

# Napo Wildlife Center Ecolodge



## Sacred Land



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# What is Yasuní?

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“Yasuní”; although we are not certain as to the origin of the word, local communities use the term to refer to “a sacred land”.

Yasuní is a metaphor for the infinite nature of God’s creation; it symbolizes the abundance of life on Earth, it speaks of a world that shall never be discovered in its entirety, a miracle that shall never be completely understood. In practical terms, it is the most biodiverse ecosystem on earth.

In technical terms it is a “quadruple taxonomic richness center”; a place that in only one hectare contains more living organisms than the entire European continent; a protected tract of land in which more than a third of all Amazonian mammals are found, including a staggering 60% of all new world wild cats; a tropical garden where only a handful of trees holds as many insect species as the entire United States of America.



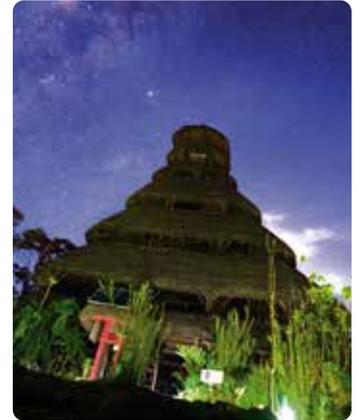
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Yasuní also represents our need to protect... our solidarity with nature; of thinking beyond our human world and understanding that we are an integral part of a greater whole by visiting Napo Wildlife Center our guests have the opportunity to contribute to the conservation of one of the most biodiverse places on the planet and at the same time enjoying a unique adventure.



# Life is Comfortable in the Amazon Rainforest



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With 12 ample and comfortable standard cabins and 4 suites, the lodge accommodates a total of 36 people, distributed in suites, doubles and triple rooms. Our fully equipped cabins feature electricity, security box, ventilation water and a private bathroom, a balcony surrounded by beautifully groomed natural gardens.

The restaurant, serving national and international food, At Napo Wildlife Center Ecologne, we place all our efforts at granting you an unforgettable jungle experience, far from the troubles of modern-day life, where you will be sure to find solace and relaxation amidst singing birds, while experiencing the ageless customs, traditions and legends of the Kichwa culture.



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### Añangu Kichwa Community

Activities at Yasuní National Park and Añangu are coordinated by members of the local Kichwa community and it is important that their rules of conduct and ethics be respected.

### Visit the Kuri Muyu

At this place you can learn about the Ancestral Kichwa Culture and their old practices.

### Hikes

Our programs include easy and medium intensity walks and hikes in order to observe the wildlife and nature of the area; more difficult hikes and longer programs can be arranged.



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### Food Service

The food service is based in a combination of national and international gastronomy, with a complete variety of exotic fruits and organic products.

We have in the Social Area a station to provide you hot water, tea or coffee.

### Drinking water

Ecologne Napo Wildlife Center has a water purification system, this treated water is used for showers and toilets for the cabins, we strongly recommend to our guests not to drink the water of the lagoon or tap water. You can find drinking water in the dispenser located in the restaurant of the Ecologne and in the jars provided in each cabin, plus a variety of drinks available at the bar of the restaurant...

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When your tour starts we ask our guests to throw all the inorganic garbage that you might have in the specific garbage cans, to avoid the contamination in the area and have your support to send the garbage back to their original place, with the main objective of contributing with environmental education of the community and the benefit of earth.



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## Electric Energy

The energy in the Napo Wildlife Center Ecolodge is generated by silent power plants of high efficiency, these engines provides to the Ecolodge of electricity the 24 hours of the day; In addition our Ecolodge has electric plugs of 110 v. in each cabin and in the social areas (restaurant-bar) for the use of our guests.

## Garbage treatment

The garbage is classified and separated into organic and inorganic. This allows the treatment process to be efficient and avoids contamination.

## Communication

We provide Internet Wi-Fi for a small fee.



## Suggested Behavior

- Always ask any question that you might have and act according to the indications of your guide.
- Please walk all the time in the marked paths, don't try to walk by yourself in any path because the chances to get lost are high.
- Don't throw any kind of garbage in the path; always use the garbage cans.
- Please don't feed or touch any animal, don't cut or step the grass.



- If you use a personal music/video device, use headphones.
- Don't use your camera flash.
- We don't allow to hunt or fish in the Lodge.
- The visit to the community houses, photos and videos are restricted, (ask for permission in advance if you want to make these actions)

# Suites Information



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## Suites Information

In order to satisfy current demand from our passengers for accommodation with all major comforts and luxury, especially for couples including honeymooners, NWC made the decision to build four new exclusive suites.

Our aim is to keep our exclusivity satisfy our current demand. The suites have the following specification:

- Built on the shores of the lagoon, which gives a unique view of the Añangu Lake.
- Keeps the same external architectural design as our existing cabins.
- Porch with a view of the lake; equipped with comfortable seats.
- Room service (on request).



