

## 4-Day Jamu Lodge Amazon Jungle



**Why to visit Cuyabeno?** The flooded forests in the **Amazon Jungle**. Big part of the reserve is protected. **Cuyabeno is territory of dolphins, manatees, caimans, anacondas, otters, and hundreds of ancestral trees.** Home of indigenous nationalities such as **the Siona-Secoya**. The Cuyabeno is a place of **biological wealth**. One of the best places to **spot and film wildlife**. Incredible place for **birdwatching** in the Cuyabeno lagoon. Cuyabeno is one of the most important **Natural Parks in the World**. Cuyabeno means “**warmhearted river**”.

### **Itinerary:**

#### **Day 1: Entrance to the Cuyabeno River**

Our tour begins at the entrance of the Cuyabeno River where we will enjoy a delicious box lunch. Subsequently, our naturalist guide will provide information about the Reserve and important recommendations to begin the two-hour navigation on the Cuyabeno River to Jamu Lodge. During the canoe ride you get your first look at the jungle and you can see different types of birds such as caciques, orioles and the prehistoric Hoatzin bird.

You may also be able to see a variety of monkeys and other jungle animals, depending on the weather and weather conditions. We will arrive at Jamu Lodge around 4:30 pm. At this time, you will be shown to your rooms and you can relax a little. After the nap, we will leave the lodge to swim in the lagoon and see a beautiful sunset in the middle of the Laguna Grande. Then you will return to the camp for dinner, and you can finish your first day in the jungle, relaxing in a hammock or having a drink at the bar.

**Day 2: Walking through the primary forest:**

Your second day begins with a delicious breakfast, then we will take a walk of approximately 3 to 4 hours through the primary forest, where the guide will explain to us about a tropical forest and medicinal plants. You can also see large trees like the CEIBO or small insects like ants.

We will return to the lodge for lunch and a rest and in the afternoon, we will go out to see the beautiful butterflies and swim in the lagoon. If possible we can observe the beautiful brushed dolphins and enjoy the impressive sunset. Then, we return to the lodge for dinner. At night, we carry out a nocturnal activity, focused on searching for alligators on the banks of the river.

**Day 3: Visiting an indigenous family from the Tarapuy community:**

After breakfast, we set off in a canoe down the river for about an hour to visit a family from the Tarapuy community. We will be able to learn how to prepare Casabe, a traditional Yuca bread, where we will help in its preparation.

We will learn to use jungle materials to make bread, this will take us all day. We will return to the Lodge at approximately two in the afternoon. After lunch, we have relaxation activities; To end the day we will have a short walk through the primary forest focused on observing nocturnal insects, such as spiders, gekos or scorpions and listening to the noises and sounds of the night.

**Day 4: Birdwatching excursion:**

Early in the morning before breakfast, we will have a birdwatching excursion that is optional and will depend a lot on weather conditions; Upon returning to the lodge we will have a delicious breakfast and then the transfer back to the Cuyabeno Reserve Bridge where the tour ends with us.

NOTE: The activities are carried out by motorized canoe and also by paddle

The itinerary is may be subject to changes due to weather conditions or National Park Directives. The guide may deviate from the published itinerary for any reason he / she deems advisable.

**The tour includes:**

- Naturalist Guide (English/Spanish-speaking)
- Activities according to the program
- Accommodation in the selected room. Complete feeding (the tour starts and ends with the lunch on the Bridge of the Reserve)
- Shared tour: Excursions and activities according to the established itinerary related to the number of nights booked.
- Raincoats, life jackets and rubber boots. Transportation (canoe) Cuyabeno Reserve Bridge-Jamu Lodge- Cuyabeno Reserve Bridge:
- Transfer in: 12:00pm in regular group of passengers.
- Transfer out: 9:30am in regular group.
- \*All transportation is shared.
- \*Any additional Transfer different to the regular schedule will have an extra cost.

