

2017 Ecuador Program

OPTIONS FOR DAILY ACTIVITIES

OTAVALO

Otavalo Handicrafts(full day, private service including lunch)



Duration: 8 hours

Departures: Daily

Description:

This tour takes you to the north, to the land of the Otavalos and the most famous indigenous market in South America, along the Pan-American Highway, through mountains with stunning views, to the Otavalo textile market. Here guests will enjoy visiting the large number of stalls selling ponchos, shawls, blankets, tapestries, woven belts, hats, handbags and much more. Here the Otavalos sell their handicrafts in silence, in marked contrast with the noise in other markets; take your time to haggle over the best prices. Then we visit Peguche, a small indigenous town, very close to Otavalo, where artisans weave in their houses; the guests will be able to learn about their culture and lifestyle. Lunch is served in one of the *hosterías* (small hotels) or haciendas in the area. Return to Quito in the afternoon.

Included:

- Private transport with guide and driver.
- Full day departing from Quito.
- Lunch at *Puerto Lago* or *Hacienda Cusin*.
- A visit to a workshop where Andean instruments are made.

Not included:

- Drinks.
- Tips, personal expenses.

Recommendations

- Wear several layers of clothing (undershirt, shirt, sweater, jacket).
- Take a sweater even if the day is hot and sunny.
- Rain gear between February and May.
- Sunscreen (SPF 40).
- Comfortable walking shoes.
- Great chance to take pictures.

PRICES PER PERSON

Price per person	1	2	3	4-5	6-9	10-15	16-20	+21
	USD	USD	USD	USD	USD	USD	USD	USD
	331	202	160	132	110	104	87	84

Please note that:

- The order of the visits may change depending on the weather conditions and day of the week.
- This tour includes walks at a height of 2560 meters (8434 feet).

QUITO 1

Get to know Quito as a local (full day, private service including lunch)



Duration: 8 hours

Departures: Daily (except Sundays)

Description:

We walk through the Historic Center to visit with the people who live in the largest and best preserved colonial district in America. We start our day by meeting our local guide, who belongs to a NGO that designed a walking tour in the San Roque neighborhood. The guide takes us along nearby streets, visiting artisan shops, stores, hat makers' shops, the mill and traditional sweet confectioners. Going up Rocafuerte Street, we explore the San Francisco market, one of the oldest in Quito. Here we will learn about the fruits and vegetables grown in Ecuador and some cooking traditions. We will also have the opportunity of meeting and learning about a folk healer who uses local herbs in her treatments.

From the market, we walk down to the emblematic La Ronda Street, considered one of the flagship regeneration projects in the city. It is a quiet cobblestone street with typical balconies brimming with geraniums. Here we visit the *Manos en la Ronda* project to have a closer look at the artisans in their workshops. Then, we stop by the chocolatier on the ground floor, where we will enjoy a delicious aperitif and taste the best chocolate in the world—which is, of course, Ecuadorian!

From La Ronda we go north along the picturesque streets of the Historic Center up to *Plaza Grande*, the political heart of the city. After a brief explanation, we stroll to the Church of the Society of Jesus to admire its stunning gold-leaf interior. We go back to Plaza de San Francisco to visit the Franciscan church, the choir and the beautiful courtyards. Then we will enjoy a lunch of Ecuadorian specialties prepared by the talented chef of Casa Gangotena, located right in the Plaza.

In the afternoon, we visit the renowned Casa del Alabado Archeological Museum, within a restored 17th-century colonial mansion that houses a grand collection of pieces that are about 5,000 years old.

This tour also includes a visit to a viewpoint to admire the splendors of Quito and the Andes.

Included:

- Private tour with guide and driver.
- Full day departing from Quito.
- Lunch.
- **A visit to a chocolate factory where each guest will be given courtesy chocolate.**

Not included:

- Drinks, except those mentioned
- Personal expenses, tips.

Recommendations

- Wear several layers of clothing (undershirt, shirt, sweater, coat).
- Rain gear.
- Sunscreen (SPF 40).
- Comfortable walking shoes.
- A good camera.

