

# Yasuní kichwa ecolodge / Napo wildlife Center

## 5 days – 4 nights Cultural tour

Live the Yasuní and Napo Wildlife Center experience visiting exotic places along the Ecuadorian Amazon Rainforest and sharing with the Kichwa Anangu community. Learn about the native ancestral customs and traditions and their rich culture. Be the main protagonist of this untold story in a magical place home to unique wilderness.

### DAY 1

Departing from Quito, a 30 minutes flight will take you to the jungle town of Coca. Here the real adventure begins! After landing, our staff members will drive you to the Orellana port where you'll get on board a motorized canoe that will take us to the welcoming area of the Napo Wildlife Center. During the 2-hours ride you will have the opportunity to see some aquatic birds and nature surrounding the Napo River.

Upon arriving to the Yasuni Kichwa Ecolodge located in the Kichwa Anangu community, guests are welcomed with a nice and refreshing traditional drink and then shown to their cabins with stunning views of the wilderness and natural gardens bordering the lodge.

In the afternoon, you can join us in a short walk to the Napo riverbank to enjoy a beautiful sunset on the beaches and natural islands of the Napo riverbank. Then, we'll return back to the lodge to have a delicious traditional typical dinner at the restaurant. You are welcome to see how the meals are cooked by the chef since the kitchen area is open to visitors.

### DAY 2

(OPTIONAL) We get up early in the morning at 4:30 am before sun rises to participate in one the most ancient customs of the Kichwa Anangu community, making the wayusa tea to energize the body and then follow the ritual of listening to kichwa songs and mind and meditate about life and important issues in a peaceful way.

After a buffet-style breakfast at the restaurant we'll visit the Canopy observation Tower, a place where you'll experience the life in the jungle atop the trees.

The 36-meter Canopy tower is about 30 minutes from the lodge deep in the forest. A place as any other! Get a close up view of colorful birds such as tanagers, toucans, macaws, parrots, flycatchers and some mokey species as Spider or Howler monkeys that feed with the fruits and seed found in the nearby trees.

After visiting the Canopy tower, we'll go to the NAPO WILDLIFE CENTER to have a delicious typical Ecuadorian local lunch at the restaurant of the lodge that features a 360° view of the Anangu Lake and surrounding nature. After lunch time, you can choose from the many options the NWC offers you: relaxing on the hammocks, read a book or climbing the dining room observation tower for birdwatching.

In the afternoon, you'll go hiking through a stunning terra-firme forest where you will discover the complex ecosystem living in the **Amazon Rainforest in Ecuador**, vines, orchids, bromeliad, ancient rees and different animals such as insects, spiders, mammals, birds, monkeys, etc. After the hike, you'll ride on the surrounding creeks on paddle-canoe to explore the aquatic wildlife. Dinner at the lodge at about 7:30pm.

## DAY 3

Get up early in the morning to visit the most stunning parrot clay licks in the Amazon jungle in Ecuador!! We'll paddle downstream on the Anangu creek until reaching the Kichwa Anangu community. Then, after a 10 minutes ride on a motorized canoe we'll get to the parrot clay licks where hundreds of wonderful colorful birds gather to lick the mineral contained in the soil that help them to digest the fruits and seeds they feed up with.

Then, back to the community welcoming area we'll go on a short walk to the parakeets clay lick to see hundreds of parakeets atop the trees waiting for the best time to eat the minerals and salt contained in the soil.

Lunch will be served in the welcome are and then, in the afternoon, we'll visit the Interpretive Center where you will be welcomed by women of the community. Learn about their customs and traditions at the same time you enjoy from community the typical rituals and dances.

Late in the afternoon, we'll go back to the Napo Wildlife Center lodge to have dinner and rest for the next day adventure.

## DAY 4

This morning we'll explore the terra-firme and swamp forests of the Tiputini trail in search of more wildlife such as monkeys, snakes, two and three toed sloths, squirrels and exotic plants and trees typical of the Tropical forest.

Then, we'll go back to the NWC to have lunch and rest in the rooms or the social areas. And in the afternoon, we'll paddle in the surrounding creeks to explore deeper in the waters of the Amazonia to meet with unique wildlife.

Back to the lodge, after dinner time, our saff members will play a video about the Kichwa Anangu community and the Napo Wildlife Center.

## DAY 5

After an early breakfast we'll go the way we came back to Coca city. In this last excursion upstream the Napo River you may see some new sights of the Amazonia flora and fauna.

**NOTICE:** For security reasons, swimming in Añangucocha (lagoon) is forbidden.

### Additional Day(s)

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you want an additional day at the Napo Wildlife Center. You can choose from a number of activities including: additional mammal clay licks, visits to the community handcraft workshop, canoe rides on deeper areas of the surrounding creeks and hikes on different forest trails.