



**Yasuni**  
ecolodge

**RIVER EXPEDITION**  
TOUR 7 DAYS / 6 NIGHTS

YASUNÍ NATIONAL PARK - ECUADORIAN AMAZON



## DAY 1





After a scenic 30-minute flight over the Eastern Andes to the city of Puerto Francisco de Orellana (El Coca), you will be met by our staff and transferred by private vehicle (10 minutes) to our exclusive dock. Here, you can relax, refresh, and enjoy a welcoming beverage.

From this point, we embark on a two-hour journey along the Napo River aboard our spacious, covered motorboats, specifically designed for safety and comfort. A box lunch will be served during the navigation.

Upon arrival at Yasuní Ecolodge, you will enter the ancestral territory of the Kichwa Añangu Community, located within the megadiverse Yasuní National Park. Our staff will welcome you with a traditional guayusa drink. The lodge manager will provide an orientation regarding our services before escorting you to your well-appointed cabin, featuring stunning views of the Ecuadorian Amazon. After settling in, we will begin our afternoon adventure.

DIFFICULTY: MODERATE

HIGHLIGHT ACTIVITIES:

-  RIVER NAVIGATION
-  VISIT TO THE OBSERVATION TOWER
-  WILDLIFE OBSERVATION
-  KAYAKING (OPTIONAL)

MEALS: - / BOX LUNCH / DINNER

We will hike to our observation tower, rising 45 meters (147 feet) above the forest floor. This vantage point offers exceptional opportunities to spot a diverse array of birdlife, as well as howler monkeys, squirrel monkeys, toucans, parrots, and sloths. You will also witness a breathtaking Amazonian sunset from above the canopy.

Alternatively, you may opt for an exhilarating kayak excursion, an ideal way to experience the rainforest's shifting colors from the tranquil waters of the majestic Napo River.

The evening concludes with time to refresh in your cabin before a sophisticated and restorative dinner.










## DAY 2

Following breakfast, we depart by motorized canoe to one of the most iconic sites within the Yasuní Biosphere Reserve: the Parrot Clay Licks. Upon reaching the first site, we will observe from the boat as groups of parrots descend to the riverbanks to mineralize. Species often sighted here include Mealy Parrots, Blue-headed Parrots, Yellow-crowned Parrots, and Dusky-headed Parakeets.

We then continue our expedition through primary terra firme forest, hiking for approximately 20 minutes to a second lick frequented by parakeets and macaws. This site is strictly protected by the Kichwa Añangu Community and stands as one of the most significant wildlife observation points in the region.

DIFFICULTY: MODERATE

HIGHLIGHT ACTIVITIES:

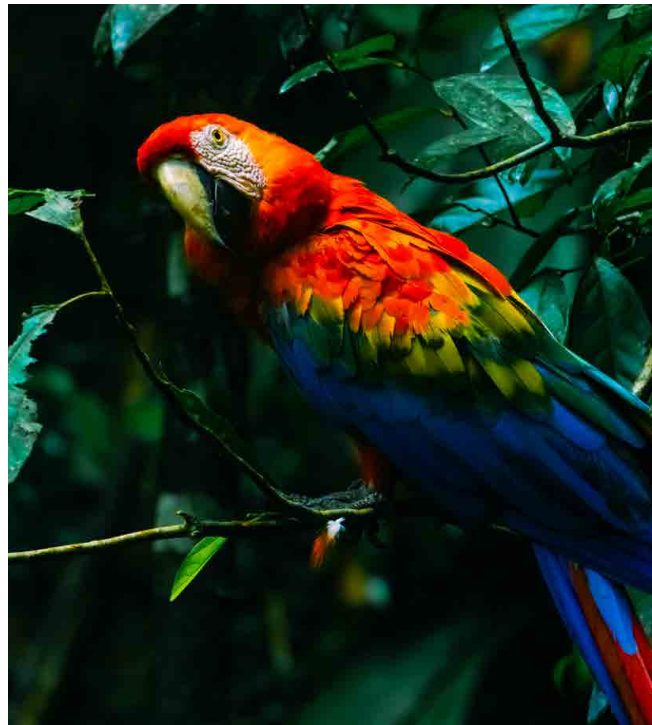
-  RIVER NAVIGATION
-  VISIT TO OUR PARROT AND PARAKEET CLAY LICKS
-  GUIDED NATURE WALK
-  KICHWA CULTURAL EXCHANGE
-  WILDLIFE OBSERVATION
-  BIRDWATCHING
-  NIGHT WALK

MEALS: BREAKFAST / LUNCH / DINNER

Later, we visit the Kuri Muyu Interpretation Center ("Golden Seed" in the native language). This space is managed by the community's women, known as Mamakunas. Here, you will engage directly with members of the Kichwa Añangu Community to learn about their traditions, music, dances, and ancestral use of natural resources. The visit includes time to browse the boutique, which features unique handcrafted pieces created by local artisans.

After lunch at the lodge and a brief rest, we head out for an afternoon hike along terra firme trails, an excellent opportunity to spot primates such as the Golden-mantled Tamarin and the Red Titi Monkey.

After dinner, join us for a night walk with flashlights to discover the jungle's nocturnal side, where the forest comes alive with unique insects, reptiles, and amphibians.








