



AMAZON ADVENTURE

The setting of where your journey takes place is the Amazon Rain Forest, a living emerald which adorns our world with rare beauty and natural wonders, but that is much more that meets the eye...

It also holds the largest biodiversity on Earth. Rainforests now cover less than 6% of Earth surface but they are home to over 50% of all known species of living organisms. Some researchers believe millions more may exist waiting to be discovered. Tropical rainforest are the result of the unique climatic conditions found between the tropics of Cancer and Capricorn, the region forming a belt around the Earth's Ecuador.

Scientists consider it one of the twenty "hot-spots" that must be preserved for the earth's survival. It extends over 5.5 million square kilometers and is home to more varieties of plants and animals than any other place in the world. It will welcome you, teach you, and enamor you with its mysteries.

ECOLOGY
ADVENTURE
CULTURE
WILDLIFE
REAL-LIFE

Adventure



THE AMAZON RAINFOREST: A LIVING EMERALD WHICH ADORNS OUR WORLD WITH RARE BEAUTY AND NATURAL WONDERS.

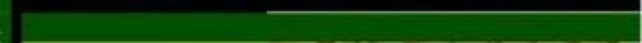
Imagine yourself above the Andes on a private aircraft, gliding through the Avenue of Volcanoes and enjoying the scenery as it transforms itself from snow covered mountains to the deep green sea that embraces the horizon. You will be above the rainforest canopy, home to the majority of all living creatures on earth.

Ecuador offers easy access through roads & regular flights to the Amazon. Most of the lodges we propose operate in cooperation with two Ecuadorian airlines that fly to the city of Coca from Quito. Although we prefer to send all of our passengers by air to avoid drives over 7 hours, we also offer private land transportation for most lodges. Public land transportation is available as well, although we don't arrange it. Kapawi requires using air transportation only, due to its isolation & location to an area where there are no roads.

4 - 5 DAYS



NAPO WILDLIFECENTER



THE LODGE

Napo Wildlife Center (NWC) Lodge is a great option for eco-hotels in Ecuador's Amazon. This ecotourism project includes the conservation of over 53,000 acres (over 21,400 hectares) 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. The Napo Wildlife Center (NWC) is located by Lake Anangucocha, into the unique ancestral territory of the Anangu Quichua Community. Thanks to their own initiative and supported by the Tropical Nature Conservation, a carefully designed lodge has been built in partnership.

THE AÑANGU COMMUNITY

Anangu is not only home to the great NWC lodge; it has been the ancestral territory of a native Quichua community with the same name. Anangu people are active participants of conservation and management of a large territory within the Yasuni National Park, as well as our partners with the lodge in tourism. You can join some families on their daily activities when harvesting bananas, coco, manioc (a starchy jungle root), sample food; or maybe help preparing chicha, a traditional drink based on cooked and fermenting manioc.

ACCOMODATION

Each of the 10 individual large cabanas are prepared for receiving guests in double or triple occupancy. Rooms include a king size and twin size beds, private bathrooms with "on demand" hot water, a multi-speed ceiling fan, 24 hours electricity provided by hybrid system combining solar panels, batteries, and silent generators. Also electric powered light, 120 v outlets, screened windows and mosquito nets. Buildings keep in part the traditional native architecture with a mixture of modern design. Each room has shaded terraces with hammocks and ample space with views of the jungle & lake.



Visitors will be divided up into small groups lead by a native Anangu guide, who is also an official Yasuni Park Ranger. These local guides are experts on the medicinal plants and other useful items of the rain forest. Groups are also accompanied by a bilingual naturalist guide with great knowledge in tropical forest biology. Both guides using their unmatched enthusiasm will create informative enjoyable excursions every day providing an educational fun experience. Groups and guides will tailor their excursions, considering wildlife activity peaks hours, weather conditions, and the intensity of the excursion (easy, moderate & challenging).



