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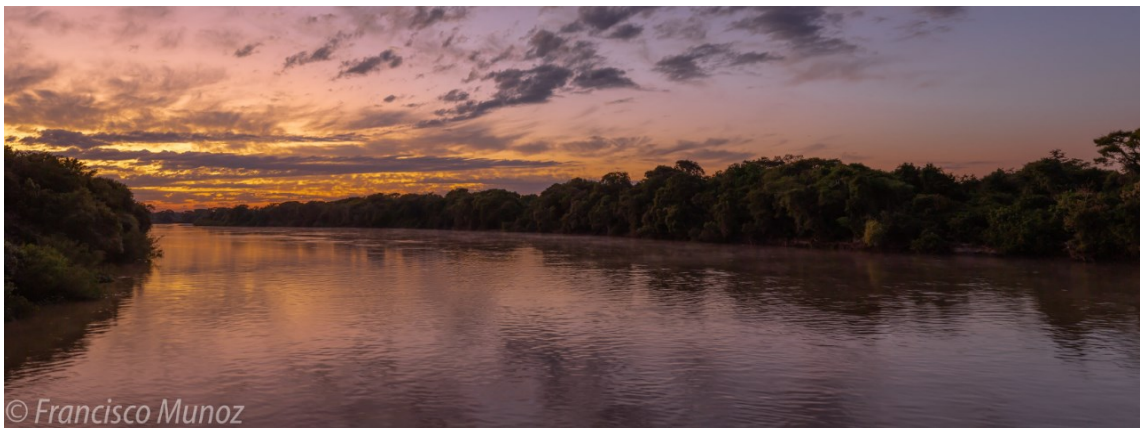
5day/4night Amazon Rainforest Extension



Yasuni National Park is Ecuador's largest protected area, spanning over one million hectares of pristine rainforest. Recognized by UNESCO as a World Biosphere Reserve, this extraordinary region is one of the most biologically diverse places on Earth. It holds world records for the number of amphibians, reptiles, bats, and tree species found in a single location. Deep within the park, indigenous communities continue to live in harmony with the forest, preserving their ancestral traditions and way of life.

With more than 1,400 recorded animal species, Yasuni is a paradise for wildlife enthusiasts. It boasts around 140 amphibian species—the highest concentration documented in any single area—compared to just 99 in all of North America. The National Park is home to over 600 bird species, representing a third of all known species in the Amazon, as well as 204 mammal species, including 12 species of monkeys. A single hectare of forest can contain up to 100,000 insect species—equal to the total number found across North America—while 50 hectares may host as many as 1,300 plant species.

The rainforest teems with an astonishing variety of wildlife, from majestic birds like the harpy eagle, blue-and-yellow macaw, and cobalt-winged parakeet to mammals such as the three-toed sloth, black-mantled tamarin, capybara, coati, tapir, and even the elusive jaguar. Visitors may explore the region by boat or canoe, gliding through a labyrinth of rivers, streams, and lakes that provide a unique perspective of this untouched wilderness.

Comfortable lodges in the Yasuni National Park region offer an immersive Amazon Rainforest experience, allowing travelers to spend several days surrounded by nature. This journey can be tailored to different schedules, with options for both shorter and extended stays. Whether you seek adventure, wildlife encounters, or a deeper connection with nature, Yasuni promises an unforgettable expedition into one of the world's last great wildernesses.

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ITINERARY BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

DAY 1: After breakfast, we'll provide a transfer to Quito's airport for your Amazon flight connection. From the moment you arrive at the airport, you will be in the safe hands of a bilingual team member from the lodge, who will guide you all the way to your destination. Upon arrival, you'll meet your naturalist guide—who will stay with you for the entirety of your trip. The group will take their first excursion into the forest. Dinner and overnight stay.

DAYS 2–4: Full days based at your Amazon lodge. A typical day in the Amazon begins at sunrise or earlier to take advantage of the cool morning hours when the rainforest's animals are most active. Each group will agree on a wake-up time and gather at a meeting point to start the day's planned activities.

DAY 5: Depending on flight schedules, there may be time for some early morning photography before we travel back up the Napo River to Coca and fly back to Quito, where we'll spend a final night at San Jose de Puembo Hotel. Flight schedules are variable—sometimes you'll be back in Quito by lunch, giving you the afternoon to relax, while other times flights may not arrive until late afternoon or evening.