PRICES PER PERSON

	1	2	3	4-5	6-9	10-15	16-20	+21
Price per person	USD 272	USD 181	USD 149	USD 131	USD 116	USD 108	USD 103	USD 98

Please note that:

- The order of the visits may change depending on the weather and day of the week.
- This tour includes walks at altitude.

QUITO 2

Cooking show (3 hours long, private service including lunch)



Duration: 3 hours

Departures: Daily

Description:

Welcome to an experience full of taste, color and creativity with Ecuadorian food.

A working table with all the ingredients of the selected option is placed in the restaurant as close to the kitchen as possible. The chef explains the cooking procedure, and guests are invited to participate in this experience. For safety reasons, guests will not be allowed to cut or chop with knives or enter the kitchen. All work will be done on the table placed in the restaurant.

The guests will be given a small recipe book detailing the ingredients and preparation procedure for the selected dishes. The chef will be with the group all the time, and the guide will translate the chef's explanations.

Included:

- Private service with guide and driver.
- Lunch.
- **While you are welcomed, you will be given a glass of refreshing chicha* with natural fruit and an apron to work together with the chef.**

* Alcoholic drink made with fermented maize.

Not included:

- Personal expenses.
- Drinks, tips.

PRICES PER PERSON

Price per person								
	N/A	N/A	USD 95	USD 84	USD 77	USD 75	USD 67	USD 67

Please note that:

- The tour operates every day.
- It does not include walking.

Recommendations

- Wear a coat or warm clothes.

QUITO 3

Historic Quito and Center of the World monument (Full day, private service including lunch)



Duration: 6 hours

Departures: Daily

Description:

Quito's colonial district is the largest and best preserved in South America, and was declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. We start our tour at the *Plaza de la Independencia*, which is surrounded by the Cathedral, the Presidential Palace, the Municipal Building and the Archbishop's Palace. We visit the Church of the Society of Jesus and its stunning gold-leaf interior. We then go to the Monastery of San Francisco, one of the main religious monuments in the New World, its impressive facade and atrium, its Baroque interior influenced by Moorish style with the Winged Virgin of Quito at the high altar.

We then go to the Equatorial monument, at 25 km north of Quito, which marks the exact division between the northern and southern hemispheres, 0° latitude, where you can stand with one foot on each hemisphere. By the monument lies a colonial town with its main plaza, church, post office, bullring, restaurants, and many souvenir and postcard shops. At the end of the tour, you will be given a certificate for having crossed the equatorial line. Lunch will be served at one of the excellent restaurants in the area.

Included:

- Private service with guide and driver.
- Lunch.
- Tickets.
- **We will visit the Sitio Intiñan Museum, including an interactive tour where you can take part in experiments at zero latitude.**

Not included:

- Meals, drinks, tips.
- Personal expenses.

Recommendations

- Wear several layers of clothing (undershirt, shirt, sweater, coat).
- Bring a sweater even if the day is warm and sunny.
- Rain gear for the afternoon.
- Sunscreen (SPF 40).
- Comfortable walking shoes.
- Women should not wear shorts or miniskirts as visits to churches are included.
- Good opportunity to buy souvenirs and local handicrafts.

PRICES PER PERSON

Price per person	1	2	3	4-5	6-9	10 - 15	16 -20	+21
	USD	USD	USD	USD	USD	USD	USD	USD
	386	226	171	139	118	100	89	84

Please note that:

- The tour operates daily from Quito.
- It includes walks at an altitude of 2800 meters (9200 feet) and climbing steps.
- Tourist visits to churches are not allowed on Sundays.

COTOPAXI

Cotopaxi National Park by train (Full day, private service including lunch)



Duration: 8 hours

Departures: Thursday through Sunday

Description:

Transfer from hotel to the train station. The adventure begins at Chimbacalle Station, in the south of Quito, which has been restored to its former glory for the centennial celebration of the arrival in Quito, in 1908, of the Guayaquil & Quito Railway Co. first steam locomotive, which connected Ecuador main cities (Guayaquil and Quito) and became the backbone for profound changes in Ecuador's politics and economy as well as in Ecuadorians' lives.

