

LAGOON DREAMS & RIVER ADVENTURES TOUR

6 DAYS / 5 NIGHTS

A varied and comfortable Amazon journey combining river navigation, lagoon exploration and rainforest hikes, ideal for nature lovers seeking diversity without extreme physical demands. You explore iconic lagoons like Laguna Grande and Canangueno, paddle silently through protected waters, observe abundant wildlife and visit indigenous communities. Clay licks, sunset swims and night excursions reveal different faces of the rainforest. Accommodation is in lodges with private bathrooms, including stays at Aguas Negras River Lodge.

This journey is ideal if you want:

A rich variety of Amazon landscapes

Comfort combined with adventure

Excellent wildlife observation opportunities

Possible adjustments:

More paddling, cultural focus, or added camping nights.

USD \$1695 per person

Private tour for two guests

Price valid for
2026
departures only

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE TOUR



**DEEP WILDLIFE
IMMERSION:**

Explore one of Earth's most biodiverse areas to spot iconic species like pink river dolphins, monkeys, caimans, and exotic birds.



**AUTHENTIC CULTURAL
CONNECTION:**

Visit a Siona community to prepare traditional Casabe bread and meet a Shaman to learn about ancient healing traditions.



**DIVERSE WATER
ADVENTURES:**

Experience everything from motorized canoe journeys and sunset swims in the Grande Lagoon to silent paddling in the pristine Canangueno Lagoon.

YOUR DAILY ITINERARY

DAY 1

Your Amazon adventure begins with a scenic two-hour drive from Lago Agrio to the shores of the Cuyabeno River at El Puente. Here, you'll board a motorized canoe and journey downstream, keeping your eyes open for wildlife like monkeys, birds, and caimans.

Upon arrival at the lodge, settle into your comfortable cabin with a private bathroom and enjoy a welcome drink followed by lunch. In the afternoon, set off by canoe to explore the nearby Caiman Lagoon, where you'll have the chance to spot parrots, macaws, playful monkeys and more.

As evening falls, return to the Grande Lagoon for a swim under a golden sunset. After dinner at the lodge, take a short night walk and experience the rainforest come alive with nocturnal creatures.

DAY 2

Awake to the sounds of the jungle and, after breakfast, head by motorized canoe towards the serene Canangueno Lagoon. Here, you'll switch to paddle canoes to quietly explore the lagoon's untouched beauty, as motorized boats are not allowed. In this peaceful setting, you'll spot diverse wildlife such as herons, kingfishers, and squirrel monkeys. After returning to the lodge for lunch and some rest, the adventure continues in the afternoon with a relaxing navigation back into the Grande Lagoon. Enjoy another refreshing swim, witness a breath-taking sunset, and after nightfall, search for caimans and other creatures of the night.

DAY 3

After an early breakfast, you'll pack your belongings in preparation for the journey deeper into the reserve later in the day. Then we set off to visit a Siona indigenous community, one of the oldest cultures in the Amazon. Take part in the traditional preparation of Casabe, a local bread made from manioc, and gain insights into their way of life. You'll then meet a traditional Shaman who will share ancient healing traditions and cultural stories.





After this enriching experience, continue navigating downstream, observing wildlife such as pink river dolphins, colorful birds, and monkeys. During this tranquil journey, enjoy a delicious picnic lunch directly in the canoe, surrounded by the sounds and sights of the jungle. In the afternoon, arrive at the Aguas Negras River Lodge, settle into your private room, and relax. Later, after dinner, set off for a short night walk to discover the nocturnal creatures of the Amazon.

DAY 4

Rise early to visit the "Saladero," or clay licks, where hundreds of parrots and parakeets gather to feed on mineral-rich clay. After breakfast, embark on a hike through pristine primary rainforest, one of the most biodiverse places on Earth. Admire the towering Kapok trees and learn about the complex ecosystems that sustain the Amazon. After lunch and some time to relax at the lodge, head out again in the late afternoon for a slow river navigation. As night falls, spot nightbirds, bats, snakes, and caimans before returning for a hearty dinner.

DAY 5

After breakfast, navigate the Aguas Negras River, a blackwater river known for its calm beauty and abundant wildlife. A short hike through the primary rainforest offers another chance to spot rare animals and plants. Back at the lodge, you'll enjoy a special lunch featuring "Maito," a traditional Kichwa meal wrapped in leaves.

In the afternoon, have fun making your own chocolate from local cocoa beans—a true Amazonian treat! Later, board a canoe again to visit a high observation tower (optional, \$6), offering sweeping views over the jungle canopy.



DAY 6

On your final morning, head out for one last bird watching excursion, listening to the lively dawn chorus of the Amazon. After breakfast, slowly navigate downstream along the Cuyabeno and Aguarico Rivers. Midway, enjoy lunch with a Secoya Native family, sharing stories and learning about their traditions. Continuing upstream to Tierras Orientales.

A car will then take you back to Lago Agrio or Coca, arriving around mid-afternoon, just in time for your onward bus to Quito or wherever—with unforgettable memories of the Amazon in your heart.





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.

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
- 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

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

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

Activities include canoe excursions and jungle walks (up to three 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.

Our paddling and motorized canoes are stable and comfortable, though roofless. Luggage is protected from rain, cold drinks are provided, and our riverbank lodge and camps reduce the need to carry equipment long distances, though guests should be prepared to assist and carry bags short distances.

Over five days, we travel about 200 km—mostly by river—reaching the most remote and pristine areas of the reserve.

