



HARPY EAGLE TOUR

A CONSERVATION EXPERIENCE
IN THE HEART OF YASUNÍ

8 DAY AND 7 NIGHT EXPEDITION

YASUNÍ NATIONAL PARK – ECUADORIAN AMAZON



EXPERIENCE

Harpy Eagle Tour is an exclusive expedition designed to responsibly bring you closer to the environment of one of the most extraordinary birds of prey in the Amazon. With groups of up to six people and the accompaniment of a private bilingual naturalist guide, you will enjoy an intimate and personalized experience from Yasuní Ecolodge, exploring rivers, terra firme forests, and diverse ecosystems of Yasuní National Park, within the territory of the Kichwa Añangu Community.

During the journey, you will visit the Harpy Eagle nest observation area, where you will learn about the habitat of this emblematic species and the conservation efforts that make its protection possible. The experience is conducted under strict conservation protocols, respecting silence, established distances, and the guides' instructions to protect the well-being of the eagle, its chick, and the natural environment that makes its survival possible.





First Harpy Eagle chick recorded at this nesting site, a symbol of the success of community-led conservation.

THE RETURN OF THE HARPY EAGLE: A STORY OF CONSERVATION AND HOPE

For the second consecutive year, the Harpy Eagle has chosen the protected territory of the Kichwa Añangu Community to nest. Its return represents much more than an extraordinary wildlife encounter: it confirms that a well-conserved forest can continue to provide refuge, food, and the necessary conditions for the reproduction of one of the Amazon's most emblematic and threatened birds of prey.

This species requires extensive areas of mature rainforest, large trees, and healthy ecosystems to survive. Its presence within the territory of the Kichwa Añangu Community reflects the community's commitment to forest protection, biodiversity conservation, and the development of a responsible tourism model that helps preserve this territory for future generations.

Observation is conducted under strict conservation protocols. Remaining silent, respecting the established distances, and following our guides' instructions at all times helps reduce any impact and protect the well-being of the eagle and its chick. Each responsible visit supports the conservation efforts led by the Kichwa Añangu Community.

DAY 1

After a rewarding 30-minute flight over the eastern Andes mountain range to the city of Puerto Francisco de Orellana, "El Coca," followed by a 10-minute transfer in private transportation, we will welcome you at our private dock. Here, you will have the opportunity to take a break, use the restrooms, and enjoy a refreshing beverage.

From this point, an approximately two-hour journey begins along the Napo River aboard our spacious, covered, luxury motorboats, designed to provide a comfortable and safe transfer. During the journey, you will receive a box lunch to enjoy before arriving at Yasuní Ecolodge.

Upon arriving at Yasuní Ecolodge, you will discover the ancestral territory of the Kichwa Añangu Community, in the heart of Yasuní National Park.

Our team will welcome you with a traditional guayusa beverage and snacks, while our manager provides information about the lodge's services before accompanying you to your comfortable cabin overlooking the Amazon rainforest. After some time to rest, you can prepare for the first activity of the afternoon.