Here the train is ready to take the travellers on a tour through the spectacular Ecuadorian Andean region. The evergreen landscape of the Ecuadorian highlands is one of the main attractions, along valleys and mountains covered by multicolored fields. The train stops along the way at several renovated stations, an opportunity to learn about the story of the train and meet local people.

Then the travelers leave the train to continue to the south by bus along the Panamerican Highway, heading for the Cotopaxi National Park, an ecological sanctuary of 36,000 hectares, home to the impressive 5897 meters-high Cotopaxi volcano. After the park entrance, the tour continues along a path for about an hour. After this there is an introductory briefing about the habitat of the Andean *páramo*—or moorland—with its unique flora and fauna at the small Interpretation Center set up for that purpose. The trip continues to Limpiopungo Lagoon where it is possible to find a variety of Andean birds and occasionally wild horses. On a clear day it is possible to see the Cotopaxi Volcano as a magnificent backdrop. A short hike in the surroundings of the lagoon provides an up close view of the Andean flora. Lunch is served at an hacienda or at a restaurant in the area before heading back to Quito in the afternoon by bus.

Included:

- Private service with guide and driver.
- Train ticket.
- Lunch in the area.

Not included:

- Beverages.
- Personal expenses, tips.

PRICE PER PERSON

Price per person	1	2	3	4-5	6-9	10 - 15	16 -20	+21
	USD. 386	USD. 226	USD. 172	USD. 139	USD. 118	USD. 100	USD. 90	USD. 84

Recommendations

- Warm clothes (jacket, coat, sweater) and hat or cap.
- Sunscreen (SPF 40) even when cloudy.
- Good hiking footwear (no sandals).
- Camera.
- Binoculars.
- Sunglasses.
- Altitude: 2800 to 4000 meters.
- Average daytime temperature: 5° to 20° C (40° to 68° F).
- No short pants!

Please note that

- The train is operated by the *Empresa Ecuatoriana de Ferrocarriles*. Operation and schedules are subject to change without prior notice.
- Train tickets with reserved seats are bought in advance for our guests.
- The tour includes a Metropolitan Touring guide licensed to accompany our travellers in the Cotopaxi National Park.
- This tour involves walking at an average altitude of 3900m, or 12,000 ft.

GALAPAGOS ABOARD THE SANTA CRUZ II CRUISE



Description

We invite you to discover some of the most beautiful islands of the Galapagos Archipelago. Our itinerary begins at the white-sand beach Las Bachas on Santa Cruz Island. This beach has a couple of brackish water lagoons only a few steps from the sea. These lagoons serve as feeding grounds for various wading birds including herons and flamingos. On Tuesday we explore two fascinating sites on Santiago Island: Caleta Bucanero (Buccaneer Cove) home to a large number of marine birds, sea lions and inter-tidal organisms, and Puerto Egas, with amazing places for snorkeling and swimming. The next day we visit the red-sand beach of Rabida Island, a popular place for swimming, with a lovely trail around some cliffs. Later we head on to the famous viewpoint of Bartolome Island. Here we can enjoy a hike, a swim and explore its coast. From here we sail northeast to the sunken crater of Genovesa Island, a breathtaking place which is home to thousands of marine birds. We finish in Puerto Baquerizo Moreno, the capital of the province of Galapagos. Wherever we sail, the entire crew of the Santa Cruz will do their best to make your stay on board memorable.

Included:

- All meals.
- Island sightseeing.
- Snorkeling gear.
- Transfers in/out in the islands.
- Bilingual guide.
- Luggage handling.

Not included:

- Air transportation to/from Galapagos (approximately USD 498,00 per foreign adult, USD 433,00 per Ecuadorian adult).
- Tips.
- Beverages, personal expenses.
- Galapagos National Park entrance fee (USD100 per foreign adult, USD 6,00 per Ecuadorian adult).
- Migration Control Card (USD 20 per passenger) subject to change without previous notice).

