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ECUADOR'S AMAZON JUNGLE

Trip Summary

HIGHLIGHTS

- Immerse yourself in the amazing biodiversity of the Amazon Jungle
- Stay deep in the jungle, awaking to exotic bird calls
- Learn about the customs and culture of the people who have lived here for centuries
- Watch for birds, learn the medicinal uses of plants, and fish for piranha

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TRIP AT A GLANCE

Location:	Ecuador's Galapagos Islands and Amazon Jungle
Activities:	Multisport
Arrive:	The first meeting is 5 p.m. on Day 1 in the lobby of the Wyndham Airport hotel
Depart:	You can depart after 5 p.m. on Day 6, the last day

Trip Overview

The Amazon Jungle is known for its exceptional biodiversity and the peoples who have lived there for centuries. The trip starts and ends in Quito, Ecuador's capital which sits high in the Andean foothills at an altitude of 9,325 feet. From there a flight to Coca City and an hour canoe ride down the Amazon starts the adventure. You'll spend four days in the jungle learning about the flora and fauna as you walk on different trails, led by the local guide who knows the area intimately. You'll learn about the customs of the people who live there, the medicinal uses of plants, and how to use a blowpipe and fish for piranha. And even if you're not a birdwatcher now, the chance to see birds in the forest and above the forest canopy may turn you into one.

This trip can be taken as an extension of our Galapagos trip or as an amazing adventure in its own right.

Rating

Ecuador's Amazon Jungle trip is appropriate for women in good physical condition who want to spend 3 to 6 hours every day actively exploring the Amazon Jungle. None of the days are strenuous; however, the days are full, and some will involve early mornings. Please note, as in all international travel, flexibility is an absolute must and the ability to set aside our western expectations and enjoy the culture and country will make for a wonderfully enjoyable trip.

Rating: 1 [\[2\]](#) 3 4 5

What's Included

- A dedicated local guide in the Amazon and a customer service representative in Quito. There will also be an AGC guide if there are 7 or more registered.
- Internal flights to/from Coca City and transport by motorized canoe
- Double occupancy lodging
- 5 breakfasts, 4 lunches, and 4 dinners
- All activities on the itinerary
- Gratuities for lodge staff

Not included: Travel to and from Quito, alcoholic beverages, gratuities for the AGC guide, Amazon guide and assistant guide, travel insurance, meals not noted on itinerary, optional activities not on the itinerary.

NOTE: Travel insurance is NOT included, but it is required for this trip.

OUR ITINERARY

Below is the itinerary we have planned for the trip. As is true on any adventure travel trip, plans for any specific day may be modified due to weather considerations, unforeseen circumstances, new opportunities, and group interests.

DAY 1

If you're just joining us, your trip starts in Quito, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and Ecuador's Capital City. At over 9,000 feet, Quito is the highest capital city in the world, and it is likely you'll experience some symptoms of breathlessness as you walk around. The hotel is conveniently located near the airport and the front desk can help you organize transport into the city center if you arrive early and want to explore. You'll meet in the afternoon with the group coming from the Galapagos and a representative from our local partner for a trip orientation. We recommend eating at the hotel restaurant as you have an early start tomorrow. Dinner for this night is on your own.

Overnight: Wyndham Quito Airport Hotel or similar.

DAY 2

Your adventure starts with an early morning transfer to the airport for our short 30-minute flight to Coca City. You'll be greeted by our hosts from Yarina Eco Lodge, an ecolodge situated on the Napo River in the Amazon RainForest. Started 10 years ago as a program to teach the importance of conserving wildlife and the environment and located in an area of great diversity of micro-habitats, the lodge has steadily expanded its services and is part of one of best rescue centers of wildlife in the Ecuadorian Amazon.

After an hour-long ride in a motorized canoe, you'll arrive in time to settle in before lunch and an introductory briefing. Your exploration of the Amazon starts this afternoon with a walk on the Socali Path, a perfect introduction to learning about the different flora and fauna that is found in different types of forest. You'll return in time for a little downtime before dinner and then be lulled to sleep by the sounds of the jungle.