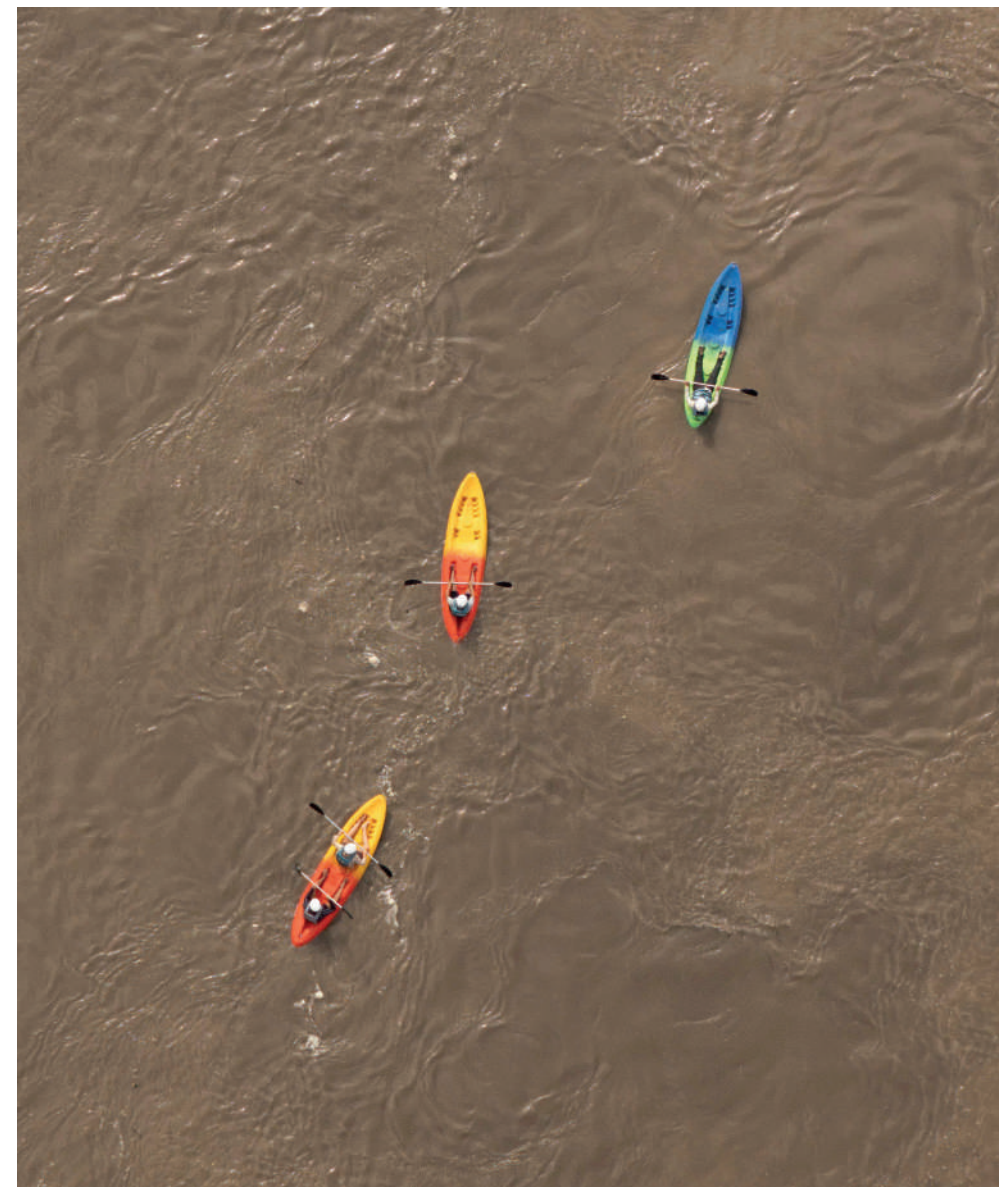
We will take a walk to the observation tower, which rises 40 meters high, with great possibilities of spotting colorful birds, howler monkeys, squirrel monkeys, toucans, parrots, and even sloths. In addition, from the top, you will enjoy one of the most spectacular views of the Amazon sunset.

As an alternative, you may choose a sunset kayak excursion to admire the magical colors of the sky reflected in the waters of the majestic Napo River.

At the end, you will return to the lodge to freshen up and rest in your cabin before enjoying a delicious Amazonian dinner that will bring your first day of adventure to a perfect close.

DIFFICULTY: Low

MEALS: - / Box lunch / Dinner



DAY 2

After breakfast, we will travel by motorboat to one of the most emblematic places in the Yasuní Biosphere Reserve: the Parrot and Parakeet Clay Lick, located on the banks of the Napo River.

We will arrive at the first clay lick and wait in the motorboat until the intense morning activity of the parrots begins, allowing us to observe them descending in groups and feeding on the minerals of the wall. At this location, there is the possibility of spotting various species, including the Mealy Parrot, Blue-headed Parrot, Yellow-crowned Amazon, and Dusky-headed Parakeet.