**The tour does not include:**

- Travel/Medical insurance
- Transportation Quito-Cuyabeno Reserve Bridge-Quito.
- Entrance fee to Cuyabeno Wildlife
- Reserve Community \$10 per person
- All kind of drinks
- Personal expenses and tips

**Extra information and discounts:**

- a) Children between 0 to 3 years 100% discount applies.
- b) Children between 3 to 7 years 50% discount applies.
- c) Single supplement 50% in addition to the double room price.
- d) Tours start Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.
- e) French, German translator service cost per day = \$100.00 (4 days minimum).
- f) Everything about the tour, prices, activities, river transport, guides, etc., is shared in base of groups of 12 people maximum.
- g) The pre-established schedules for the entrance, development and departure of
- h) the tour cannot be modified. If special schedules are required, they must be quoted and arranged in advance.
- i) Private tour per day: \$350 per group (Bilingual guide + canoe included)

- j) Additional transfer (entrance) \$200 for 1 to 4 people / \$250 for 5 to 9 people  
\*Applied restrictions\*

**Important note about drinks at the Lodge:**

In the Lodge we have the bar service in effect all the time; which has a wide variety of drinks with and without alcohol; and in the case that you carry your drinks (especially liquor) we reserve the right to uncork; with a value of \$ 15 per bottle.

**Important note on room restrictions:**

Jamu is a smoke-free building, therefore smoking is strictly prohibited in rooms and for non-compliance with this rule.

**What to Bring?**

Life in the jungle is very informal. Comfortable and lightweight clothes are a must. Bring long pants, cotton shorts, long-sleeved T-shirts, sneakers, sandals, hat / cap, sunglasses, material.

**Climate:**

In the Amazon region, the climate is hot and humid with frequent rain showers. The drier months are from October to March. The temperature ranges from 19°C to 36°C throughout the year. Jamu Lodge is at 250 m above sea level.

**Health:**

Immunizations are presently not required to visit this area of the Amazon jungle it is advisable however to consult your doctor or physician before your trip. We recommend precautions against malaria and yellow fever. Strong insect repellent should be acquired before your arrival in the jungle (Don't use spray repellent).

**How to get Cuyabeno Reserve:**

**Option 1**

Travel by public bus (the night before the tour):

You can take the bus from Quito, for this we suggest transport cooperatives such as: Transportes Baños or Putumayo.

These buses cover the Quito-Puerto El Carmen route, and therefore and therefore passengers can disembark at the Cuyabeno river bridge.

The units are leaving the Quitumbe terminal at approximately 19:00pm, 21:00pm or 23:00pm; it's recommended to arrive at the terminal with enough time. The trip lasts approximately 8 hours and it is recommended to arrive with enough time to catch the bus without problems.

## **Option 2**

Direct route Quito-Cuyabeno-Quito and has a cost of \$30 per person per way. The pick-up in Quito is done at the following times and meeting points:

Blue House Youth Hostel (LA MARISCAL) a las 23:00 PM. (Leonidas Gutiérrez between Wilson St. & Mariscal Fosch)

\*\*\*This bus has specific days of operation:

From Quito to Cuyabeno Bridge:

Sundays, Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

From Cuyabeno Bridge to Quito:

Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

## **Option 3**

Passengers could arrive to the city of Lago Agrio by air, but it is extremely necessary that they have already landed in Lago Agrio by 8:30am at the latest so that they can go to the entrance bridge to the Cuyabeno Reserve, where the tour starts with JamuLodge, joining the group of passengers to start the normal program.

To go to the meeting point from Lago Agrio, passengers can take a public bus to Puerto El Carmen and disembark at the bridge at the entrance of the reserve; the buses that cover this route are Putumayo Company or Petrolera Company.

On the other hand, we can offer an additional transfer service from the Lago Agrio airport to the Cuyabeno Reserve.

The shared excursion starts at the entrance bridge to the Cuyabeno Reserve at 11:30 a.m. and the last day of your tour will end at the same point.

Please, ask for the Lodge Policies.