

TO THE EDGE OF THE AMAZON TOUR

8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS

This is the most remote and extensive journey we offer. A true expedition to the far eastern edge of Ecuador, reaching the border with Peru.

You navigate the Aguarico, Lagarto Cocha and Napo rivers, explore vast flooded forests, visit Zancudo Cocha (the largest blackwater lake in Ecuador) and encounter some of the richest wildlife habitats in the Amazon.

The journey includes multiple nights of camping, deep cultural encounters and long river passages through untouched rainforest.

This journey is ideal if you want:

A full Amazon expedition

Maximum remoteness and exploration

The deepest possible immersion

Possible adjustments:

Extended expedition, added lodge stay.

USD \$2750 per person

Private tour for two guests

Price valid for
2026
departures only

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE TOUR



REMOTE BORDER EXPEDITION

Journey deep into the most pristine and off-the-beaten-path areas of the Cuyabeno Reserve, traveling all the way to the border with Peru and ending the adventure in Coca City.



EPIC RIVER LOOP

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



IMMERSIVE WILDERNESS EXPERIENCE

Combine comfortable stays at Lodges with remote riverside camping, maximizing your chances to spot rare wildlife like pink dolphins and diverse monkey species in untouched habitats.

YOUR DAILY ITINERARY



DAY 1

Your journey starts in the morning with a 2-hour drive from Lago Agrio or Coca to "Tierras "Orientales" Village at the shore of the Aguarico River. Here, we'll start our fantastic Amazon Rainforest experience by navigating on a motorized canoe downstream along this beautiful whitewater river until we arrive at the mouth of the Cuyabeno River, a small and breathtaking blackwater river which is a tributary of the Aguarico. Here, with some luck, we will have our first sighting of the legendary pink freshwater dolphin (*Inia geoffrensis*).

During this first relaxing journey, we'll stop for a delicious picnic lunch and, if you wish, a refreshing swim. From here, we'll continue navigating downstream on the Aguarico River until we reach the Zancudo Kichwa Native Community territory. This is a fantastic journey navigating east into the deep Amazon Rainforest. Tonight, the accommodation will be in comfortable tents at the shore of the Aguarico River.

Welcome cocktail, dinner. Navigation time: 6 hours.

DAY 2

After breakfast, we'll break camp and navigate by motorized canoe towards the mouth of a narrow creek. Then we continue on this stream until we reach the impressive Zancudo Cocha Lake, which, with its 2.7 km across, is the largest blackwater lake in the Ecuadorian Amazon. After setting up camp and enjoying lunch, we will have time to relax and contemplate. Later in the afternoon, we will navigate to explore the area and enjoy a refreshing swim in the lake. After enjoying a beautiful sunset, we'll return to camp.

At night, from the motorized canoe, we'll navigate slowly, searching for wildlife, which includes: night birds, snakes, bats, caimans, frogs, and more. Return to the camp and dinner. Night in tents.

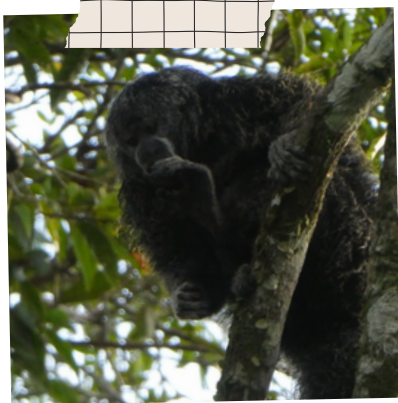
Navigation time: 3 hours.



DAY 3

After breakfast, we'll start our day with a hike in the marvelous primary Amazon Rainforest, one of the most biologically rich places on Earth. During the trek, our guide will explain the use of important plants for the Natives' survival, and with some luck, we'll see impressive wildlife. After lunch and some relaxing time, we'll navigate the fantastic Zancudo (Iripari) Lake and try our luck at piranha fishing.

Return to camp. Dinner. Night in tents.





DAY 4

After breakfast, we'll break camp and navigate by motorized canoe downstream on the Aguarico River towards the Lagarto Cocha River, a beautiful and remote small tributary of the Aguarico River and the actual border between Peru and Ecuador.

Lagarto Cocha in the native language means "the river of the caimans."