We will then continue the excursion through a terra firme forest, walking for approximately 20 minutes until we reach a second clay lick frequented by parrots, parakeets, and macaws. This site belongs to and is protected by the Kichwa Añangu Community and represents one of the most important wildlife observation points within its territory. If weather conditions are favorable, there is also the possibility of observing various species of birds and mammals.

Afterwards, we will continue along a forest trail to visit the Kuri Muyu Interpretation Center, which means "golden seed" in the native language, a space managed by the women of the community, known as the mamakunas. Here, you will learn more about Kichwa culture, its traditions, music, dances, and the ancestral use of

natural resources directly from members of the Añangu Community. The visit includes time to explore the handicraft shop, where unique handmade pieces created by members of the community are displayed and available for purchase as a way to support their work and creativity.

After visiting the Kuri Muyu Interpretation Center, we will return to the lodge to enjoy lunch, followed by a short time to rest.

In the afternoon, we will take a walk along a trail or the terra firme local road, an ideal activity for primate observation, with the possibility of spotting Golden-mantled Tamarins and Red Titi Monkeys, representative species of this area.

After dinner, prepare your flashlight for a night walk along the nearby trails, an experience that allows you to discover another side of the rainforest. During the walk, there is the possibility of observing insects, reptiles, arachnids, and amphibians as the forest comes to life after sunset.

DIFFICULTY: Moderate

MEALS: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner



DAY 3

We will begin the expedition toward the Harpy Eagle nest observation area. The journey combines navigation by paddle canoe and a walk along a terra firme forest trail, passing through an environment of lush vegetation.

Upon arriving at the observation area, we will remain at a safe distance and in complete silence to respect the natural behavior of this emblematic bird of prey and avoid interfering with its nesting process. With some luck, there will be the possibility of observing the chick or one of the adults around the nest, providing a unique wildlife observation experience in its natural habitat.

After this visit, we will continue toward Napo Wildlife Center, once again following the Tiputini Trail and navigating by canoe along the Añangu River. This lodge, also managed by the Kichwa Añangu Community, is recognized for its commitment to conservation, biodiversity, and the protection of one of the most extraordinary ecosystems in the Ecuadorian Amazon.

Upon arriving at the lodge, you will be able to enjoy its facilities and a lunch prepared with fresh ingredients from the region.

In the afternoon, we will begin the return journey to Yasuní Ecolodge, bringing to a close a day filled with nature, discoveries, and connection with the Amazon.

DIFFICULTY: Moderate

MEALS: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner



MAIN ACTIVITIES: Visit to the harpy eagle observation area, visit to the observation tower, guided forest walk, paddled canoe excursion, wildlife observation and birdwatching.