## Suites Information

- Living room.
- Master bedroom with a King size bed.
- Private bathroom with dual system for saving water.
- Only for suite 1: Jacuzzi with capacity for four.
- Only for suite 2: Additional bedroom equipped with a twin bed.
- Mini Bar: includes local snacks and drinks.
- Finishing touches: soaps, crèmes and bath salts. All biodegradable products.
- Slippers and bathrobe.
- The materials used for decoration are natural and come from different regions of Ecuador.



## Suites Information

- Rear balcony with spectacular view of the forest.
- Size of each suite is approximately 60 square meters (646 ft<sup>2</sup>).
- Adjoining suites allowing access from the rear balcony.
- Total privacy from one suite to another; separate roofs.

**Upgrades:** If our regular cabins are not available, there will be an upgrade at the time of booking. Extras such as a minibar and other facilities appropriate to this type of accommodation are not included.





## What to Bring

- Good binoculars for wildlife viewing (8x35 mm)
- Camera/video gear (if using film, lower ASA for open areas (50 or 100), higher ASA for forest (400 and up). [24 hour electricity (110v) is available for charging batteries and digital equipment.]
- Clothing: Two or three pairs of lightweight long pants. Two or three long-sleeved lightweight shirts. Two or three T-shirts. One or two apairs of shorts (mostly for around the lodge). Lightweight sweater or jacket. Raingear (if you prefer not to use the ponchos provided). Three or four pairs of long cotton socks. One pair of sneakers and/or hiking boots. Sandals (Teva type or similar for around the lodge). A hat for sun protection (and that will stay on during windy boat rides). Take in consideration that bright colors might scare the animals



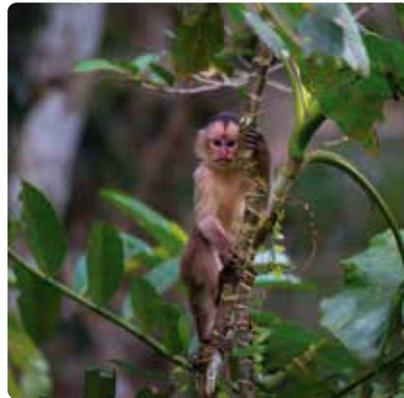
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- Sunglasses.
- Small day pack for excursions. Zip lock-type plastic bags to cover optics or other gear.
- Insect repellent (Skin-so-soft or DEET product with at least 20% concentration). No inflammable sprays as they are not allowed by the airline. Sunscreen lotion with a high SPF factor.
- Flashlight or headlamp bright enough for use on night walks.
- Personal toiletries and medications (carry medications with you when arriving and leaving the lodge).
- Extra batteries/film/video tapes as appropriate.
- Original passport (always good to have while traveling)
- Credit card Visa, MasterCard and Diners for bar bills and cash (US\$) for Artesania purchases.

**NOTE:** There is a limit of 20 kilograms to check in per person in the aircraft plus carry on. If you are checking in more weight then the excess baggage will be charged to you directly by airline. Rain poncho and rubber boots (from size 3 to 12) provided when needed for excursions.



# Itineraries



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## Please Note

This is a sample itinerary, subject to change due to weather conditions, safety, and particular interests of guests and groups. Changes and additions are made in order to maximize wildlife viewing and wilderness enjoyment, cultural interaction with local people, and all possible time at the richest rain forest in Ecuador: the Yasuní National Park. Please check with us for taylor-made itineraries and cater to your particular interest for a unique life experience at the finest Amazon lodge: the Napo Wildlife Center.



# Premium tour



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Premium tour 4 days / 3 nights



## Day 1

Departing from Quito, 30 minute flight to Coca over the eastern Andes mountain range. After landing, about mid morning, and airport procedures a 5 min transfer in local chiva (hired bus) or local taxi from airport to Port La mision / Francisco de Orellana will drive us to embark onto a comfortable covered motor boat. Here we start a canoe ride along the Napo river for about 2 hours approx, lunch box in route.

Along the way birds like herons, kingfishers and others can be spotted. After arriving at NWC's entry dock we disembark for restroom then take a majestic and peaceful 1 to 2 hours dugout canoe ride surrounded by trees overhead, paddling along a narrow creek that connects to the lake where the lodge is located.



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Good possibilities of monkey sights of various species as well as large birds like toucans, parrots or even macaws. Late afternoon arrival to the NWC lodge by the overwhelming view of the Añangu lake, welcome drink and facilities.



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### Day 2

Early wake up to reach the easier access parrot clay licks in Ecuador, about 1 hour away from the lodge, guests reach there just before parrot activity kicks off at the clay lick between 7:30 to 8:30. A total of 11 species of parrots, parakeets and macaws can be seen. A visit that depends on weather conditions, but usually successful.

Later, hike along forest trail to visit the Kichwa Community of Añangu and sharing time with a family on their activities. Return to the creek and hike through a Terra Firme Forest for about 30 minutes until we arrive to the second parrot clay lick where if the weather conditions help will be able to find different species of parrots, parakeets and even macaws. Lunch box served at the parrot clay lick observatory.

Late afternoon arrival to the lodge.





## Premium tour 4 days / 3 nights

### Day 3

After early breakfast, depart from the lodge to the finest experience at a canopy tower on the Napo. A 36m high canopy tower opened to guests in November 2004, a great way to experience the life above the forest floor. This is the second tower at the Napo Wildlife Center (the first is attached to the dining hall and allows great views of the lake).

