

4-Day Deep Amazon Jungle by Shiripuno River (Waorani region, traditional nomadic hunter-gatherers)



Tremendous variety of birds and wildlife by the Shiripuno River. Flight or drive from the **Quito city to the Amazon Rainforest**. Very close to the **Yasuni Biosphere Reserve**. Explore a pristine forest, searching for **monkeys, toucans, macaws and bizarre creatures at night**. Perfect tour to do **birdwatching, wildlife photography, nature explorations, educational activities**.

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Itinerary:

DAY 1: Jumps up from the Andes to the Amazon.

Pick up from the hotel in Quito to be transferred to the airport. Take a flight to the City of Coca (Flight ticket is not included). From Coca airport 90-km / 55 miles travel to Yasuní Biosphere Reserve southern area and the Waorani Reserve, in local transportation to the Shiripuno River 2 and a half hours of travelling.

Then, we will navigate 65 km / 40 miles river down in a motorized canoe to reach the Eco-Lodge, our canoe trip will take approximately 4 hours depending on the water levels. It will become your first experience with the great diversity of wildlife in the Amazon rainforest. Accommodation at the Eco-Lodge. The accommodation is not fancy but comfortable.

Meals: Box lunch and dinner
Overnight at the Eco-Lodge

DAY 2: Hiking day in the Jungle

We'll navigate to start our morning 3 to 4-hour hike. Get into pristine Rainforest along the Mirador Trail; the aim of this trail is to share with you scenic view of the Amazon Basin and show you millions of reason to preserve the Rainforest for future generations. The Waorani and the naturalist Guides will provide you information and explanations about the biodiversity of the Rainforest; and the medicinal plants use by indigenous people. This hike requires good physical condition. In the afternoon catch-and-release Piranha Fishing along the Shiripuno River.

Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner
Overnight at the Eco-Lodge

DAY 3: Wildlife experience

After breakfast, we'll descend the Shiripuno River and listen the Rainforest, birds and mammals getting up!! Breakfast. Then we'll go to a back-door trail to explore different type of forest and increase our chance to find more animals.

In the afternoon, we will take the motor canoe and make an excursion into one of the small oxbow lake where it is possible to see different kinds of plants and animals such as; the bizarre bird Hoatzins. We will explore the Rainforest at night searching for nocturnal fauna.

Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner
Overnight at the Eco-Lodge

DAY 4: Cultural experience and return to the Andes

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We'll continue the navigation upstream to the bridge where we are going to take the bus back to Coca airport.

Meals: Breakfast

The tour includes:

- Naturalist Certified Guide (English/Spanish-speaking)
- Local and Waorani Guides
- Ground and Navigable transportation
- Activities and meals according to the program

The tour does not include:

- Travel/Medical insurance
- Flight from Quito – Coca - Quito
- Personal expenses and tips
- Optionals

What to bring?

Rain jacket, light rain poncho, walking shoes, sandals, quick-dry pants, long-sleeve shirts, flashlight, binoculars, a cap, sun protector, cash for your entrance fees or personal expenses.