DAY 4

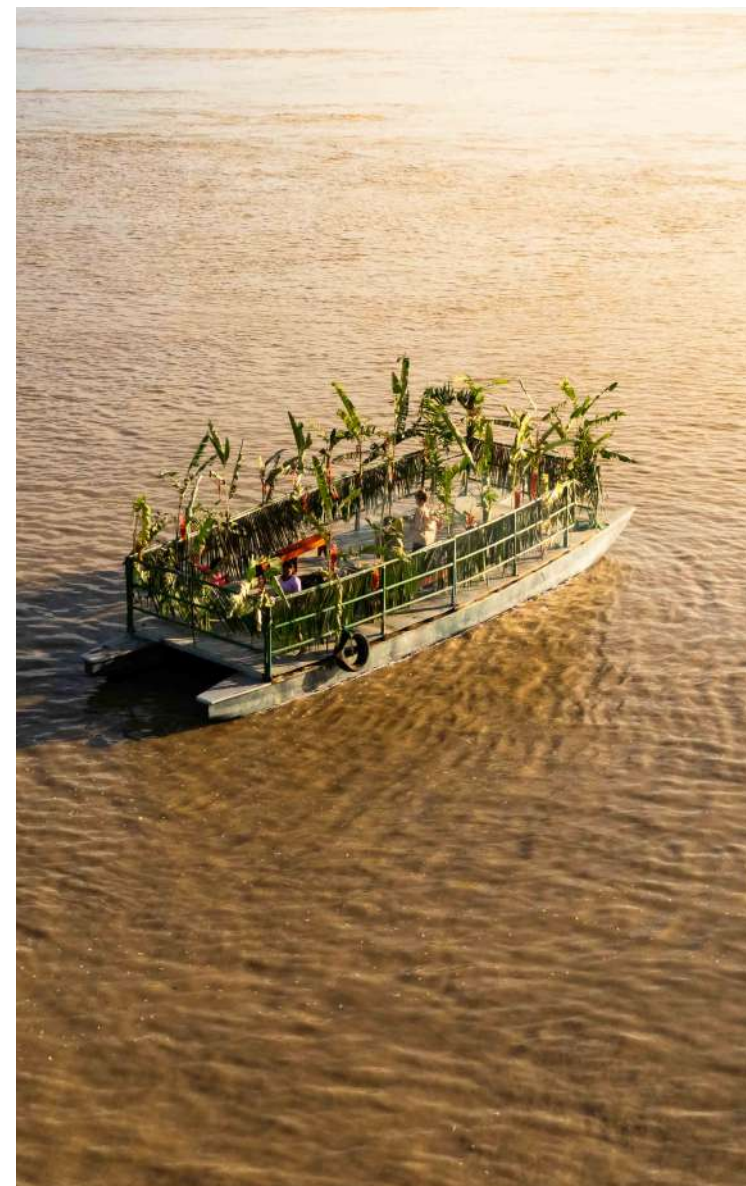
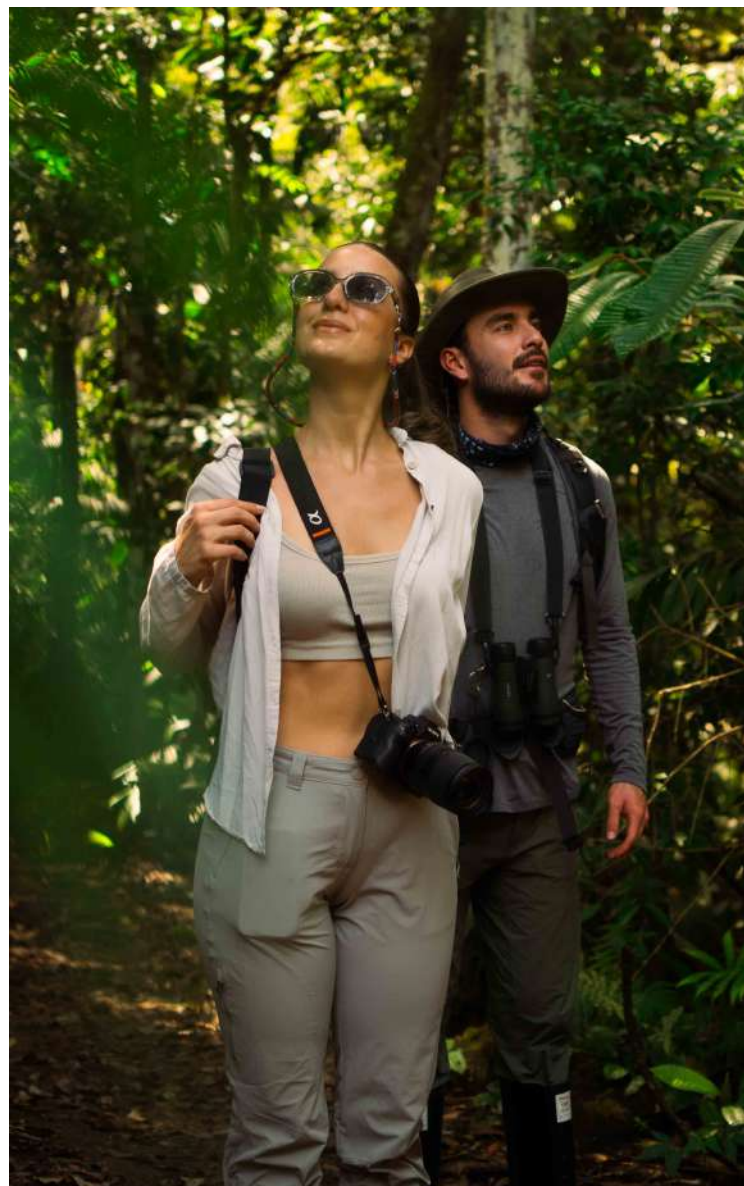
Enjoy the sunrise during breakfast before departing by motorboat toward the entrance of the Añangu River, a blackwater ecosystem that extends for 6 km (3.5 miles) deep into an Amazon rainforest completely protected from human influence. From this point, we will transfer to one of our paddle canoes, beginning one of the most representative experiences in the area. Our staff will take care of paddling while you enjoy a quiet and serene journey along a narrow creek, an ideal setting for wildlife observation. During the journey, there is the possibility of spotting monkeys and birds and exploring a suitable habitat for caimans and otters, which often inhabit these calm bodies of water.