The tower is located about 30 minutes from the lodge deep within the terra firme forest. As you ascend the 12-floor tower, you pass through different levels of the forest and emerge on top of a huge Ceiba tree. Here you cross onto a wooden platform that is actually built into the tree and experience the view formerly reserved only for the birds.





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The metal tower itself was constructed to the highest standards, galvanized, and carefully inspected by engineers. Safety is the priority. The platform at the top of the tree was constructed by tree platform specialists as well. From top to bottom, there is no finer canopy experience in Eastern Ecuador.

Flocks of colorful tanagers pass right through the canopy of the tree, Blue-and yellow Macaws fly past, in nearby trees Spider Monkeys search for fruit, two species of large toucans call in the early mornings and afternoons, and the life of the forest canopy opens before you. Birds that are virtually impossible to see from the forest floor far below are suddenly right beside you, oblivious to your presence.



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The canopy tower opens a whole new world to guests of the Napo Wildlife Center!! Lunch served at the lodge. Afternoon visit to a terra firme trail, hike along primary forest to discover the forest interior, possibilities of finding lizards, colorful manakins or the unique and endemic Golden mantle tamarin monkeys. After the hike, explore the lake and creeks by dugout canoe with great possibilities of running into a Giant otter family on the way...





## Premium tour 4 days / 3 nights

### Day 4

Early departure and last excursion canoeing back to the Napo river, the creek may reveal new sights of Giant otters, Monk Saki monkeys or many other rare birds. Entry docking area, use of restrooms and embarking on motorized canoe in order to return back to Coca, arrival approximately after 2 hours boat ride up river, in order to check for Coca – Quito flight, schedule to be announced according to departure details and arrangements.

**NOTICE:** For security reasons, swimming into Añangucocha (lagoon) is forbidden. Additional Day(s): Optional excursions such as hikes through different trails and forest types. Canoe rides exploring deeper areas of surrounding creeks with more wildlife possibilities, additional mammal clay lick excursion, handcraft workshop with the local community among other options.



# Extended Stay



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Extended Stay 5 days / 4 nights

## Day 1

A rewarding 30 minute flight to Coca over the eastern Andes mountain range is the beginning of this amazing experience. After landing, a short 5 minute drive to the port in the Napo River will take you onto a comfortable covered motor boat. Here we start a boat ride along the Napo for approximately 2 hours. Some aquatic birds can be spotted on the way. After arriving at Napo Wildlife Center's welcoming area, we take a magical and peaceful 2 hour dugout-canoe along a narrow creek that connects to the lake where the lodge is located. Great chances to spot wildlife, various species of monkeys as well as large birds like toucans, parrots or even macaws. Late afternoon arrival at the lodge.



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### Day 2

After a buffet breakfast, experience the life above the forest floor visiting the 36-meter canopy tower. This tower is located about 30 minutes from the lodge deep within the forest. Get a very good sample of the 567 species recorded so far, with a close look at colorful tanagers, macaws, toucans, flycatchers and even Spider or Howler Monkeys feeding themselves on the nearby trees. The canopy tower opens a whole new world to the guests of the Napo Wildlife Center.





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Return to the lodge for a typical Ecuadorian lunch. After lunch there are many options to choose from before you start the afternoon activity: climb the dining room tree tower for more birds, or just relax in your hammock. In the afternoon, hike through a marvelous terra- firme forest to discover the ecology and the role of plants in the complex world of the Tropical Rain-Forest: vines, ancient trees, bromeliads, orchids stand out in this impressive natural garden. After the hike, explore the surrounding creeks with possibilities of running into a Giant otter family. Dinner at 7:30pm.





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### Day 3

This morning we visit the best parrot clay licks in Ecuador!!! Early start and paddle downstream on the Añangu creek as far as the welcome area. Then, take the motor boat for a 10 minute ride for a wonderful view of thousands of parrots such as Amazon-Mealy, blue-headed, orange –cheek, among others, landing on the earth to eat the clay.

Later, back to the welcome area and a short hike to the parakeets' clay lick, where hundreds of cobalt-winged parakeets remain on the top of the trees searching for the best time to eat the salts, chemicals and minerals contained in the organic matter. Lunch in the welcome area. In the afternoon, visit the interpretation area to learn about traditions of the ancestral Kichwa community of Añangu.

Back to the lodge late in the afternoon where you'll be welcomed back with a refreshing fresh juice. Dinner at 7:30pm.



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### Day 4

This morning we hike along the Tiputini trail and its terra-firma forests and swamp forests, searching for more wildlife such as Golden-Mantled Tamarins, White-Faced capuchin monkey, two and three toed sloths, pigmy squirrels, carnivores and their tracks on the forest floor.



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### Day 5

Early breakfast, and last excursion canoeing back to the Napo river, the creek may reveal new sights of Giant otters, Monk Saki monkeys, hoatzins, blackcapped donacobius or other birds.

The motorized canoe will take you back to Coca, for the flight back to Quito.

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