

WHERE THE RIVER LEADS TOUR

6 DAYS / 5 NIGHTS

This active, immersive expedition follows the entire course of the Cuyabeno River to the Aguarico River, primarily through silent paddling to ensure close-range wildlife encounters with dolphins, monkeys, and exotic birds. The journey balances physical adventure with cultural depth, featuring jungle hikes, indigenous community visits, and a unique accommodation mix of comfortable lodges and remote wilderness camping. It is a rewarding, moderately active experience designed for those who want to experience the Amazon's diverse ecosystems at a slow, rhythmic, and deeply personal pace.

This journey is ideal if you want:

A hands-on, active Amazon experience

Long paddling days in silence

A true river journey from start to end

Possible adjustments:

More motorized support, additional days and nights at

Aguas Negras River Lodge

USD \$1630 per person

Private tour for two guests

Price valid for
2026
departures only

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE TOUR



**EPIC PADDLING
JOURNEY**

Traverse 200 km through the Cuyabeno and Aguarico rivers, combining silent paddling and motorized canoes for a deep, immersive river experience.



**REMOTE WILDLIFE
SPOTTING**

Access secluded areas of the reserve to observe iconic species like pink river dolphins, anacondas, monkeys, and vibrant macaws in their natural habitat.



**WILDERNESS CAMPING
EXPERIENCE**

Spend two nights sleeping in spacious tents deep in the jungle, surrounded by the authentic sounds of the Amazonian night.

YOUR DAILY ITINERARY



DAY 1

In the morning, drive from Lago Agrio or Coca Cities to the shore of the Cuyabeno River (El Puente) (2 hours). From here, by motorized canoe, navigate downstream the Cuyabeno River to the point called "Paso del Tigre" where you will enjoy lunch. After lunch, distribute group gear and provisions before loading the paddling canoes. A quick briefing will cover the day itinerary and paddling canoe safety procedures. Then, begin paddling downstream along this beautiful blackwater river. During this quiet journey, expect to see wildlife including monkeys, parrots, and macaws.

After approximately 4 hours of navigation, arrive at the first lodge near the Cocha Grande Lagoon. Accommodation is in cabins with private bathrooms. At night, take a motorized canoe ride to observe night wildlife including caimans.
(Lunch and dinner included. Paddling distance: 15 km / 9 miles.)

DAY 2

Wake to the sounds of many bird species inhabiting this pristine rainforest. After breakfast, paddle among the Macrolobium trees in Cocha Grande Lagoon, then hike in the primary forest followed by a refreshing swim in the lagoon. Return to the lodge for lunch and prepare to depart. Paddle downstream Cuyabeno River with chances to spot the legendary pink freshwater dolphin (*Inia geoffrensis*).

After about 4 hours, arrive at the second lodge, with accommodation in cabins with private bathrooms. At night, a short hike offers chances to see giant insects, spiders, snakes, and enjoy the Amazon's nightlife.

(Breakfast, lunch, and dinner included. Paddling distance: 15 km / 9 miles.)



DAY 3

After breakfast, paddle a short distance, then hike 2 km to the Siona Indigenous Community. Participate in making Casabe bread (manioc/yuca bread), a large, round, flatbread important in the Indigenous diet. Visit a medicine man (shaman) for insights into native traditions and culture.

Return to lodge for lunch, then paddle about 3.5 hours to campsite 1. Accommodation will be in single or double tents.

(Breakfast, lunch, and dinner included. Paddling distance: 14 km / 8.8 miles.)



DAY 4

After early breakfast, hike near the camp observing wildlife and learning about the Amazon ecosystem. Visit a small cacao (cocoa) plantation.

Break camp, load boats, and paddle towards Puerto Montufar campsite. This is a 5-hour paddle east into deep, pristine rainforest with little human impact, enhancing wildlife viewing. Picnic lunch during the journey. Late afternoon swim in the river.

(Breakfast, lunch, and dinner included. Paddling distance: 22 km / 13.6 miles.)

DAY 5

After breakfast, break camp and navigate downstream by motorized canoe along Cuyabeno River to the comfortable Aguas Negras River Lodge, with good wildlife viewing chances. Lunch and afternoon relaxation. Night hike to see giant insects, spiders, snakes, and enjoy Amazon nightlife. Farewell drink and dinner.