We'll continue upstream along the Lagarto River deep into the Rainforest to explore this spectacular system of rivers and lakes. We'll arrive at Delfin Cocha Lake or "the lake of dolphins." In this beautiful lake, we'll have the best chances of seeing the Amazonian freshwater pink and grey river dolphins (*Inia geoffrensis* and *Sotalia fluviatilis*) — and why not have a swim with them too?

Picnic lunch. In the afternoon, we'll set up our camp. Late in the afternoon, we'll navigate slowly up the Lagarto River looking for new species of wildlife until the sun sets over the beautiful landscape. At night, from the motorized canoe, we'll navigate downstream toward our camp. Along the way, we'll search for wildlife, including: night birds, snakes, bats, caimans, frogs, and more. Return to the camp and dinner.

Night in tents at the shore of the Lagarto Cocha River.

Navigation time: 4 hours.



DAY 5

Early in the morning, we'll navigate slowly for a birdwatching trip and to enjoy the fantastic sounds of rainforest life. After breakfast, we'll continue our adventure navigating upriver, exploring deep into this pristine, remote rainforest, with excellent chances of spotting wildlife, including: parrots and macaws, herons, egrets, toucans, and many other different species of birds. With some luck, we'll see some of the 10 species of monkeys that live in the Cuyabeno Wildlife Reserve.



This journey will take us to a remote Secoya Indigenous Community. The Secoya people are ancestral people with great knowledge of their environment, flora, and fauna. Here, we'll take part in the making of Casabe (manioc or yuca) bread, starting from the extraction of the Casabe roots to the final product, which is a special type of bread that is large, round, and flat. Casabe is an important part of Indigenous people's traditional diet.

Here, our picnic lunch will include Casabe bread. Return to the campsite. Dinner.



DAY 6

After breakfast, we'll break camp and navigate slowly downstream along the Lagarto River towards the whitewater Aguarico River. During this journey, we'll have opportunities to watch more wildlife. We'll continue navigating by motorized canoe downstream along the Aguarico River until we reach the Napo River, which is one of the main tributaries of the Amazon River.

From here, we will navigate further upstream on the Napo River to reach Nuevo Rocafuerte, which is the last Ecuadorian village before the border with Peru.

From this small and quiet village, we'll have excellent views of the beautiful Napo River. We will enjoy our picnic lunch during the way. In the afternoon, you will have free time to relax and explore this interesting village. Night in a hostel. Dinner.

Navigation time: 4 hours

DAY 7

After an early breakfast, and by motorized canoe, we will take a short but interesting trip on the nearby Yasuní River (Yasuní National Park), with good chances of observing wildlife.

Return to the village to prepare to leave. This time, we will navigate upstream on the Napo River in a speedboat to our next lodge located at the shore of the Napo River.

Farewell dinner. Night in the lodge.

Navigation time: 5 hours



DAY 8

After an early breakfast, we will board a motorized canoe that will take us on the Napo River to the city of Coca.

Upon arrival in Coca City, we will transfer you to the airport or bus station.

Navigation time: 1 hour





INCLUDED IN OUR SERVICES:

- Transportation from Lago Agrio or Coca,
- Experienced bilingual naturalist guide / translator (english, spanish, german),
- 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.

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

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

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



IMPORTANT FACTS ABOUT YOUR TRIP

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Cuyabeno Wildlife Reserve is one of the most biodiverse regions on Earth, home to incredible wildlife and pristine rainforest. We explore remote areas with few visitors, increasing the chances of spotting macaws, parrots, toucans, monkeys, freshwater dolphins, caimans, and anacondas—though sightings depend on weather and luck.

Excursions include canoe trips and jungle walks (up to 3 hours) on mostly flat trails opened by Indigenous communities, sometimes through muddy or flooded areas. With up to 4,000 mm of annual rainfall, rain can occur at any time, and our roofless paddling and motorized canoes are safe and comfortable.

Luggage is protected from rain, cold drinks are provided during navigation, and our riverbank lodge and camps reduce long carrying distances, though guests should assist with short transfers and campsite setup.

During the 5-day journey, we travel about 200 km—mostly by river—reaching the most remote and pristine areas of the reserve.