Afterwards, we will return to the lodge to enjoy a delicious lunch and have time to rest.

In the afternoon, you will have the option to choose the activity that best suits your pace: visit an observation tower, from where privileged views of the Amazon canopy can be enjoyed and there is a good chance of observing birds and primates, or navigate the river aboard the ancestral catamaran, a peaceful experience that allows you to enjoy the scenery and learn more about the traditional legends and songs of Kichwa culture.

DIFFICULTY: Moderate

MEALS: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner



MAIN ACTIVITIES: Paddle canoe ride, wildlife observation, visit to an observation tower, and navigation aboard the ancestral catamaran (optional).

DAY 5

Begin the day with breakfast before putting on your rubber boots and venturing into the terra firme forest along the Samona Trail. During the walk, you will pass through areas of primary forest with centuries-old ceiba trees and dense vegetation, with the possibility of observing capuchin monkeys, woolly monkeys, and saki monkeys moving through the trees. Throughout the journey, the guides will help you identify tropical insects, tracks, and other signs of the wildlife that inhabits this ecosystem.

The exploration continues through a blackwater creek, where the surroundings change and offer a new perspective of the forest. This peaceful and quiet journey allows you to closely appreciate the biodiversity of flora and fauna associated with these aquatic environments.

After enjoying a refreshing beverage and a delicious lunch, the afternoon continues with a journey along the Napo River, ideal for birdwatching and admiring the colors of the sunset over the rainforest.

During the journey, you will have the option to swim in the river (optional activity). If you wish to do so, you can arrange it in advance with your guide, who will plan the appropriate time for you to enjoy this refreshing experience and end the day in direct contact with nature.

DIFFICULTY: Medium / Moderate

MEALS: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner



DAY 6

On this day, we will visit the Kichwa Añangu Community, where you will experience an authentic cultural exchange by spending time with a local family. During the experience, you will learn about their customs, myths, stories, and ancestral knowledge.

In addition, you will have the opportunity to harvest some products that will later be used in the preparation of a traditional lunch. This encounter will allow you to understand their way of life and the close relationship they maintain with nature.

In the afternoon, we will take part in the chocolate and cacao experience, an interactive activity in which you will learn about the traditional chocolate-making process, from harvesting and preparing the cacao to obtaining the final product. In addition, you will discover the importance of this tropical fruit in the culture, diet, and daily life of the community.

At the end of the day, we will return to the lodge to enjoy a delicious dinner and have time to relax and rest, bringing the day to a close in a peaceful atmosphere surrounded by the rainforest of the Ecuadorian Amazon.

DIFFICULTY: Low

MEALS: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner



MAIN ACTIVITIES: Cultural and gastronomic exchange, cacao experience, and chocolate tasting.

DAY 7

After breakfast, we will prepare for a full day of exploration, traveling through a wide variety of ecosystems within Yasuní National Park. The day begins with a paddle canoe ride along the Añangu River, a quiet journey that offers a new opportunity to observe birds, monkeys, and aquatic predators such as caimans and otters as we travel through the territory of the Kichwa Añangu Community.

