



FAMTRIP

5 Days & 4 Nights Itinerary

The **Yachana 5 Day & 4 Night Itinerary** allows a little more time to explore the area and learn more about. This tour allows you time to fully enjoy the variety of activities that Yachana Lodge.

Day 1 QUITO - YACHANA



Early in the morning departure by private car for a 5 and a half hours driving ascending the Oriental Cordillera up to 4200 meters high at Papallacta. From here we will descend to the town of Baeza where we will have a stop for lunch. If weather permits, Antisana Volcano will show us an impressive view of its eternal snow peak. You will not believe some many changes with so short travelling time!

At Yachana, 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 facilities.

After you've had a chance to rest in your room, your guide will take you on a short hike. The hike will take you to a place where there is a giant and beautiful Ceibo tree (kapok tree). Your guide will amaze you explaining a lot of things along the way.

Dinner is served between 7:00 – 7:30 PM.

Day 2 YACHANA



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 a traditional breakfast from the Amazon, 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 Yachana for lunch and an opportunity to rest before the next activity. In the afternoon the administrative will give an explanation about how the Yachana Training Center and the Yachana Foundation with his educational program. After this you will take our ranchera to Agua Santa community in order to board a raft downriver to observe a local family doing 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 enjoy the spectacular scenery that surrounds you. At some point you will get on board of a motorize canoe to head back to Yachana.



Dinner is served at 7:00 – 7:30 PM. In the evening 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 3 YACHANA



After breakfast, you will onboard on our ranchera to go to a farm where you can see and harvest some many products you have probably never seen or prepared before like the cacao plants. You will be part of a culinary activity fixing your own typical lunch from the amazon under the supervision of our chef.

In the afternoon 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 on the art of using a typical blowgun and spear. This is a wonderful cultural activity to know a local family and

learn more about the kichwa culture.

Return to Yachana for dinner. Rest before dinner and enjoy the sunset from our dining hall.

In the evening you will have a spectacular opportunity to learn how to make dark 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 Yachana. This is one of our highlight activities as you prepare chocolate in a traditional way.



Day 4 YACHANA



After a wonderful breakfast depending on weather condition you may choose from: a) A deep hike on our 1000 hectares protected forest. b) Visiting a community bank (for this activity we will ask for a donation of 50 USD per person). c) Explore more deeply the Napo River enjoying a canoeing. Choosing from either activity you will come back to Yachana to have lunch.

In the afternoon you will get on board on our ranchera to visit the Cacao Collection Center and then you will hike for about 10 minutes to La Paz Waterfall. Time to enjoy the waterfall and if are lucky you will see a lot of parrots!!

Then you will hike back to the main road where the ranchera will be waiting for us to go back to Yachana for dinner.

Then after dinner sit around the campfire prepare some delicious coffee, be aware you have to roast, grind it then you will enjoy it 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 5 YACHANA – COCA - QUITO

After a hearty breakfast and then travel by a private car from Yachana back to the city of Coca for your flight back to Quito and get a different point of view of the jungle.



2017 PRICE PER PERSON

- USD 399 Double / Triple
- USD 222 Single Supplement

INCLUDING

- *O.W. Private surface transfer from Quito to Yachana Lodge
- *Accommodation
- *3 daily meals with beverages
- *Road and river transport for visits and activities, by motor canoe, canoe and car
- *Guided excursions with native bilingual guides (English / Spanish)
- *Rubber boots, rain ponchos and lifejackets
- *10% donation to the Yachana Foundation to support its education and conservation programs in the Amazon
- *Complimentary 24 hours Wi-Fi in room
- *Unlimited ozonized water
- *Admissions and Entrance Fees
- *Transfer from Yachana Lodge to Coca Airport
- *O.W. air ticket Coca-Quito

NOT INCLUDED

- *Lunch at Baeza (day 1)
- *Alcoholic/bottled beverages
- *Laundry
- *Tips
- *Travel Insurance

CONDITIONS

- Prices are valid only for Travel Industry Agents, minimum 1 per cabin
- Companions: 25% supplement
- Dates: Subject to availability at time of booking
- Payment: In full within 7 days of our confirmation
- Cancellation policy: USD 150 per person will be charged if notification is received up to 30 days in advance. From 29 to 0 days, 100%

[For additional information click here](#)

NOTE: *Please be aware that Yachana cannot guarantee that you will see wildlife because of the unpredictable nature of animals and due to the fact that the area around the Lodge has been impacted by human presence. Lodge activities may vary in order or due to weather conditions but rest assured your guide will do everything possible to maintain the established itinerary whenever possible.