



Napo Wildlife Centre

The Napo Wildlife Centre is one of the longest-established eco-lodges in Ecuador and for years has coupled superb comfort and facilities with some of the most amazing Amazon adventures possible - we think it's fabulous and we're sure you will too!



Sitting on the banks of the Anangucocha lake, the Napo Lodge project includes the conservation of almost 82 square miles of pristine Amazon jungle within the Yasuni National Park. Built in partnership with the local Anangu community, the Napo offers the most complete facilities of any of Ecuador's Amazon lodges, such as 24-hour electricity, on-demand hot water and large, luxurious cabins, all in the middle of one of the most bio-diverse areas on earth.

The lodge has its own 125-foot observation tower and so when you're not enjoying walks or canoe-trips through the jungle you can enjoy stunning views from the tower, or just swim in the beautiful freshwater lake.



Day One - Into the jungle

After breakfast this morning, we will pick you up and take you back to the airport for a flight across the Andes and down into the Amazon basin. We will land in the jungle town of Coca, from where we will head to the river to continue our journey deep into the Amazon basin by motorized covered canoe. On our journey down the Napo river, we will have plentiful opportunities to see wildlife such as hawks, large- and yellow-billed terns, and hopefully even the famous "umbrella" bird. After a two-hour trip downriver, we will arrive at the entrance to the Yasuni Biosphere

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reserve, and transfer to smaller canoes for the journey up a small tributary of the Napo to the shores of Añangu Lake, where the Napo Wildlife Centre is situated. We will show to your cabin and leave you to relax ahead of dinner this evening.



Day Two - Clay licks and Parrots

Today we will visit two of the best clay licks in the Ecuadorean Amazon, in the company of our expert local guides. After breakfast we will travel downstream again to visit the first lick, located just away from the main Napo River. We will be able to watch and get some amazing photos as hundreds of brightly-coloured parrots arrive to eat the clay which provides much-needed minerals to supplement their diets. From our specially-designed concealed blind, we can watch all the different species of Parrots (particularly Mealy, Orange-winged and blue-headed parrots) squawk and fight it out for the best spots! When the activity at the first lick dies down, head over to the second lick, located deeper in the forest. Here, Cobalt-winged parakeets, Orange-cheeked parrots and Scarlet-shouldered parrotlets land at the entrance to a small cave to eat the clay and sip water from a pool. Birds begin arriving here in the late morning, and as the parrots enjoy their lunch we will be able to enjoy lunch here as well, from the security of another concealed viewing blind.



Day Three - Añangu Lake

Today we will head out onto the pristine waters of Añangu Lake. Giant otters inhabit the lake and surrounding streams, and you may encounter a family fishing in the morning or resting in the afternoon. There is also a good chance of seeing some of the 4m-long Black Caimans that live in the lake and you will see many birds and monkeys in the trees around you. After our lake trip, we will explore some of the the forest trails around the lodge area with your guide. This rich, lush primary rainforest is filled with exotic wildlife, including the golden-mantled tamarin, found only on the south side of the Napo. If you get really lucky, you might even spot a Jaguar or a Tapir!



Day Four - Back to Quito

After our final jungle breakfast this morning, we will pick you up and take you back downriver to Coca for the flight back up to Quito. On arrival, we'll take you back to your hotel so you can get ready to head out and continue your holiday in Ecuador.

A stay at the Napo Wildlife Centre can be added on to any of our holidays in Ecuador and you can stay for as long as you like!

Our price for the sample itinerary given here is **£650 per person**. This price is based on two people sharing a double or twin room and includes all the following:

- Three nights accommodation at the Napo Wildlife Centre
- All transfers
- All meals at Napo Wildlife Centre
- Flights Quito-Coca-Quito
- All entrance fees
- All activities while at the Napo Wildlife Centre



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