ceibo tree. Your guide will be explaining a lot of things along the way. Enjoy a cocktail or other refreshing beverage while witnessing a spectacular sunset from your balcony or dining hall. Dinner is served between 7:00 – 7:30 PM.

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DAY 8 - Thursday

Before breakfast you have the chance to participate in an early morning bird watching excursion. After breakfast, you will visit the Cacao Collection Center. It is a project dedicated to community development in the local community where Yachana is located. Your visit greatly supports its activities. Then you will hike back to the main road where the ranchera will be waiting for us to go to a trail that will take us to La Paz Waterfall. The ride will take approximately 3 hours where you will be served a box lunch. Time to enjoy the waterfall and if are lucky enough parrots!! Come back to the lodge to rest in your room before dinner. Then, sit around the campfire as your guide tells you some of the stories and legends of the Amazon and be amazed by the sounds of the jungle at night.

DAY 9 - Friday

After a hearty breakfast and then travel by canoe or ranchera from Yachana back to the city of Coca for your flight back to Quito. If traveling by land, you'll have the chance to observe Amazon life other communities and if by river, have one last opportunity to appreciate the vastness of the rainforest and reflect on your experience at Yachana.

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