(Breakfast, lunch, and dinner included. Navigation distance: 28 km / 17.5 miles.)

OPTIONAL: Paddle from Puerto Montufar campsite to Aguas Negras River Lodge (6 hours).



DAY 6

Early in the morning by motorized canoe, navigate to "Saladero" or Salt Licks (Clay Licks) where large flocks of parrots gather to obtain minerals to detoxify their diet — a spectacular natural event. After breakfast, navigate downstream along Cuyabeno River to its mouth at the Aguarico River, with more chances to see freshwater dolphins. Then continue upstream along the whitewater Aguarico River (a tributary of the Napo River, itself a tributary of the Amazon in Peru). At the Secoya Native territory, enjoy picnic lunch. A short motorized canoe trip follows to Tierras Orientales village, where a car will transfer you back to Lago Agrio or Coca cities (arrival approx. 3–4 pm).

Navigation time and distance by motorized canoe: 3.5 hours on 94 km (58 miles).





INCLUDED IN OUR SERVICES:

- Transportation from Lago Agrio or Coca,
- Experienced bilingual naturalist guide (english, spanish),
- Accommodation in the Lodge,
- Biodegradable soap,
- Rubber boots (up to No 46), rain coat & life jackets.
- Lunch and dinner on the first day
- Three meals a day on the next days and breakfast and lunch on the last day,
- Purified bottled water, tea, coffee, cuisine that caters vegetarians and vegans,
- Pick up and drop off transfers in Lago Agrio or Coca

NOT INCLUDED:

- Your transport Quito - Lago Agrio/Coca - Quito,
- Accommodation and meals in Lago Agrio or Coca,
- Extra drinks, tips, and souvenirs,
- Any no specified service.

**ASK YOUR EXPERT TO
INCLUDE THESE IN YOUR
CUSTOM PLAN**



TENTS

- Sleeping in a tent is the closest you can get to nature—you'll be immersed in the sounds of the jungle during the day and treated to a concert of insects at night.
- Our tents are spacious and available for single, double, or matrimonial accommodation.
- Each tent is equipped with camping mattresses, pillows, bed sheets, and towels for your comfort.
- A simple bathroom is provided at the campsite, including a basin and toilet for basic hygiene needs.

THE GROUP

To ensure a more intimate and immersive rainforest experience, we operate with small groups of a maximum of 10 people per guide. This allows for better wildlife observation, personalized attention, and a deeper connection with the Amazon environment.



WHAT TO BRING

To ensure a safe and comfortable experience in the Amazon Rainforest, please make sure to bring the following items:

- Original passport (required for entry into the reserve)
- Long-sleeved T-shirts (for sun and insect protection)
- Regular T-shirts
- Cotton socks, Shorts, Lightweight trousers or pants
- Swimsuit and towel
- Light, waterproof windbreaker or rain jacket
- Comfortable sandals or walking shoes
- Hat or cap (for sun protection)
- Sunglasses with a strap
- Small waterproof daypack
- Insect repellent (highly recommended with DEET or natural alternative)
- Sunscreen (high SPF)
- Sunburn relief lotion (e.g., aloe vera)
- Flashlight or headlamp with spare batteries
- Camera with extra batteries or charger
- Binoculars (for wildlife spotting)
- Zip-lock or dry bags (to protect electronics and documents)
- Basic first aid kit (personal medications, plasters, antiseptic, etc.)
- Waterbottle



IMPORTANT FACTS ABOUT YOUR TRIP

Daily activities may vary for the program, depending on the weather, river conditions, canoes, or the preferences of the group.

The Cuyabeno Wildlife Reserve is a truly stunning and unique area—one of the most complex and biodiverse places on Earth. It is home to a vast array of wildlife and ecosystems. We will be exploring a pristine section of the rainforest that few tourists visit and where only a few Indigenous communities reside. This means your chances of encountering wildlife are excellent.

Each day, both by canoe and on foot, we will search for wildlife such as macaws, parrots, toucans, monkeys, freshwater dolphins, caimans, and even anacondas. However, please keep in mind that sightings depend on weather conditions and a bit of luck, as these animals are in their natural environment.