PRICE PER PERSON

Price per person	
	USD. 2631

Name of the Tour

SANTA CRUZ II Northern Galapagos 5 Days / 4 Nights (Monday to Friday)
Itinerary

Day 1 - BALTRA / SANTA CRUZ

Monday: Baltra Island / Las Bachas (Santa Cruz Island)

We land at Baltra Island in the morning; transfer to the dock to board the Santa Cruz, introductory briefing, emergency drill for passengers (*zafarrancho*) and lunch.

Las Bachas (Santa Cruz Island)

This beautiful visitor site is located on the north shore of Santa Cruz Island, a stunning white-sand beach with several brackish water lagoons only a few steps away from the sea. These lagoons are the feeding grounds of various wading birds, including herons and flamingos. Back on board for a welcome cocktail, expedition plan for Tuesday and dinner.



Day 2 – SANTIAGO

Tuesday: Buccaneer Cove-/Puerto Egas (Santiago Island)

After breakfast, we explore the coastline along the spectacular cliffs of Buccaneer Cove, learning about the area's distant and recent history. The cove is home to a large number of marine birds, sea lions, and inter-tidal organisms. We enjoy fantastic natural formations such as the "Elephant Rock", "The Bishop" and an amazing natural cave. This is also a great site for snorkeling and a panga ride along the coast.

Puerto Egas (Santiago Island)

Once we disembark on the beach, we can swim or snorkel along a rocky shoreline, usually in the company of sea turtles. From here, we continue with our walk, a great opportunity to watch land and marine birds amid a landscape of tuff-stone layers and lava flows. At low tide, marine iguanas feed upon the algae beds and we can also see a colony of fur seals.



Day 3 - RABIDA / BARTOLOME

Wednesday: Playa Roja (Rabida Island)/Bartolome Island

Some groups can enjoy a fascinating panga ride along the coast while other groups disembark on Rabida Island's reddish-sand beach, which owes its color to the unusually high content of iron in the volcanic material. Our walk brings us close to a large colony of sea lions, marine iguanas, mockingbirds, yellow warblers and several species of Darwin's

finches. Very close to the beach, a brackish water pond hosts American flamingos migrating to this place at certain times of the year. This is a great place to snorkel from the beach, both for beginning and experienced snorkelers, and has a unique combination of underwater species and submarine landscapes. Non-snorkelers can enjoy a ride on either the glass-bottom boat or a panga. Dolphins are often spotted during the navigation to our next island.

Bartolome Island

Activities start with a wet landing on the golden-sand beach of this famous island dominated by the imposing Pinnacle Rock. Snorkeling and swimming from the beach is amazing, plus the chance of exploring the seabed on board our glass-bottom boat. After returning to the boat, we split into two groups. One of the groups lands for a hike to the summit of this tiny island that boasts fantastic views of the archipelago. This is a moderately steep climb aided by a wooden staircase, resting platforms and handrails. The view from the top is worth the effort! The second group takes to the pangas along the shoreline. Then the groups swap activities.



Day 4 – GENOVESA

Thursday: El Barranco/ Darwin Bay (Genovesa Island)

The morning starts with a steep climb up some stairs to reach a flat plateau. Along our walk, we can observe large colonies of Nazca boobies, red-footed boobies, frigate birds and storm petrels. Those not wishing to disembark can enjoy a longer panga ride along the cliffs (depending on weather conditions).

Darwin Bay (Genovesa Island)

In the afternoon, we land at a beautiful beach to enjoy some swimming and/or snorkeling. Later, we take an easy stroll to observe hundreds of birds, mainly frigate birds, red-footed and Nazca boobies, gulls, herons, finches and mockingbirds.



Day 5 - SAN CRISTOBAL

Friday: Puerto Baquerizo Moreno (San Cristobal Island)

After breakfast, there is an optional visit to the Cerro Colorado giant tortoise breeding center. Here, we learn about this endangered species and its recovery. After this visit, we return to town and then head for the airport to take the flight back to the mainland.