DAY 6: The extension ends this morning with a transfer to the airport for your international flight. (B)

*Please note: Generally, our tours tend to attract quite keen birders, the majority of whom like the full-on birding experience in the Amazon rainforest. However, a percentage of most groups (sometimes up to half) prefer the more rounded visit with a general naturalist guide. In order to make the necessary arrangements please let us know as soon as possible if you think that you might prefer a break from the birding, and would prefer a more general experience or if you would prefer the "hardcore birding" experience (we would need to confirm a private birding guide -for the whole stay- at extra cost).

SUGGESTED LODGES:

SACHA LODGE:

Sacha's 5,000-acre reserve is home to several species of monkeys, including Squirrel Monkeys and White-fronted Capuchins. The lodge is situated beside the tranquil blackwater oxbow lake of Pilchicocha, where traditional dugout canoes (with paddlers!) await to take us across to the far side of the lake, where the lodge lies partially concealed in the rainforest.

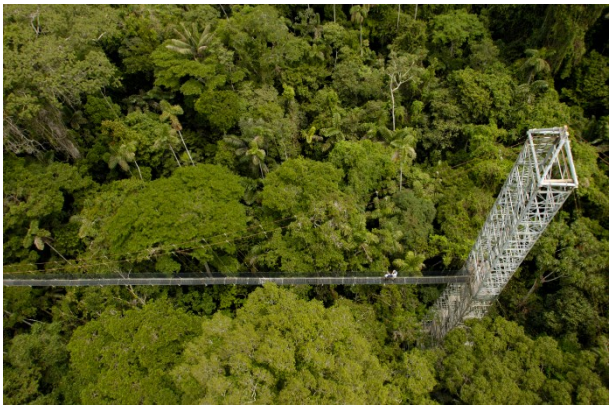
The swampy land around Pilchicocha supports a large group of Hoatzins, along with Greater and Smooth-billed Anis, Red-capped Cardinals, Black-capped Donacobius, Magpie Tanagers, Straight-billed Woodcreepers, Violaceous Jays, Great and Lesser Kiskadees, and many more species.

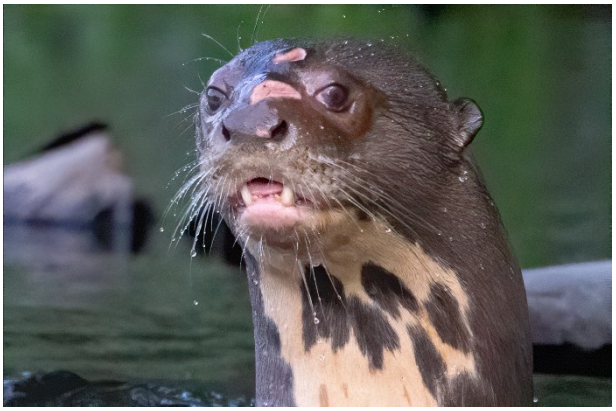
Accommodations at Sacha Lodge offer travelers the utmost comfort while preserving the natural environment and rainforest ambiance. The cabins feature high thatched roofs, private shaded terraces with hammocks, air conditioning, ceiling fans, and spacious private bathrooms with flushing toilets and hot showers. All cabins are screened against insects, ensuring a comfortable stay in the heart of the Amazon rainforest.

The lodge also features inviting social areas, including La Balsa Restaurant and Bar—a covered al fresco lounge with a breathtaking view over the shimmering Pilchicocha Lake—Oropendola Restaurant and Bar, a rustic, airy dining space with open windows that create a relaxed atmosphere for dinner; and The Bar, a cozy and relaxing spot for unwinding.

Photo Gallery Sacha Lodge:








NAPO WILDLIFE CENTRE:

An unrivaled luxury lodge nestled in the heart of Yasuni National Park. Indulge in an experience where unmatched comfort and exclusive design seamlessly connect you with the enchanting essence of the jungle. From observing exotic wildlife like Scarlet Macaws and Tucans to spotting playful Golden-mantled Tamarins and Red Howler Monkeys, or drifting

along serene Amazonian waterways, every moment here is a tribute to nature in its purest form.

Unwind in the elegant cabins, designed to provide both comfort and style amidst the jungle. Every detail has been carefully selected to offer you an exclusive accommodation experience, featuring ceiling fans, spacious private bathrooms with flushing toilets, hot showers, and insect-proof screens to ensure a comfortable stay.

The lodge facilities include a spacious and cozy lounge, a restaurant and bar, a souvenir shop, a conference room, and a fantastic observation platform offering a 360-degree view of the vast forest and the stunning Añango Lagoon—home to caimans, giant otters, fish, and anacondas.

