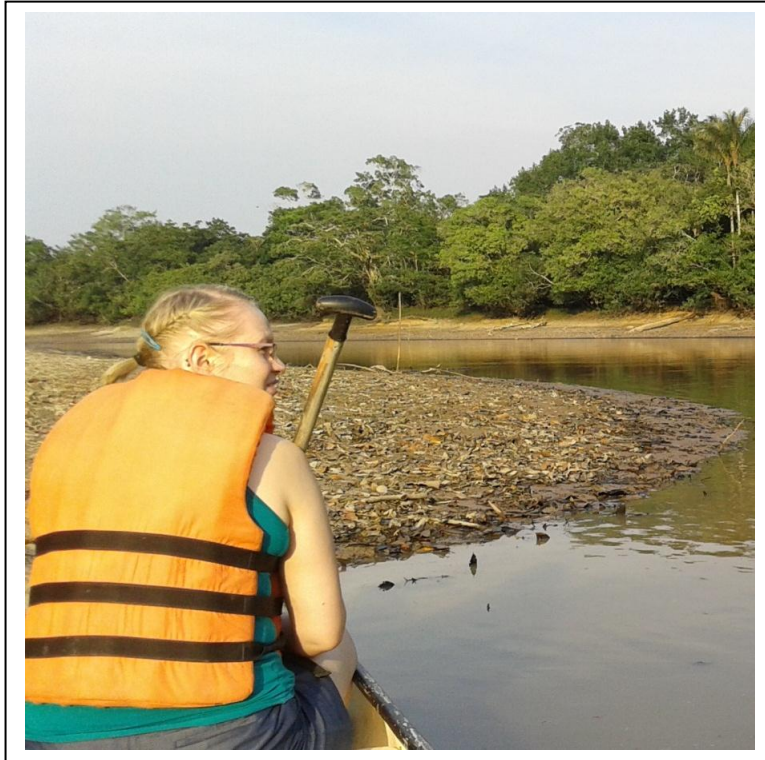


PADDLING CUYABENO - 5 DAYS / 4 NIGHTS

“EASY ACTIVE RATING” 2 DAYS PADDLING MAXIMUM 20 Km (12 Miles) PER DAY



FOR NATURE LOVERS ONLY – WITH 1 NIGHT CAMPING AND 3 NIGHTS ACCOMMODATION IN OUR COMFORTABLE AGUAS NEGRAS RIVER LODGE

A fantastic Amazon Rainforest natural and cultural experience. On your last night you will have an amazing opportunity of camping close to a home of a traditional Secoya Indigenous family and learn first hand about their traditions. Our Secoya campsite has stunning views of the Aguarico river.

WE WELCOME FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN – NO PADDLING EXPERIENCE NEEDED

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DAY 1. – LAGO AGRIO OR COCA CITIES – AGUARICO RIVER – CUYABENO RIVER – AGUAS NEGRAS RIVER LODGE

Your journey starts with a 2.5-hour drive from Lago Agrio (9:30am) to “Tierras Orientales” Village at shore of the Aguarico River. Here we’ll start our fantastic Amazon Rainforest experience by navigating on a motorized canoe downstream along this beautiful white-water river. After approximately 2.5 hours of navigation we’ll arrive at the mouth of the Cuyabeno River, a small and breathtaking black water river which is a tributary of the Aguarico. During this first relaxing journey we’ll make a stop for a delicious picnic lunch with a Secoya Indigenous family and if you wish, a refreshing swim. We’ll continue navigating upstream along the Cuyabeno river to our Aguas Negras River Lodge (45 min approx.) During this journey we’ll have great chances of watching wildlife including the legendary pink and the grey Fresh water Dolphins (*Inia geoffrensis* and *Sotalia fluviatilis*). Our staff will welcome you with a cold drink before accompany you to your cabin. At night and before dinner we’ll take a short hike where it is possible to see giant insects, spiders, snakes and enjoy the fantastic sounds of the night life in the Amazon. Return to the Lodge. Dinner.

DAY 2.- AGUAS NEGRAS RIVER LODGE – PARROTS CLAY LICK – HIKE IN PRIMARY FOREST

Early in the morning and by motorized canoe we’ll navigate towards a place called “Saladero” or Salt licks (Clay Licks) where Parrots of different species show up at these sites in large numbers to get the minerals they need to help digest some toxics they have consumed together with their diet. Under favorable conditions and with some luck we’ll enjoy this natural spectacle. After breakfast and by motorized canoe we’ll navigate towards Aguas Negras River a small beautiful tributary of the cuyabeno River. Here we’ll start our day with a hike in the marvelous primary Amazon rainforest, one of the most biologically rich places on Earth where our experienced naturalist guide will explain to us about life in the Amazon Rainforest. Return to the lodge by paddling canoes. After the walk we’ll have time for a refreshing swim. Today for lunch we’ll enjoy “Maito” a typical delicious traditional Kichwa meal. The Maito is an Amazonian dish that consists of a wrap of fish meat; vegetables such as palmito, chontaduro (fruit of the palm); fish and vegetables are seasoned with salt and wrapped in bijao leaves (llaki panga). After Lunch it will be a time for relax at the camp. Late in the afternoon we’ll paddle downstream Cuyabeno until the sun sets over a beautiful landscape. Return to the Lodge. Dinner.