Please note the following:

- The route and the itinerary may change due to the National Park policies and regulations, weather conditions, seasonal changes, safety reasons or encounters with wild animals.
- You are kindly requested to follow all directions. Lifejackets are mandatory for all panga rides between the ship and the shore.
- There are two kinds of landings on the islands:
- Dry landing: passengers can step out of the panga directly on to the dock or rocks.
- Wet landing: the panga approaches the beach and passengers step out of the panga in shallow (up to 20 cm deep) water and walk to the shore.
- Due to the islands' remote location, internet connections may be intermittent and low-bandwidth.

Recommendations

WHAT TO WEAR AND TO TAKE?

- *For the evening:* casual clothes. For dinner guests are asked not to wear shorts, swimsuits or sleeveless T-shirts.

- For walks: shorts of light cotton trousers; T-shirts or light long-sleeved cotton shirts (to protect from the sun).
- Rubber sole comfortable walking shoes.
- Sandals.
- Wind jackets.
- Hat or cap.
- Swimsuits.
- Scarves to protect the neck from the sun.
- Sunglasses (with retainers).
- Reading glasses or lenses + saline solution.
- Sunscreen (SPF30 or higher).
- Insect repellent (Mosquitoes are not vectors (carriers) for diseases).
- Toiletries.
- Any medicine you are taking at the moment.
- Re-sealable zipper storage bags (like Ziploc). They are always useful for various purposes.
- Still/video camera kit, with enough memory, batteries or charger.
- Lip sun protection (SPF 30 or higher).
- Laptop or tablet (Wifi available on board).

AMAZONÍA

NAPO WILDIFE CENTER



Description

The Napo Wildlife Center, NWC Amazon Lodge, is the greatest and ultimate alternative ecohotel in Amazonian Ecuador. The objective of this ecotourism project is the conservation of approximately over 21,400 hectares of the most pristine Amazon rainforest within the Yasuní National Park, an important UNESCO "Biosphere Reserve" and the largest tract of tropical rainforest in Ecuador.

Included:

- All meals.
- Canoe transfers.
- Excursions with native and naturalist guides.

Not included:

- Beverages.
- Tips and personal expenses.
- Unscheduled canoe transfers.
- Air transportation Quito-Coca-Quito.
- Should air transportation be required, there will be an extra cost of USD 206.00 per Ecuadorian or foreign adult.

PRICE PER PERSON

Price per person	
	USD. 1015

Napo Wildlife Center 4Days 3Nights

Itinerary

Day 1 – NAPO

We depart from Quito, on a 30-minute flight to Coca (Francisco de Orellana) over the eastern Andes mountain range. Upon arrival, around mid-morning and after airport procedures, we transfer on *chiva* (local bus) or taxi from the airport to the port on the Napo river to embark on comfortable covered canoes powered by overboard motors. The canoe ride along the Napo river takes about 2½ hours and includes lunch box en route. On the way to the hotel it is possible to spot birds such as herons, kingfishers, terns, beach birds and other species. After arriving at NWC's entry dock at the confluence of the Napo river and Añanguyacu, we disembark for restroom facilities and start the second part of the ride which takes about 1½ hour on small canoes called *quillas* (dugouts), paddled by community guides and their helpers. The paddling along a narrow dark-water Amazonian river that connects to the lagoon where the NWC lodge is located is the best introduction to the tropical rainforest: monkeys and birds like toucans and macaws and the dense vegetation along the shore drive our imagination to a fairy world. The confluence with the quiet waters of Añangucocha lagoon is the prelude to our arrival and the spectacular view of the hotel. After a refreshing drink, guests are shown to their comfortable cabanas. After dinner, we have the option to sail around the lagoon and enjoy the natural sounds typical of this lovely spot at night.