By mid-morning, we will arrive at the beginning of the Tiputini Trail, where we will begin an immersive walk through the terra firme forest, one of the richest and best-preserved ecosystems in the Ecuadorian Amazon. Before entering, the guides will provide an introduction to the route, along with recommendations and safety measures. Throughout the journey, you will be accompanied by naturalist guides and members of the Kichwa Añangu Community, who will interpret the surroundings and share knowledge about the flora, fauna, and ecological importance of this extraordinary forest.

Along the trail, we will pass through areas of primary forest with towering trees, lianas, and dense vegetation that shelters a remarkable diversity of species. In this area, there is the possibility of observing spider monkeys and woolly monkeys, species that are threatened in other regions but maintain healthy populations here thanks to the conservation of the territory and community management.

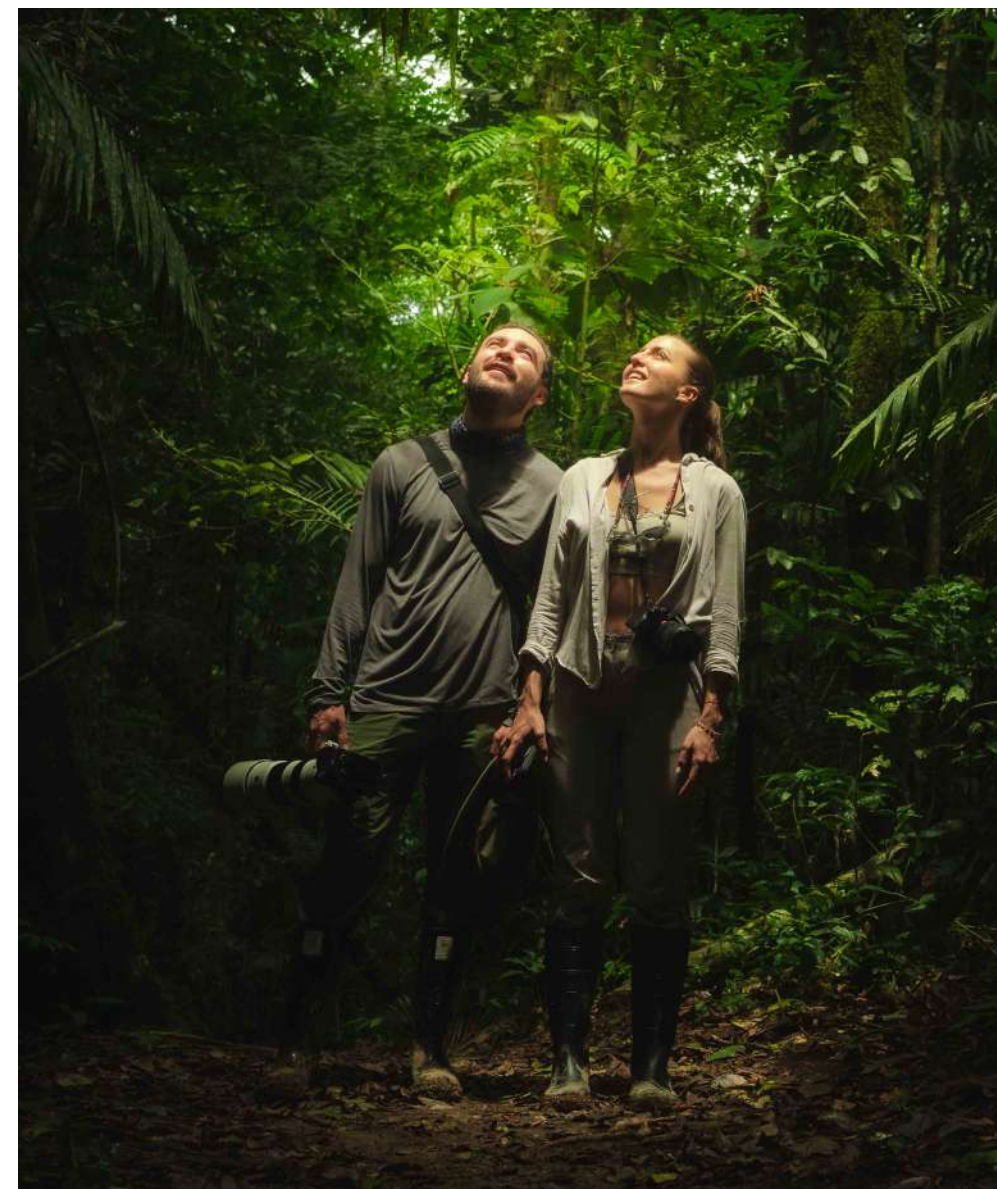
During the walk, there is also the possibility of spotting capuchin monkeys, squirrel monkeys, three-toed sloths, and other species typical of the Amazonian understory.