- **Birdwatching:** Over 562 species of birds have been registered in the surroundings of NWC, more than 1/3 of all of Ecuador's birds.
- **Canopy tower:** Over 125 feet tall, it is possible to observe the surrounding wildlife.
- **Unique parrot clay lick:** In best weather conditions at least 800 individuals of most species can be spotted.
- Forest trails & hikes
- Canoe excursions
- Lakes & creeks
- Dining room tower
- The Anangu community

ACTIVITIES ^



HIGHLIGHTS ^



INCLUDED v

- Lodging in double occupancy
- Three meals a day
- Jungle excursions
- Rubber boots for hikes up to #12
- Bilingual English guide
- Native guide
- Yasuni National Park Entrance Fee
- Transportation to the lodge & back from Coca airport

NOT INCLUDED v

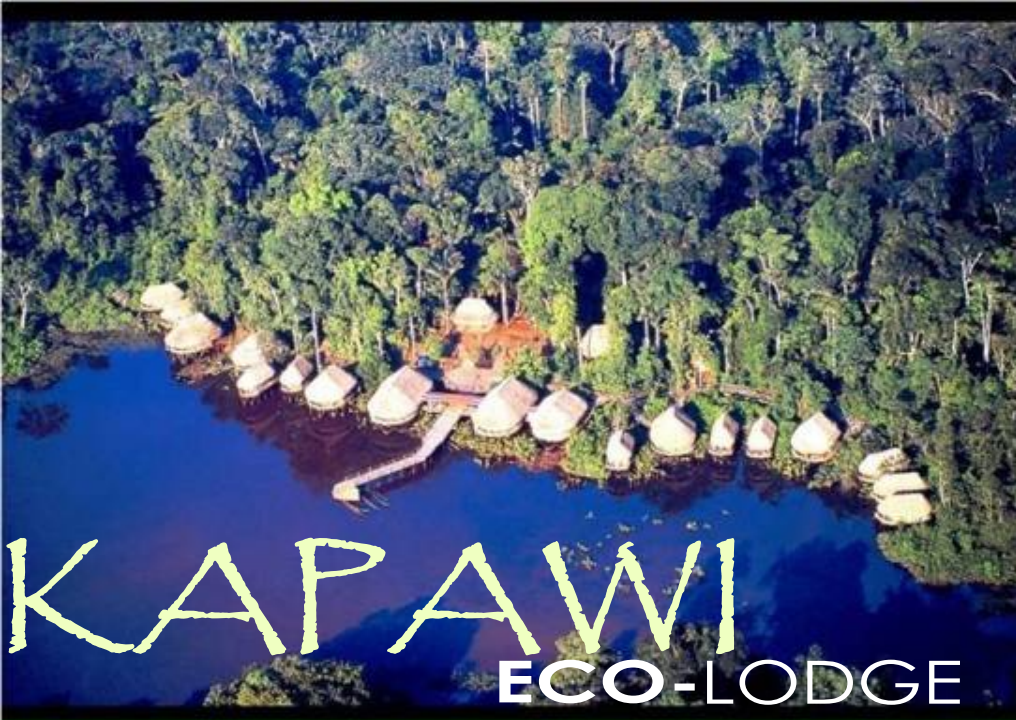
- Local or international airport taxes
- Soft beverages
- Alcoholic drinks
- Souvenirs
- Travel insurance
- Gratuities to guides & staff
- Airfare from Cuenca: \$200 approximately, price confirmation upon booking

FARES v

DOUBLE OCCUPANCY (or willing to share)

4 DAYS / 3 NIGHTS: **USD720**

5 DAYS / 4 NIGHTS: **USD920**



KAPAWI ECO-LODGE



GETTING THERE

Access to Kapawi is easy and safe, although it is located in the most remote area of the Ecuadorian Amazon Basin with no roads anywhere close to it, and making the usage of aircrafts a necessity. For this reason several types of transportation must be used: land transportation with modern buses, canoes, and aircrafts. All of the used vehicles live up to very high standards. Nevertheless, due to the type of weather in the tropical rainforest, some delays can be expected. It is recommended that you consider adding an extra day to your itinerary after visiting Kapawi to make sure you meet your connecting flights to your next destination.



THE LODGE

The Kapawi Project began in 1993. The goal was to commence a new trend in eco-tourism, in partnership with the OINAE (indigenous organization), by providing a monthly means of economic support and jobs to the Achuar located in Kapawi as well as in other communities. The local Achuar make up a majority of the staff, and receive a monthly rent from the lodge and will inherit the business outright by 2011. As a result of this project, the Achuar nation has found an alternative sustainable development practice in tourism versus destructive actions such as animal poaching, migration to large cities, and deforestation. The lodge accommodates up to 40 visitors and was built in accordance to the Achuar concept of architecture. Environmentally-friendly methods such as solar energy and trash recycling are also being utilized.