Day 2 – NAPO

Early wake up to reach the easiest access parrot clay licks in Ecuador, about 1 hour away from the lodge. Guests get to the first clay lick between 7:30 and 8:30 just before parrot activity kicks off there. A lot of parrots of several species can be seen eating mineralized clay. Then, there follows a half-hour hike through terra firma forest to reach the second clay lick, where parrots start their activity at about 9:00 to 12:00 am. In these places it is possible to find about 11 different species of parrots, parakeets and sometimes even macaws. This visit depends on weather conditions but it is usually successful. Lunch is served at the interpretation center and after a restful break we learn about the Kichwa culture, their traditions, crafts, and ancient methods of handling and using natural resources, directly from the community people. Late afternoon arrival at the lodge.

Day 3 – NAPO

After early breakfast, we depart at dawn from the lodge to the forest canopy tower on the Napo. This 36m-high canopy tower, which is 20 minutes from the lodge, was opened to visitors in November 2004 and is an excellent way to experience the life from the top of the trees. The galvanized metal tower was constructed to the highest quality and safety standards, and personally inspected by its builders. As we ascend the 12-story tower, we pass through different levels of the forest. Once on top you cross onto a wooden platform which was built by specialists on the top of a huge ceiba and experience the magnificent view. It is possible to see flocks of colorful tanagers, macaws, toucans, monkeys and other

species that live in the trees, early at dawn and before sunset. Birds that are virtually impossible to see from the forest floor far below are easily sighted. The canopy tower opens up a whole new world to the guests of the Napo Wildlife Center and endless opportunities to observe from the top the tropical rain forest. There is a second tower at the Napo Wildlife Center, attached to the dining hall which allows great views of the lagoon. In the afternoon, we explore the terra firma primary forest to discover the inner life of the forest and enhance the possibilities of finding lizards, colorful manakins and even the golden-mantled tamarin monkey. After the hike, we explore the lagoon and surrounding creeks in the hope of running into giant otters which have occasionally been sighted in this stunning area.

Day 4 – NAPO

Early departure and last excursion canoeing along the dark-water river back to the Napo river, with possible new sightings of giant otters, saki monkeys (or flying monkeys) and other rare birds. At the docking area we may use the restrooms before embarking on a motorized canoe to go back to Coca, a ride that takes approximately 2 hours, in order to check in for Coca–Quito flight, which will be scheduled according to the airline’s departure details and arrangements. Return to Quito or flight to your new destination

Please note the following

- This is a sample itinerary subject to change due to weather conditions, safety and particular interests of guests and groups. Changes and additions may be made in order to maximize wildlife sightings, cultural interaction with local people and wilderness enjoyment in this richest rain forest area in the Yasuní National Park.
- The driest months are November, December and January and the heaviest rains come in February, March, April and May. There is a time in the year when the temperature drops to 17°C / 62°F in the forest for about a week; this is known as “the cold spell” when the influence of winds from Antarctica cools the Amazon basin.
- Operating days are Monday through Saturday (Sunday is excluded).

Recommendations

- Passport and personal documents.
- Comfortable walking footwear, sandals.
- Rubber boots. Rain ponchos (provided as a courtesy).
- Light long trousers. No jeans.
- Long-sleeved shirts: 3 or 4.
- Sweater or softshell jacket.
- A pair of socks per day.
- Shorts: 2 or 3.
- Undershirts: 3 or 4.
- Swimsuit.
- Cotton underpants.
- Hat, cap.
- Sunscreen.
- Sunglasses.
- Flashlight with spare batteries.

- Binoculars (available for rent on board).
- Plastic or waterproof bags.
- Camera with spare battery and memories.
- Insect repellent.

Mashpi Lodge



Description:

The Mashpi Lodge is set in a private reserve in the heart of the Ecuadorian Chocó bioregion which is regarded as one of the world's biodiversity "hotspots". It is surrounded by mountains covered by dense vegetation, home to thousands of diverse flora and fauna species, many of them unique and endemic to this area. Mashpi Lodge was built with the latest techniques and materials in sustainable building, having in mind solid and sound environmental and social practices. At Mashpi Lodge, nature meets luxury for an exclusive number of privileged guests, and scientific research in the area is strongly supported. This paradise of the highest international standards of lodging and service, where we can enjoy breathtaking excursions and activities in a unique ecosystem as well as excellent guides and staff, is only three hours' drive from Quito.