Overnight: [Yarina Lodge](#) (B, L, D)

DAY 3

Today and each of the following days, you'll be offered a morning and afternoon activity, with return to the lodge for lunch. You might choose to do both, just one, or neither if you'd rather relax and soak up the ambience – the choice is completely yours.

After breakfast the morning activity is a hike on the Capibara Path. Named after the small guinea pig like rodent that we are likely to see, the path traverses several swamps and you'll see palm trees that aren't possible to see any place else. After lunch and some downtime back at the lodge, in late afternoon the guides will teach you how to use a blowpipe (don't worry, you aren't allowed to shoot poisoned darts at each other). Following that you'll take a small canoe upriver to try your hand at piranha fishing. Even if successful, however, they won't be on your menu when you return to the lodge for dinner.

Overnight: Yarina Lodge (B, L, D)

DAY 4

There are two different hikes today that showcase different aspects of the jungle. After breakfast you don rubber boots for a canoe trip upriver. On our way the guide will point out birds, butterflies, orchids, and amphibians. You then have a short hike on the trail 'Dos Ramas' as the guide teaches you about medicinal plants, birds, and animals. After lunch at the lodge you'll set out on the Tucan trail. This trail leads to one of the tallest birdwatching towers in the Ecuadorian jungle. At the top of the tower you'll be in the jungle canopy, where you can see birds that are hard to see from the jungle floor - really an amazing experience! You'll return to the lodge for dinner and some down time.

Overnight: Yarina Lodge (B, L, D)

DAY 5

Today you'll learn more about the indigenous people of the Quichuas del Oriente community who have long inhabited the Amazon lowlands. You'll take the motorboat to visit one of the families who live there, and with the guide interpreting, you'll learn about the traditions and dress of the tribe. The afternoon's activity is a walk on the Guastos trail, learning more about how some plants, animals, and birds are traditionally used. This is the last night at the lodge and it is hard not to feel some regret at leaving the jungle, after all you've seen and done.

Overnight: Yarina Lodge (B, L, D)

DAY 6

After a final delicious breakfast, packing up, and a short hike this morning, we'll return by canoe to Coca City for the return flight to Quito. We'll be back mid-afternoon. You can plan flights home after 5 p.m. (B)

ADDITIONAL TRIP INFORMATION

Getting There

You will be flying to/from the Mariscal Sucre Airport (UIO) in Quito, Ecuador

If you would like assistance with airfare, we recommend contacting our AirDesk Partner, [Exito Travel](#). Start by submitting this [form](#). Just fill in your dates and destinations, including any additional notes about preferred carriers, class of service, possible stopovers, etc., and an agent will typically respond via email within a few hours. If you prefer to call, the number is 800-655-4053; be sure to tell them you are traveling with Adventures in Good Company.

Please note: Most of the international airlines are in-network for Exito, so they do not charge extra for their services (and often have access to discounted rates). When necessary, processing fees out-of-network carriers are minimal at around \$35-\$50 per ticket.

Accommodations

We will spend two nights at the Wyndham Airport Hotel with airport shuttle service for arrival and departure convenience. In the Amazon we'll spend four nights at the Yarina Lodge, an ecolodge situated on the Napo River in the Amazon RainForest. Started 10 years ago as a program to teach the importance of conserving wildlife and our environment with the local community and located in an area of great diversity of micro-habitats, the lodge has steadily expanded its services and is part of one of best rescue centers of wildlife in the Ecuadorian Amazon. The rooms are double occupancy with ensuite bathrooms unless you have chosen a single supplement.

Travel Insurance

We recommend that you purchase a travel protection plan to help protect you and your travel investment against the unexpected. For your convenience, we offer travel protection through Travelex Insurance Services. For more information on the available plans or to enroll, visit www.travelexinsurance.com or call 1-800-228-9792 and reference location number 06-0331.

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