THE ASHUAR COMMUNITY

Achuar is the name of one of the four groups of the linguistic family Jivaro, (Achuar, Shuar, Aguaruna and Huambisa). With a global population of about 80.000 people, the Jivaro group is by far the most important homogeneous culture on the Amazon Basin. Well known in the past for their internal wars, the Achuar live today in peace, mostly in small villages, a way of living suggested by the missionaries, wherein they obtain their products produced in small plots -"chacras"- and from hunting, fishing and gathering in the rain forest. At the beginning of the 1970's the Achuar were the only Jivaros who had not suffered any loss of culture due to contact with the western world.

Kapawi is a place of multiple choices and is characterized by its flexibility. Fixed programs are not offered, but you can design with your guide and your group the most suitable one to meet your interests and physical condition. In Kapawi you can do many activities and the most of the itineraries will include visits to Achuar communities, you can share all day with Achuar families, hikes in the rain forest, canoeing in rivers and lakes, swimming, watching piranhas, pink river dolphins, see caimans and other animals of the area, as well as bird watching with over 540 species.

There are three alternatives, according to your physical condition (not your age).



EASY: Programs that include short hikes in the rainforest (up to 3 hours) on well defined trails, visits to the Achuar communities as well as trips in canoes. Meals are served in the lodge or light meals are taken for long day excursion.

MODERATE: Programs that include medium-distance hikes in the rain forest (up to 5 hours). Excursions in canoes and visits to Achuar communities are also covered. Overnight stays include lodging in the Achuar communities and occasionally in tents.

DIFFICULT: Demanding hikes of many hours or days in poorly defined and often flooded trails. Overnight stays are in tents and/or in Achuar communities. Excellent physical condition is required.

ACTIVITIES ^

KAPAWI

HIGHLIGHTS ^



INCLUDED v

- Lodging in double occupancy
- Three meals a day
- Jungle excursions
- Rubber boots for hikes up to #12
- Bilingual English guide
- Native Achuar guide
- Airport assistance
- Transportation to and from the lodge

NOT INCLUDED v

- Airfare Cuenca - Quito - Cuenca: \$130
- Achuar community fee (\$10 per passenger & \$2,50 per night)
- Soft beverages
- Alcoholic drinks
- Souvenirs
- Travel insurance
- Gratuities to guides & staff
- Service fee per person (\$8)
- Air fare Quito-Kapawi-Quito: \$310 per person

FARES v

DOUBLE OCCUPANCY (or willing to share)

4 DAYS / 3 NIGHTS: **USD675**

5 DAYS / 4 NIGHTS: **USD895**



THE LODGE

To the north of Challua lies the massive Cuyobeno Reserve and along the southern border stretches the vast Yasuni National Park. In the corridor between, located on 40,000 hectares (100,000 acres) of untouched rainforest lies a unique eco-lodge. Here, the biodiversity will amaze you!

On your adventure, you will walk through a pristine rainforest gallery that is home to 1,500 species of trees, hundreds of climbing vines, and exotic flowers, as well as 550 species of tropical birds, 13 species of monkeys and 1,000 beautiful butterflies. Sani lodge is truly a one of a kind eco-lodge dedicated to ecotourism, environmental conservation, and community in the Amazon rainforest of Ecuador. It is owned and operated by members of the Sani community, meaning that with their extensive knowledge of the Amazon wildlife and biodiversity, they can give guests the true experience of the Ecuadorian Amazon jungle. In addition to providing excellent service to its guests, the lodge participates in community ecotourism - profits from the jungle lodge are reinvested into the community, improving the lives of all who live there.

The bar, lounge, and dining room at Sani lodge overlook the lagoon and offer both first class service as well as premier views of wild life and of the setting sun.



ACCOMODATION

Clustered on the shore of a remote black water lagoon are the newly constructed private, thatch-roofed cabañas. Each is equipped with twin beds, electric lights, and modern bathrooms with showers. And since the facility is powered entirely by solar panels, there is no noisy generator to drown out the magical night sounds of the jungle.