DAY 3.- AGUAS NEGRAS RIVER LODGE – PUERTO MONTUFAR – PADDLING EXPERIENCE

After a hearty breakfast we’ll navigate by motorized canoe upstream Cuyabeno river to “Puerto Montufar” our starting point of your fantastic paddling experience. After introductions, we’ll distribute group gear and provisions before loading the paddling canoes. We will also take as much time as you need to pack and load your personal gear. Before starting, we’ll have a quick briefing covering the day’s itinerary and a review of paddling canoes safety procedures. During this quieter and enjoyable journey, you’ll have great chances of observing wildlife including Monkeys, Parrots and Macaws. After approximately 5 hours of soft paddling we’ll arrive at Aguas Negras River Lodge. During this first journey we’ll make a stop for a delicious picnic lunch and if you wish, a refreshing swim. Relaxing time at the Lodge. In the afternoon we will go for a short second hike, during the walk we’ll have a chance to admire the majestic Kapoc (Ceiba Pentandra) a giant tree that towers over the rest of the forest. In the night and by motorized canoe we’ll navigate on Cuyabeno River searching for night wildlife which includes Night birds, Snakes, Bats, Caimans, Frogs and more. Return to the campsite and Dinner. Paddling distance 20Km (12 miles)

Day 4.- AGUAS NEGRAS RIVER LODGE – BIRD WATCHING – PADDLING - CAMPSITE IN THE SECOYA INDIGENOUS TERRITORY

Early in the morning and by motorized canoe we’ll navigate slowly on the Cuyabeno or Aguas Negras Rivers (lever of river permitting) with great chances of observing wildlife. This area is a pristine Rainforest with little impact from human activity. During this bird watching experience we’ll have great chances of observing many of the 500 species of birds that exists in the Cuyabeno Wildlife Reserve. After breakfast and a relaxing time at the lodge, we’ll start paddling canoes down Cuyabeno river for about 3 hours. Return to the Lodge by motorized canoe to prepare ourselves for departing the Lodge. After Lunch and by motorized canoe we’ll navigate downstream along the Cuyabeno River to its mouth in the great Aguarico River with more chances of watching wildlife including fresh water dolphins. From the mouth of Cuyabeno River we’ll continue upstream along the white waters of Aguarico River. Our motorized canoe will take us to the Secoya Native territory where we’ll spend the night in comfortable Tents. At night and before dinner we’ll take a second night walk. Dinner.

DAY 5. – SECOYA INDIGENOUS TERRITORY- AGUARICO RIVER – LAGO AGRIO OR COCA CITIES

After an early breakfast we’ll go for an interesting walk with a Secoya Indigenous guide who will explain us about medicinal plants used by this native people for their survival. After the walk and together with a Secoya Indigenous family we’ll be part of the making of the Casabe bread (Manioc or Yuca) starting from the extraction of the Casabe roots to the final product that consist of a large, round and flat bread. Casabe is an important part of the Indigenous people’s traditional diet. We’ll also make our own chocolate using dry Cocoa beans, first we’ll roast them then our next step in chocolate making is to grind the roasted beans to obtain a delicious homemade chocolate. Here our lunch will include Casabe bread and chocolate. After our Lunch, a short trip by motorized canoe will take us to Tierras Orientales village from where our car will drive us back to the City of Lago Agrio or Coca (arrival at about 4 pm.) for you to take a bus or flight back to Quito.

END OF SERVICES

MOTORIZED CANOE NAVIGATION



INCLUDED IN OUR SERVICES:

Transportation from Lago Agrio or Coca cities – Cuyabeno Reserve – Lago Agrio or Coca, motorized canoe and paddling canoes, experienced bilingual naturalist guide, Accommodation in Aguas Negras River Lodge, Tents, bedding, camping mattress, rubber boots (up to No 46), life jackets, raincoat (Poncho), Biodegradable soap in the Lodge and camp, activities with the Secoya family, Lunch and dinner on the first day, Three meals a day on the next few days and breakfast and lunch on the last day, purified bottled water, Tea, Coffee, airport and bus station transfers to Lago Agrio or Coca

NOT INCLUDED:

Your transport Quito - Lago Agrio / Coca - Quito, Accommodation and meals in Lago Agrio or Coca, alcoholic drinks and additional beverages, tips.

