



NAPO WILDLIFE CENTER

The Napo Wildlife Center, Amazon Lodge is an exclusive and luxurious eco-lodge in the Yasuni National Park. Here you will experience the most pristine Amazon rainforest. You can see parrots, parakeets and macaws at the two parrot clay-licks, giant otters in the lake and streams, 11 species of monkeys in the trees, and many of the 568 species of birds that have been recorded at the Napo Wildlife Center. Located at the Añangacocha Lake, this lodge is owned by the Quichua community of Añangu. It has 10 spacious and comfortable cabins, a large dining room with an adjacent observation tower, plus a 36 m. high canopy tower in the forest.



Day 1. Departing from Quito you take a 30 minute flight over the eastern Andes mountain range, to Coca. Transfer from the airport to the port, where you will embark a comfortable covered motor boat for a canoe ride along the Napo river. Along the way birds like herons, kingfishers and others can be spotted. After about 2,5 hours we continue the journey by dugout canoe, paddling along a narrow creek to the lake where the lodge is located

(motorized boats are not allowed at the lake in order not to disturb wildlife). Good possibilities of monkeys sightings of various species as well as large birds like toucans, parrots or even macaws. Late afternoon arrival to the Napo Wildlife Center Lodge by the overwhelming view of the Añangu lake. In the night optional cayman (alligator) observation around the lake and natural sounds at night.



Day 2. Early wake up to reach the best and easy access parrot clay licks in Ecuador, about 1 hour away from the lodge. A total of 11 species of parrots, parakeets and macaws can be seen. Later, you will take a hike in the rainforest to visit to the Quichua community of Añangu and share 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. If the weather conditions

are good, we will be able to find different species of parrots, parakeets and even macaws.

Day 3. After an early breakfast, depart from the lodge to the canopy tower on the Napo. This 36 m. high canopy tower is a great way to experience the life above the forest floor. The canopy tower is located about 20 minutes from the lodge deep within the *terra firme* forest. As you ascend the 12-story 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. 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. In the afternoon you will take a hike in primary forest, and with some luck you will observe lizards, colorful manakins or the unique and endemic Golden mantle tamarin monkeys. After the hike, explore the lake and creeks by dugout canoe with possibilities of running into a Giant otter family.

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 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.

NOTE: The itinerary may be subject to changes due to weather conditions and the water level in the reserve.

DIFFICULTY: easy

DEPARTURE: any day except Sunday

INCLUDING:

- bilingual naturalist guide and native guide
- private transfers from / to Coca
- transportation by canoe in the reserve
- accommodation in First class jungle lodge, cabins or suites with private bathroom (hot and cold water)
- meals (4 lunch, 3 dinner, 3 breakfast) and coffee, tea, purified drinking water
- all excursions, including Añanagu Quichua community and parrot-macaw clay licks
- jungle equipment (including rubber boots, rain poncho)
- entrance fee Yasuni National Park

NOT INCLUDING:

- flight ticket Quito – Coca – Quito (USD 130 per person)
- travel insurance
- tips