## DAY 3

Enjoy sunrise during breakfast before setting out for the Añangu River, a pristine blackwater ecosystem that winds 6 kilometers (3.5 miles) deep into the Ecuadorian Amazon. Here, we transition to silent, paddled canoes to ensure a serene experience. Our staff will navigate through the narrow creeks, providing an intimate environment for spotting monkeys, caimans, and Giant Otters.

In the afternoon, you may choose your preferred pace: a return to the observation tower for canopy-level wildlife viewing, or a voyage on our traditional ancestral catamaran to learn about Kichwa legends and chants while enjoying the river landscape.

DIFFICULTY: MODERATE

HIGHLIGHT ACTIVITIES:

-  PADDLED CANOE EXPLORATION
-  GUIDED NATURE WALK
-  WILDLIFE OBSERVATION
-  VISIT TO THE OBSERVATION TOWER
-  ANCESTRAL CATAMARAN RIDE (OPTIONAL)

MEALS: BREAKFAST / LUNCH / DINNER



## DAY 4





Today we put on our rubber boots to explore the Samona trail. This hike traverses primary forest dominated by centennial Ceiba trees and dense vegetation. Keep a sharp eye out for Capuchin, Woolly, and Saki monkeys moving through the high branches. Our expert guides will assist in identifying tropical insects and tracking wildlife through forest signs.

The exploration continues through a blackwater stream, offering a fresh perspective on the biodiversity associated with these aquatic habitats. After lunch, we navigate the Napo River, perfect for birdwatching as the sun sets over the jungle.

Optional activity: You may coordinate with your guide for a refreshing swim in the river.

DIFFICULTY: MODERATE

HIGHLIGHT ACTIVITIES:

-  GUIDED NATURE WALK
-  WILDLIFE OBSERVATION
-  NAVIGATION ALONG THE NAPO RIVER
-  SWIMMING (OPTIONAL)

MEALS: BREAKFAST / LUNCH / DINNER



## DAY 5





Today's adventure takes us downstream to the Pañacocha Lagoon (approximately 1.5 hours away). This expedition explores a distinct ecosystem from those previously visited.

The Pañacocha Protected Forest (Kichwa for "Piranha Lake") serves as a vital biological corridor between Yasuní National Park and the Cuyabeno Reserve. This connectivity is essential for the endangered Pink River Dolphin. Upon arrival, we will explore the Igapó (flooded forest) ecosystem, where we hope to spot squirrel monkeys, Black Mantled Tamarins, and three-toed sloths.

Note: This area allows traditional artisanal fishing by local settlers. In contrast, the Añangu Community renounced all hunting and fishing decades ago as a firm commitment to conservation.

DIFFICULTY: MODERATE

HIGHLIGHT ACTIVITIES:

-  RIVER NAVIGATION
-  IGAPÓ ECOSYSTEM EXPLORATION
-  WILDLIFE OBSERVATION
-  TRADITIONAL FISHING

MEALS: BREAKFAST / LUNCH / DINNER





## DAY 6

Following breakfast, experience an authentic cultural immersion by spending time with a local Kichwa family. Share traditional food and listen to myths passed down through generations, gaining a firsthand understanding of their relationship with the Ecuadorian Amazon. This experience includes a traditional lunch with the family.

In the afternoon, participate in a hands-on chocolate and cacao workshop. Learn the artisanal process of crafting chocolate from bean to bar and discover the importance of this tropical fruit in the community's daily life.

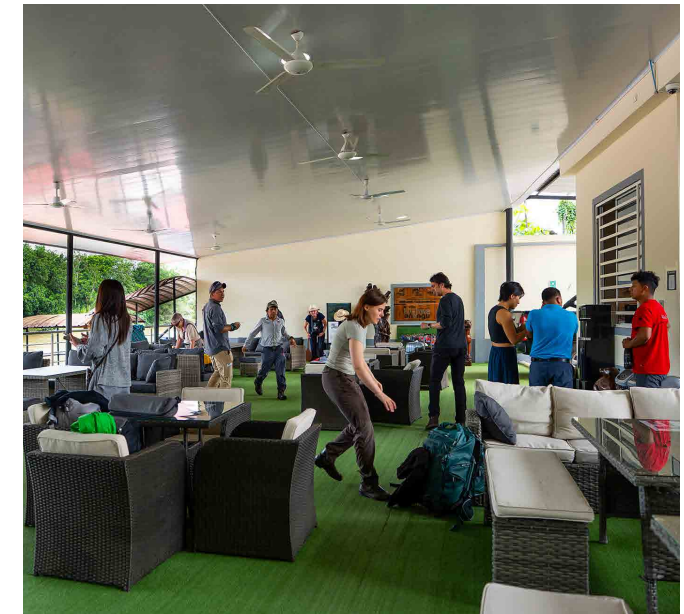
DIFFICULTY: EASY

HIGHLIGHT ACTIVITIES:

-  GASTRONOMIC CULTURAL EXCHANGE
-  CACAO EXPERIENCE AND CHOCOLATE TASTING

MEALS: BREAKFAST / LUNCH / DINNER





## DAY 7

Following a final breakfast, a short walk takes us to our motorized canoe for the return trip to El Coca (approx. 2 hours 15 minutes). Our staff will escort you to the airport for your check-in and return flight to Quito.

DIFFICULTY: EASY

HIGHLIGHT ACTIVITIES:

 MOTORIZED CANOE RIDE

MEALS: BOX BREAKFAST / - / -