RECOMMENDED PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

You must bring your original Passport, Long-sleeved Cotton T-shirts, T-shirts, Cotton socks, Shorts, Sandals or walking shoes, Light wind-breaker, First aid kit, Swimming suit and towel, Hat or cap, Sunglasses with a strap, One small waterproof daypack, Insect repellent, Sun block and Sunburn lotion, Zip lock plastic bags, Camera and spare camera batteries, Flashlight (torch) with spare batteries, Binoculars, Notepad/pen.

IMPORTANT FACTS ABOUT YOUR TRIP

- Please remember that Cuyabeno Wildlife Reserve is a stunning area, one of the most complex and biodiverse richest places on earth that contains a great amount of wildlife. We will explore a Pristine Rain Forest area where a few tourists visit and few native people live, therefore chances of watching wildlife are great. Every day by canoe and on foot we'll be searching for wildlife including Macaws, Parrots, Toucans, Monkeys, Freshwater dolphins, Caimans and Anacondas. However observing wildlife in their natural environment depends of factors that include weather conditions and some luck.
- You will be walking slowly in primary forest on trails opened by the natives that in some areas implies crossing by flooded and muddy areas, in general the terrain is flat and do not demand much effort. A maximum walking time is of approximate 3 hours at a time.
- Please remember that the name Rainforest comes precisely from the 4000mm (about 12 feet) of rain it receives a year.
- Our motorized canoes or paddling canoes do not have roof so please expect heavy rain at any time.
- Our paddling canoes are for 3 people and have great stability and versatility enhancing your enjoyment on the water.
- Our motorized canoes are comfortable and provided with sits for two people each one with cushions.
- Your luggage will be covered and protected against rain water. During all the navigation journeys you'll always have access to cold drinks.
- Our Aguas Negras River Lodge and campsites are located on the margin of the river so that we will not need to carry the equipment for long distances, but you will need to be able to transport your own luggage for short distances.
- We'll ask that everyone assist in setting up the campsites.
- We'll visit the most pristine and remote area of the Cuyabeno Reserve and in order to reach our furthest destination we'll need to travel a total distance of around 200Km in a five day trip.
- The Cuyabeno Wildlife Reserve is a protected area and to get there we'll have to drive throughout Oil installations, secondary forest and farms. Once we enter the Reserve the landscape will change into a beautiful pristine Amazon Rainforest.



PINK RIVER DOLPHIN – INNIA GEOFRENSIS



GLAMOROUS CAMPING



SECOYA TENT CAMP

Sleeping in a tent is the closest that you can be to the nature; you will hear fantastic sounds of the Jungle life during the day and the concert of insects during the night.

The tents are spacious and for single, matrimonial or double accommodation and are provided with camping mattresses, pillows, bed sheets and towels.

We also provide a simple bathroom with a basin, a toilet and a shower.

TOUR GROUP

In order to maximize your Rainforest experience we manage small groups of maximum 10 people per guide.



REFRESHING TIME DURING CANOEING



YUCA BREAD - FRESH FOOD MAKES A SPLENDID CAMPING DINNER



SECOYA TENT CAMP – SPACIOUS TENTS

CUYABENO WILDLIFE RESERVE

AGUAS NEGRAS RIVER LODGE



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LAGO AGRIO

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CUYABENO LAKES

COMUNIDAD SIONA

CUYABENO RIVER

TARAPUYA RIVER

AGUAS NEGRAS RIVER

BALATAYACU RIVER

COMUNIDAD SHUAR

COMUNIDAD QUECHUA



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COMUNIDAD SECOYA

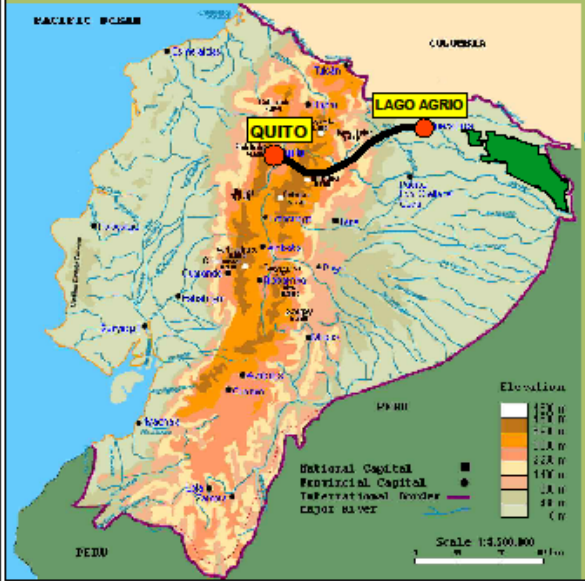
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