

## RAINFOREST

### *Complex Ecosystems, Rich Diversity*

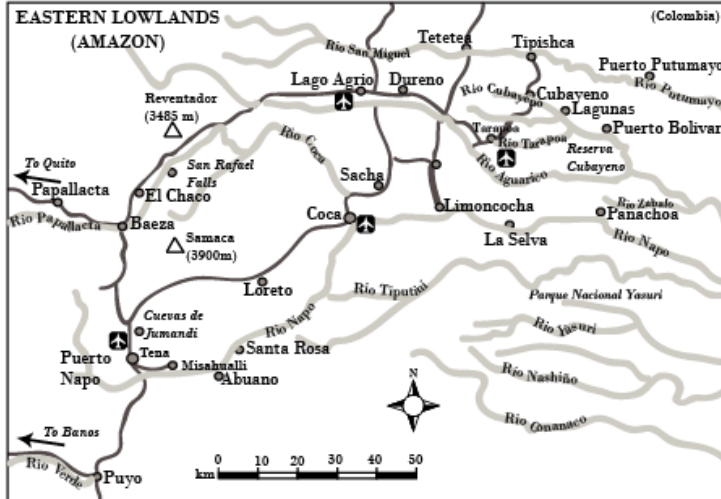
#### *Amazon Jungle*

Crossing the Andes towards the East, one drops down from 4,000m to the headwaters of the mighty Amazon, passing from high “paramo” to tropical jungle in less than 150km. Seeing this green world with hundreds of species of birds, beautiful butterflies, and strange animals in their natural habitat, then going to begin your camp or lodge with the soft sounds of the forest night, is a unique experience. Awakening in the morning to an orchestra of bird music, traveling in a dugout canoe, visiting isolated Indigenous communities, all add to this adventure.

JU-01	<p><b>Cubayeno Jungle Tour</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>5 days, all meals and accommodation included (airfare Quito-Lago Agrio-Quito not included)</i></span></p> <p>The Cubayeno Nature Reserve, an area of 600,000 hectares, is located in the North East of Ecuador. This area of the Amazon offers the visitor a unique opportunity to experience the tropical rainforest and its perfect ecological balance. It is home to dolphins, manatees, caymans (alligator), piranhas, anacondas, tapirs, armadillos, monkeys, macaws, herons, parrots, and toucans. There are no luxury lodges in this area; facilities are very basic, but the experience of seeing a lot of wildlife is very enriching.</p> <p><i>Day 1.</i> Arrival in Lago Agrio. Bus ride to the bridge over the Cubayeno River (3 hours). Box lunch. Motorized dugout canoe downstream on the Cubayeno river (3 hours approx.) to camp or lodge. Dinner. Night walk.</p> <p><i>Day 2.</i> Breakfast. Forest walk to learn about medicinal plants and explore the amazing ecosystem. Lunch. Piranha fishing. Dinner.</p> <p><i>Day 3.</i> Breakfast. Canoe ride to visit the Cubayeno lagoon; jungle walk by the shore of the lagoon. Box lunch on shore. Canoe ride on the lagoon. Swim. Return to the camp/lodge late afternoon. Dinner. Night canoe ride on the river for nightlife watching, such as caimans and many other nocturnal species.</p> <p><i>Day 4.</i> Birdwatching. Breakfast. Hike in the forest. Lunch. Visit the indigenous village Puerto Bolivar to add a culture aspect to the tour. Dinner.</p> <p><i>Day 5.</i> Breakfast. Canoe back upstream on the Cubayeno River. Meet the bus at the bridge and back to Lago Agrio to catch the flight to Quito.</p>
JU-02	<p><b>Cuyabeno Jungle Tour</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>4 days, all meals and accommodation (airfare Quito- Lago Agrio - Quito not included)</i></span></p> <p>Same as JU-01, but one day shorter</p> <p>Note: Tours can be operated on private or sharing basis. Please contact us for more information.</p>
JU-03	<p><b>Sacha Lodge</b> <span style="float: right;"><i>5 day &amp; 4 day programs - all meals and accommodation</i></span></p> <p>This lodge is located in the province of Sucumbios, in the Northeastern part of Ecuador. A 40-minute flight will take you from Quito to Coca. Then you travel by motorized dugout canoe for 2 hours (approximately) down the Napo River, after which a 30 minute walk will get you to the lodge. The lodge is located in a very nice setting surrounded by primary forest. The program consists of a combination of jungle walks on narrow trails - through different types of forests (Primary, Secondary, Varzea etc.) – and canoe rides on local lakes and rivers. In addition, an observation tower and the recently finished 275 meters long canopy walkway enables visitors to climb 36 mts. into the canopy for an unobstructed view of intact rainforest, as well as a possible close-up view of mammals, plants and dozens of species of birds.</p>

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Groups of 5 to 8 people at the most will be formed and led by an English/Spanish speaking naturalist guide plus a local native guide. At the lodge you will find comfortable accommodations in rustic cabins of native design that blend in with the surrounding rainforest. At the same time, you will be provided with the comforts you would expect of a first class hotel: modern bathrooms with hot running water, screened rooms with a magnificent view of the rainforest; bottled water free-of-charge; and excellent, international cuisine that incorporates the delicious tropical fruits of the region.



*Day 1.* Trip from Quito to Sacha Lodge.

*Days 2-4.* The standard activities are hikes in the tropical forest, canoe rides, night walks to spot nocturnal fauna, visit to the observation tower, the canopy walkway and butterfly house. The exact itinerary will be decided upon arrival, based on the clients' interests.

*Day 5.* Return trip to Quito.

JU-04 **La Selva Jungle Lodge** *5 day & 4 day programs - all meals and accommodation*

This program is quite similar to that of Sacha Lodge. La Selva Jungle Lodge is even located in the same area. Please contact us for more detailed information on this program.

JU-05 **Napo Wildlife Center** *5 day & 4 day programs - all meals and accommodation*

Another option for a stunning jungle experience is the NWC. Upon your arrival in Coca, a comfortable 2 hour motorized canoe ride down the Napo River takes you to the "bocana". The access from there to the lodge is via a 2.5 km guided walk or a 1.5 hour paddle along a creek by dugout canoe. Whichever option you decide, the views of the lodge on arrival are outstanding. This eco friendly lodge is situated on Anangucocha Lake which lies inside the 1 million hectares Yasuni National Park.

The ten cabins are in keeping with traditional native design and each include king-size or twin beds, private bathroom with hot water on demand, 24 hour electricity generated by hybrid power system, ceiling fan, screened windows and mosquito nets. They also boast a private porch providing lake and forest views. A wealth of daily activities are provided for you to choose from; hikes, birdwatching, nocturnal excursions on trails and lake night exploration for cayman (alligator) watching, visit the local community of Añangu who works in partnership with the lodge, and a visit to the unique parrot clay licks. Here, parrots, macaws and a variety of parakeets gather in abundance. Accompanied by a native park ranger and bilingual naturalist guide you will learn about medicinal plants, tropical forest biology and will be made constantly aware of wildlife movement. The guides' expertise and enthusiasm will make for an educative, fun experience!

KO-01 **Kapawi**  
Information available upon request.