Visitors will be divided up into small groups lead by a native Anangu guide, who is also an official Yasuni Park Ranger. These local guides are experts on the medicinal plants and other useful items of the rainforest. Groups are also accompanied by a bilingual naturalist guide with great knowledge in tropical forest biology. Both guides, using their unmatched enthusiasm, will create informative enjoyable excursions every day providing an educational fun experience. Groups and guides will tailor their excursions, considering wildlife activity peaks hours, weather conditions, and the intensity of the excursion (easy, moderate & challenging).



SANI

• **Night caiman watching:** Take a dugout canoe out onto the water at night, and you will see a dozen glowing red eyes of caimans staring back at you.

• **Tree tower:** From its 100 feet tall top, looking out across the Rainforest canopy gives you a unique perspective.

- Forest trails & night hikes
- Canoe excursions
- Birdwatching
- Lakes & creeks
- The Sani community

ACTIVITIES ^

HIGHLIGHTS ^



INCLUDED v

NOT INCLUDED v

FARES v

- Lodging
- Three meals a day
- Jungle excursions
- Rubber boots for hikes up to #12
- Bilingual English guide
- Native guide
- Yasuni National Park entrance fee
- Transportation to the lodge and back from Coca airport

- Local or international airport taxes
- Soft beverages
- Alcoholic drinks
- Souvenirs
- Travel insurance
- Gratuities to guides & staff
- Airfare from Cuenca: \$200 approximately, price confirmation upon booking

DOUBLE OCCUPANCY (or willing to share)

4 DAYS / 3 NIGHTS: **USD510**

5 DAYS / 4 NIGHTS: **USD680**





THE LODGE

Yarina Lodge is located 25 km or 16 mi in straight line down the Napo River from Coca, motor canoes take 1 hour get there.

The lodge regroups 20 multiple huts (single, double, triple and quadruple accommodations) with private bathrooms. All huts are made with typical materials of the zone. Each hut is equipped with beds (all beds with mosquito nets), closet, hammock and a lamp powered by Yarina Lodge. Electricity is provided through a diesel generator. Water is provided 24 hours in the bathrooms from a well.

Near to the Manduro river is located a big cabin where the passenger will find the restaurant, the bar and a comfortable place to rest. The kitchen staff offers healthy and variety food. If the passengers have vegetarian preferences, the local staff is ready to accommodate them.

Finally, the administration of the lodge offer for the passengers a security box to keep their values.

Activities at this lodge include day & night jungle hikes, day & night canoe rides to spot wildlife, piranha fishing, visits to indigenous communities, bird watching.



- **Birdwatching:** Over 562 species of birds have been registered in the surroundings.

- Canopy tower
- Forest trails & hikes
- Canoe excursions
- Lakes & creeks
- The Anangu community

ACTIVITIES ^

YARINA

HIGHLIGHTS ^



INCLUDED v

- Lodging
- Three meals a day
- Jungle excursions
- Rubber boots for hikes up to #12
- Bilingual English guide
- Native guide
- Yasuni National Park entrance fee
- Transportation to the lodge and back from Coca airport

NOT INCLUDED v

- Local or international airport taxes
- Soft beverages
- Alcoholic drinks
- Souvenirs
- Travel insurance
- Gratuities to guides & staff
- Airfare from Cuenca: \$200 approximately, price confirmation upon booking

FARES v

DOUBLE OCCUPANCY (or willing to share)

4 DAYS / 3 NIGHTS: **USD350**

5 DAYS / 4 NIGHTS: **USD450**



& TOUR OPERATOR



BAMBÚ

TRAVEL



Travel Agency & Tour Operator



Telephone: 593.4.256.3956, 593.4.230.5845, 593.4.600.1875, 593.4.600.1876
Calling from the USA: 1.877.570.6731 From NYC: 718.554.0438
Address: Córdova 810 y Junín, Edificio Torres de La Merced, Piso 14, Oficina 6
Guayaquil - Ecuador
E-mail: rpaz@bambutrael.com
www.bambutrael.com

WWW.BAMBÚTRAVEL.COM