

## 5-Day Amazon Rainforest Waorani Encounter



To really discover the Amazon Jungle. Experience a jungle expedition like no other! Live alongside the Waorani ethnic group. This is the perfect excursion for nature lovers, jungle explorers and wildlife watchers who would like to experience the untouched Amazon in the most unique way possible. You will discover Ecuador's Amazon in the Yasuni National Park, world famous for its tremendous biodiversity and its authentic indigenous cultures which are still very much alive. On this trip, while canoeing down rivers and lagoons, you will feel as if the animals are following you. You will see displays of parrots, toucans, macaws, king fishers, herons flying across the river; as well as, curious giant otters who will approach the canoe to have a look. Witness many different types of monkeys jumping through the forest, and have an opportunity to spot jaguars, the supreme predators of the jungle. The Huaorani native people will share their history and we will learn about their rich connection with Mother Nature.

## Itinerary:

### Day 1: Departure day and arrival to the Waorani Territory:



From Quito city, we travel early in the morning for 4 hours by car to the airport in Shell, then take a 1-hour flight to Bameno in the Waorani territory. Here, be welcomed by one of the most remote tribes of the Amazon rainforest region and we will have the opportunity to visit some of the leaders from the Waorani. Later, we will travel for 4 hours upstream on the Cononaco River to the village of Omere, one of the most remote village of the Waorani tribe and located in the hearth of Yasuni National Park, close to the intangible zone.

Accommodation: Camping in Yasuni National Park

Meals included: Lunch, Dinner.



## **Day 2: Visit the animal clay lick and discover unique wildlife.**



This trail will take us to the animal clay lick and, with a little luck, we may spot wild pigs, howler monkeys, macaws and jaguar tracks. Along the trail, we will also learn about the many varieties of medicinal plants that are important in the daily lives of the Huaorani. In the evening, we will go on a night exploration.

Accommodation: Camping in Yasuni National Park  
Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

## **Day 3: Looking for Anacondas**



After breakfast, we will navigate 20 minutes down the Cononaco River in a motorized canoe until we reach a stretch where we will take a short walk through the primary forest until we reach an isolated lagoon. Here, we will paddle a small boat to look for



anacondas. In the afternoon, we head back up the river to Omere for lunch and in the evening, we will learn about the ancient art of blowgun hunting and then try to catch piranhas in the nearby river or lake. After a nice dinner, we return by canoe to the river to look for caiman which are regularly active at night.

Accommodation: Camping in Yasuni National Park  
Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner.

#### **Day 4: Follow the Jaguar tracks.**



After Breakfast, we venture on a hike through the virgin jungle with the Waorani warriors and learn about their survival skills, the local knowledge of plants with the local women. Along the way, have the chance to view wildlife and follow the jaguar tracks. In the late afternoon we will have our cultural talk and demonstration of local handicrafts, local histories, their customs and traditions

Accommodation: Camping in Yasuni National Park  
Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch.

#### **Day 5: Enjoy the driving back to Quito city.**



Early in the morning after breakfast, we will take the canoe for 4 hours to go back to the airport in Bameno, in order to take our plane back to Shell, from where we will return by car to Quito. It is optional to stop in the adventure city of Baños to see some of the most impressive waterfalls in Ecuador.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch.

**The tour includes:**

- Canoeing on the Cononaco River, visiting the Yasuni National Park, hiking, visiting the native Waorani communities, Wildlife spotting, nocturnal hikes.
- Accommodation based in double occupancy: 4 nights in comfortable **camping** in Yasuni National Park.
- Transportation: Comfortable land transportation, motorized canoe, dugout canoe. Airfare Shell – Bameno round trip.
- Meals: 4 Breakfast, 5 Lunches and 4 Dinners.
- Out-door gear: Life jackets, dugout canoe with outboard motor, rubber boots, tents, air mattresses, portable toilet.
- Qualified Guide English/Spanish-speaking and local native guides.

**The tour does not include:**

- My Own Room & Tent supplement \$280
- International flights.
- Airport transfers to/from Quito airport (international flights).
- Travel/Medical insurance (mandatory).
- Required immunizations (mandatory).
- Meals not described in the itinerary.
- Personal expenses & Tips

**IMPORTANT:**

It is important to have a yellow fever vaccine to enter Waorani territory and an original passport. It is prohibited to carry edged weapons. I must remember that the tour is only for lovers of extreme adventure and the passenger must be in good physical condition, since the route will be an **Indigenous-style adventure**. The canoes do not have a covered roof, this allows easy visibility for animal observations and to have the best navigation options.

Waorani territory is considered one of the best places for wildlife viewing. We reserve the right to change the program without notice based on weather conditions.

**What to bring?**

Bring quick-drying clothing, a rain poncho, hiking shoes, rubber boots, a flashlight, sun protector, insect repellent and cash for your personal expenses.