Included:

- Accomodation.
- All meals and soft drinks.
- Guided tours within the reserve, with Spanish-speaking local guides.
- Specialized talks.
- Rubber boots and rain ponchos.
- Transfers in and out on a shared basis (Quito-Mashpi-Quito). Taxes: 14% VAT, 10% Services.

Not included:

- Tips.
- Bar (alcoholic drinks).
- Spa.
- Boutique purchases, gifts and additional items.
- Dragonfly: USD 40 plus tax per adult, USD20 plus tax per child.

PRICE PER PERSON

Wayra Room including taxes per night, per double room

Price per person	
	USD. 652

PRICE PER PERSON

Yaku Suite including taxes per night, per double room

Price per person	
	USD. 783

Useful facts

- Distance from Quito: 110 km (69 miles).
- Temperature: 22°C /71°F; maximum daytime temperature: 25°C/77°F; minimum night-time temperature: 18C/64F.
- Rainfall: 6,000 mm annually.
- Months with least rainfall: July to September.
- Altitude: 1,500-900 meters above sea level.
- Electricity: 110 volts (220 volts in certain areas only).
- Number of bird species identified to date: 310.

Accommodation

- 22 rooms – 44 guests.

Wayra Rooms

- All 19 Wayra rooms are 34 m2.
- 15 of these rooms have full-size beds
- 4 rooms have king-size beds and an extra single bed can be added in any of these rooms.
- There are 3 pairs of inter-connecting king and twin bed rooms, which is ideal for families or groups of friends.
- Two pairs are on the second floor and one pair on the ground floor.

Services and facilities

- Jacuzzi.
- Massage and treatment room.
- Laundry service.
- Boutique.
- Paramedic: 24 hours.
- Wi Fi.
- Air conditioning.
- Reading room with extensive collection of books on the birds of the area.

- Rubber boots, rain ponchos.
- Terrace.
- Dining room.
- Bar.
- Non-smoking hotel.
- Emergency electricity generator.
- Fire fighting and prevention systems
- Lobby with flat screen TV.

Activities:

Life Center

Located near the lodge, the life center was conceived as a place for learning and discovery, but also as a place where guests can disconnect, contemplate the views, lie down on a hammock or read a book. In the center guests will learn more about the butterflies and plants that inhabit the region; they will be shown the metamorphosis process of a butterfly, which includes four stages: from egg to larva (or caterpillar), to chrysalis (or pupa) and then to a beautiful adult.

Trails

There are walks along hiking trails with varying degrees of difficulty.

Observation Tower

The observation tower, with a height of 30 meters, 140 steps and 11 floors, is the ideal place to appreciate all the protected forest and its diverse vegetation.

Night walks

Exciting night walks reveal different types of insects, amphibians, reptiles and other nocturnal animals. It is also possible to find bioluminescent fungi.

Sky bike

The sky bike, an original and exciting way to explore the forest canopy, is unique in Ecuador and Latin America and is the guests' favorite activity. It runs along a 200m cable, about 60m up from the forest floor at its midpoint. From here, "cyclists" can see the top of the trees and different kinds of orchids and birds.

Hummingbird viewpoint

In order to make it easier to see these amazing creatures, there is a shelter with seats, provided with bird waterers hanging from the top. The site is located at a natural viewpoint which, on a clear day, provides breathtaking views of the reserve's forested hills.

Visit to Waterfalls

Visiting the various waterfalls near the lodge is one of the activities offered to the guests.

Water temperature of rivers and falls ranges between 18°C and 20°C

PRICES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGES AND AVAILABILITY UNTIL RESERVES ARE CONFIRMED

**THANKS FOR CHOOSING US. WE WILL MAKE YOUR TRIP AN
UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE!**