

INDEPENDENT TRIPS

Cuyabeno Amazon Eco-Lodge Adventure 5D/4N

Nature & Adventure

5 Days / 1 Country

Ecuador

Departure city: **Quito, Ecuador**

End city: **Quito, Ecuador**



HIGHLIGHTS

- Immerse yourself in the lush Cuyabeno Amazon Jungle
- Take part in diverse activities to spot exotic species
- Experience tasty traditional foods of the rainforest

Immerse yourself in the pristine rainforest environment of Cuyabeno on this 5-day trip. Wander amongst ancient trees and take time to explore flooded forests buzzing with wildlife. Whatever your interests are, from bird watching to hiking, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

MAP



What is included



Independent Trips

Include all of your accommodation, transport and experiences on a pre-set trip that you can customize to perfectly suit your travel needs.



Accommodation: 3

- 3 nights in jungle lodge



Transport: 2

- Pick-up, drop-off, tour transport Roundtrip canoe & shuttle transfers
- Quito pick-up & drop off



Meals: 10

- 3 Breakfast(s), 4 Lunch(es), 3 Dinner(s),



Guides:

- English-speaking guides during tours

What is not included

- *Flights between Quito and Lago Agrio
- *Accommodation in Lago Agrio
- *Other Meals and drinks
- *Tips
- *Travel insurance
- *Personal expenses
- *Community visit & entry fee (\$8 USD)

*Prices for optional activities are subject to change at any time without prior notice. Please confirm these prices before departing on your trip.

Additional information

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

This is a flexible programme and the itinerary is subject to change without prior notice. What you do and on each day depends on the weather, your guide and your arrival day.

On Day 1, other transfer options are available at an extra cost (if interested, please contact us for more details):

- Optional bus during the day and stay overnight in Lago Agrio on Day 1 (around \$30 usd for a single room).
- Optional plane from Quito to Lago Agrio the day before the tour or the morning of the tour.

On Day 5, other transfer options are available at an extra cost (if interested, please contact us for more details):

- Optional bus the next day and stay overnight in Lago Agrio on Day 5 (around \$30 usd for a single room)
- Optional plane from Lago Agrio to Quito the day the tour ends or the next day.

Suggested Packing List: Original Passport (not a copy), Flashlight /torch with spare batteries (very important), Binoculars (10x40 are best), Hat or cap, Insect repellent, Sunscreen, Long-sleeved cotton shirts, Cotton socks, Sandals or walking shoes, Light wind-breaker and sweater, Swimming suit and towel, One small waterproof daypack, Zip-lock plastic bags, Camera and spare camera batteries, Swiss Army Knife

Weather Note: In the Amazon region the climate is hot and humid with frequent rain showers. The drier months are from October to March. The temperature ranges from 19 to 36° C all throughout the year.

Health Considerations: Immunizations are not currently required to visit this area of the Amazon Jungle. It is advisable however to consult your doctor before your trip. We recommend taking preventative measures against malaria and yellow fever. Strong Insect repellent should be acquired before your arrival in the jungle.

Itinerary

Day 1: Quito - Lago Agrio, Ecuador

Quito Accommodation Pick-Up & Night Shuttle Transfer to Lago Agrio

Get ready for an adventure! Today you will be picked up from your accommodation and taken to the Quito meeting point and from here you will hop on a night shuttle (approximately 6-8 hours) to the Lago Agrio meeting point. You will leave Quito for Lago Agrio at around 11:00-11:15 PM.

Day 2: Lago Agrio - Cuyabeno Reserve, Ecuador

Shuttle & Canoe Transfer Lago Agrio to Cuyabeno Reserve (L/D)

Today your shuttle from Quito arrives around 08:30 AM to Lago Agrio meeting point. You are free to have breakfast (not included) while you wait for your transfer to Cuyabeno Reserve at around 9:30 AM. Your transfer will be making a stop (30 mins - 1 hour) at the airport at around 10AM to collect passengers that are arriving from Quito by plane before continuing towards the entrance of the Cuyabeno Reserve (approx. 3 hours with a 15-min break). A cold box lunch will be served upon arrival to El Puente, the entrance of the reserve.

After a 1-hour break, you will load your luggage onto a motorized canoe, meet your English-speaking naturalist guide and follow the winding Cuyabeno River for 2 to 4 hours until you reach your jungle lodge. During the canoe ride you will get a first look at the jungle and will be able to observe different kinds of birds. Our naturalist guide will give you information about the Reserve, important recommendations and other tips. You may also be able to see a variety of monkeys and other jungle animals, depending on the time and weather conditions. Upon arrival at the lodge, take some time to rest before leaving the camp for a swim in the lagoon and watching a beautiful sunset in the middle of the Laguna Grande. You will spend the night in bungalows with mosquito nets, to the night sounds of the jungle.

Days 3: Cuyabeno Reserve, Ecuador

Activities in the Jungle (B/L/D)

After breakfast you will take a hike in the primary forest for 3 to 4 hours, where your guide will explain to you how the complex tropical ecosystem works. You will be able to learn about medicinal plants and you might see some exotic birds or monkeys. After lunch, there is time for a siesta. In the afternoon you will have a swim in the lagoon and watch the sunset. With a little luck you can observe the pink river dolphins swimming or an anaconda sunbathing in a tree. After dinner you will take a night canoe ride to look for caimans.

Day 4: Cuyabeno Reserve, Ecuador

Activities in the Jungle (B/L/D)

After breakfast you will depart to the Siona Community of Puerto Bolivar, the largest ethnic group in the Reserve. It takes 1 hour navigation downstream to get there. Along the way it will be possible to admire the unique fauna of the Rio Cuyabeno such as: birds, monkeys, snakes, pink dolphins, tortoises and many others.

You will enjoy a full day excursion in the community with lunch included. You will take part in the elaboration of the casabe; local dish made made of yucca (carbohydrates are the principal food of the community). A visit to the Shaman is also included. He will talk to you about life in the jungle. After that we return to the lodge to go for a nocturnal hike through the primary forest in search of insects, spiders, geckos, scorpions, and listen to the night sounds of the jungle. We will have dinner and spend the night at the lodge.

Day 5: Cuyabeno Reserve - Quito, Ecuador

Canoe & Shuttle Transfer to Quito via Lago Agrio & Quito Accommodation Drop-Off (B/L)

Today there will be an optional early morning bird watching canoe ride at around 6:00am. Then, after breakfast around 9:30am, say goodbye to the jungle and take the motorized canoe to head back to the entrance of the Cuyabeno Reserve for lunch. After lunch you will be transferred back to Lago Agrio meeting point making a stop at the airport for passengers that wish to transfer to Quito by plane. You will be at Lago Agrio meeting point around 3:00pm and from here you will hop on board your transfer back to Quito meeting point, arriving there at night. Once in Quito you will be picked up for a final transfer to your chosen accommodation. Upon arrival to your accommodation your journey comes to an end. We wish you safe travels for your journey ahead!