Photo Gallery Napo Wildlife Centre:








What's included:
° Shared transfer to Quito's airport in time for your flight to Coca
° Shared transfer to and from the lodge to Coca airport
° English-speaking naturalist guide from the lodge (shared service)
° Shared transportation service throughout the program
° Shared visits and activities
° Accommodation at the lodge (room type will be confirmed according to availability at the time of booking)
° All meals during the Amazon extension, from a box lunch on day one to a box breakfast on the last day
° Water, instant coffee or tea at the Amazon Lodge
° One night in Quito at Hotel San Jose de Puembo (standard room with breakfast)
° Airport transfer to connect to your departing international flight

Not included:
° Air ticket Quito – Coca - Quito
° Soft drinks, except the ones detailed above
° Alcoholic drinks
° Gratuities for guides and staff
° Personal expenses (laundry, gift shop purchases, birding and/or private guide in the Amazon rainforest)
° Extra nights and meals not described above
° Sacha Lodge: Visit to Providencia Community of Yasuni
° Travel / Medical Insurance
° International flights

Grading: Level 3. Moderately strenuous. To enjoy the trip to the full you should enjoy spending time in the fresh air on foot. On the Amazon rainforest, much more walking is required, up to 3 miles (4.8 km) a day, and sometimes on trails that are very muddy (the lodge provides rubber boots), and accessing the canopy tower requires climbing up 118 ft. (36 m. at Napo Wildlife Centre) and a 43-metre canopy tower at Sacha Lodge, via a sturdy and well-made staircase.

Weather: Yasuni National Park has an equatorial climate, meaning it is warm and humid year-round, with an average temperature of 25.5 °C (77.9 °F). The region is characterized by frequent rainfall, creating a lush and vibrant environment—perfect for those looking to explore the Amazon rainforest at its most spectacular.

Clothing: Lightweight pants and long-sleeved cotton shirts are ideal for walks in the forest. Dark or muted-tone trousers and shirts for outdoor use. Plenty of rain ponchos are available at the lodge with no charge if you do not have your own, and they also supply rubber boots for walks in the forest interior. Comfortable shoes (or sandals), shorts and t-shirts are fine for walking on boardwalks and around the lodge during meals and free time.

Footwear: Good footwear is essential, we strongly suggest sturdy mud boots or waterproof hiking boots. A second, lighter pair to change into during downtime at the lodge.

Athletic shoes are acceptable but will not keep your feet dry and can become soiled from muddy conditions. Sandals or other open-toed shoes are appropriate around the lodge. In any case, your footgear for the field should at the very least be rated "waterresistant".

Conditions:
*Please be aware that due to adverse weather conditions and other local factors, it may be necessary to adjust the schedule during the course of the tour. Rest assured, any changes will be made to ensure the best possible use of available time and weather conditions. Unforeseen changes may arise during the trip. These changes could be caused by weather, safety concerns, or other circumstances. In such cases, it is the responsibility of the tour guides to carefully assess and implement suitable alternatives. No refunds will be issued due to changes in the itinerary.
*Accommodation options are subject to change based upon availability.
*Rates for domestic flights are subject to change until we have issued the tickets according to the requested travel date.
° Wi-Fi (due to the remote location of the lodges, internet connection may be intermittent and low-bandwidth).

General notes:
*Baggage: The airlines now strictly enforce baggage regulations. Excess baggage charges, which can be substantial, are the personal responsibility of each participant. Please consult your airline to find out specific weight restrictions. We suggest that luggage be limited to one medium-sized duffel or other easy-to-manage piece of luggage weighing no more than 50 pounds (23 kg) per person, plus one piece of hand luggage, limited to 17 pounds (8 kg).
*All baggage must be securely packed, and be properly, clearly labeled. Liquid, fragile, perishable and/or other items that are not packed as such will be transported at the guests' own risk.
*We recommend that you keep important travel documents (passport, visa), important medication and/or valuables on you at all times. These items are the full responsibility of the guest at all times.
* Please pack your travel documents, necessary medications, optics, basic toiletries, and other essential items in your handbags. Kindly note that tripods are not allowed as carry-on and must be packed in your checked baggage.
*We are not liable for loss or damage to baggage and/or any other personal item during air travel. We are not liable for baggage stored in shore-side facilities.
*We are not liable for the loss of, or damage of, of any aforementioned personal items. We reserve the right to charge for the return of personal items left at the hotels.
*TRAVEL INSURANCE: To safeguard against losses due to illness, accident, or other unforeseen circumstances, we strongly recommend the purchase of travel insurance, that covers trip cancellation/interruption, as soon as possible after making a deposit.