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## Ecuador Amazon Rainforest - Yasuní National Park 4D/3N Tour.

#### Yasuní National Park.

Yasuní, continental Ecuador's largest protected area, is host to impressive levels of biodiversity in the heat of the amazon tropical rain forest and protects part of the Waorani nationality territory. Species records demonstrate this biodiversity for various groups of flora and fauna, species never before registered in any other protected area. Here we find hundreds of tree species, wide rivers that overflow with the torrential rains, and large animals such as the jaguar, anaconda, and harpy eagle. We also find very small animals such as leoncillo or pocket monkey, the smallest primate in the world, and a great variety of reptiles and amphibians that make this park among the most bio-diverse in the world.

Yasuní is a biodiversity sanctuary. Research conducted in the last decade reflect figures never before registered in any other area of the tropical rainforest, and even though the data might change over time.

The human side of Yasuní is also full of surprises. Dwelling within the park are the tagaeri and taromenane, voluntarily isolated indigenous communities. To protect them and the biodiversity within Yasuní, in 1999 the Tagaeri-Taromenane Intangible. UNESCO declared the National Park Yasuní, the intangible area and the adjacent waorani territory a Biosphere Reserve in 1989.

#### How to get to Coca City?

From Quito the Capital of Ecuador. By air or land, you must arrive to the Puerto Francisco de Orellana city (El Coca).

## By Air from Quito to Coca City.

The airlines companies, which fly from Quito to Coca City, called: LATAM, Aviana, Aero Regional, from Quito in 30 minutes will arrive to Coca. The ticket price are around \$ 150 USD

#### By Land from Quito to Coca City.

You have to take a public bus, from the Bus Station (Terminal Quitumbe) located at south part of Quito. From here, you have a different bus companies going straight to Coca every 2 hours, you have to ask the buses that are going from Quito and crossing through Loreto town it is shorter time (7 hours). Because if you go to Coca by the other way crossing Lago agrio will be longer time (10 hours).

To travel by bus in Ecuador, it is very cheap and comfortable, the best bus company it is Transportes Expreso Baños, they have comfortable seats, air condition, TV, Wi-Fi, but you have others options of comfortable busses too; Transportes Ciudad del Coca, Dorado, Transportes San Francisco, and others. The ticket price are the same around \$ 18 USD

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## Basic description of the itinerary.

## Day 1

- The tour start from Coca City.
- ➤ 8:00 am we will start our trip take a car for 2 hours 42 km until the end of the roads and reach a fluvial port of Napo River where a motor boat will be waiting for us.
- ➤ 10:00 am take a motor boat and navigate for 1 hour and a half down Napo River until we reach local indigenous community where they have a rustic lodge.
- ➤ 11:30 am Accommodation.
- ➤ Visit a women's indigenous group association, which demonstrate local customs.
- ➤ 1:00 pm Lunch.
- ➤ 4:30 pm jungle hike looking birds and monkeys that are along the river.
- ➤ 8:00 pm dinner.

### Day 2

- > 5:00 am Breakfast.
- ➤ 6:00 am navigate an hike to visit a 45 meters birdwatching tower located on top of the hill within Yasuní National Park, this tower allow you to enjoy the jungle from the canopy, appreciate the wildlife that habit high on top of the trees.
- > 7:30 am visit a parrot clay lick (salty minerals, where the animals go to eat everyday) located in the bank of the Napo River.
- ➤ 8:00 am hike to visit a Macaws and parakeets clay lick, located 30 minutes walking outside of the river within of Yasuní National Park.
- ➤ 1:00 pm Lunch.
- ➤ (Optional) visit local family's houses.
- > 7:00 pm Night walk.

## Day 3

## Full day exploring the jungle and Mandi Coca Lagoon.

- ➤ 6:00 am breakfast.
- ➤ 8:30 am navigation and jungle hike, where the jungle guide will explain you about the medicinal plants, giant trees, palm trees and others, with luck we can see jungle turkeys, toucans, parrots, poison frogs, snakes, and others.
- ➤ 12:00 box lunch.
- ➤ 1:30 pm Navigation, in a paddle canoe visiting mandi cocha lagoon.
- > 3:00 pm Piranha fishing in the lagoon.
- ➤ 4:00 pm start coming back to the lodge.

## (Optional stay the night at Mandi Coca Lagoon, remote camping place with good wildlife).

- (Optional) night navigation in a paddle canoe looking for alligators, or night walk.
- ➤ 7:00 pm Dinner.

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## Day 4

- > 7:00 am Breakfast.
- ➤ (Optional) 4 hours hike exploring the jungle.
- Alternative, visit a local family houses and chocolate preparation
- ➤ 12:00 pm Lunch.
- > 1:30 pm the motor boat will be ready to take us up river, in the way to Coca City.
- ➤ 3:00 pm we will arrive to Pompeya Port, where our car will be waiting for us to go to Coca City.
- > 5:00 pm we will arrive to Coca City, here will be the End of our lovely tour.

#### **IMPORTANT:**

The program and itinerary are subject to change to safeguard the safety of passengers, due to force majeure, unforeseen circumstances, negligence of third parties or bad weather. We remind you that the activity of the animals depends a lot on the climate.

#### Included.

River and land transportation, rustic lodge with private bathroom, all camping equipment and shared toilet at the camping place, 3 meals per day, purified water 24 hours a day to drink, rubber boots(up to 44), rain poncho, English-Spanish speaker Guide, Local Guide, entrance fees.

#### Not included.

Additional drinks; alcoholic beverages; travel and life insurance; excursions not included in the tour itinerary; money back after started the tour; medical fees; snacks; tips, other items or services not specifically mentioned as being included.

### What to bring?

Passport, raincoat, binoculars, flashlight, insect repellent, sun block, hat with wide brim, sunglasses, camouflage clothes, lightweight long and short sleeved shirts, lightweight pants (not jeans) and shorts, comfortable shoes and long socks, flip flops, Good Zoom camera, day pack, swimming suit (bikini), yellow fever card, covid-19 vaccine card.

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## Some pictures from the area.





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