At midday, we will visit the Harpy Eagle Observation Tower, inaugurated in April 2025, where we will enjoy a box lunch accompanied by impressive panoramic views of the Amazon canopy. Since its inauguration, this tower has become one of the best places for observing the Harpy Eagle, considered the most powerful bird of prey in the Amazon and an important indicator of the ecosystem's excellent health. From this privileged observation point, there is also the possibility of spotting toucans, macaws, parrots, and other birds that inhabit the treetops.

After lunch, we will begin our return to the lodge, once again crossing the terra firme forest and navigating along the Añangu River, with new opportunities to continue observing the wildlife characteristic of Yasuní National Park. During the journey, the guides will enrich the experience by interpreting footprints, tracks, and other signs left by animals, offering a deeper understanding of the forest's dynamics and the delicate natural balance that characterizes this extraordinary corner of the Amazon.

DIFFICULTY: Moderate

MEALS: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner



DAY 8

To make your final day truly special, you will have the option to participate in the guayusada ritual. It begins early, at approximately 4:30 a.m., when a Kichwa family shares the sacred ancestral guayusa beverage. This ritual is a way of passing ancient knowledge on to younger generations. You will listen to traditional songs and, if you wish, your dreams may be interpreted by a wise *mamakuna* from the community. A truly mystical experience!

After this experience, we will return for an Amazonian breakfast while our team collects your luggage. We will then board our comfortable motorized canoes, offering you one final opportunity to admire the impressive scenery of the Ecuadorian tropical rainforest as we return to our port in El Coca.

DIFFICULTY: Low

MEALS: Breakfast / - / -

NOTE: This itinerary is provided as a sample and may be subject to changes due to weather conditions, logistical reasons, the safety of guests and staff, Yasuní National Park regulations, or the particular interests of the group. Activities may be adjusted or complemented to optimize wildlife observation, strengthen cultural experiences with the local community, and ensure greater enjoyment of Yasuní National Park.

Please remember that wildlife sightings cannot be guaranteed, as the animals of Yasuní National Park live freely in their natural habitat. Our naturalist guides will do everything possible to maximize observation opportunities, always depending on weather conditions and the natural activity of the wildlife.



MAIN ACTIVITIES: Guayusada ritual and motorized canoe journey.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HARPY EAGLE OBSERVATION AND PHOTOGRAPHY

To enjoy this experience responsibly and achieve the best photographic results, it is important to follow certain recommendations during the observation. These guidelines help protect the well-being of the Harpy Eagle and its natural environment, while also contributing to a safer, more respectful, and enriching experience.



Use neutral colors

It is recommended to wear clothing in discreet tones to blend in better with the surroundings and avoid attracting the attention of wildlife.



Avoid sudden movements

Remain calm and make slow movements to avoid disturbing the eagle's natural behavior.



Remain silent

Silence is essential to reduce any impact in the observation area and promote a respectful experience.



Follow the guide

Follow the naturalist guide's instructions at all times, as they will guide you throughout the activity.



Authorized area

Remain only within the authorized observation areas to ensure your safety and the protection of the species.



Do not use flash

The use of flash is prohibited, as it may alter the eagle's behavior and affect the observation.



Recommended lens

A lens of at least 400 mm is recommended, ideally 600 mm or 800 mm, to achieve good framing from a distance.



Silent shooting

Use the electronic shutter or silent mode to avoid unnecessary noise while taking photographs.



Stable support

The use of a tripod with a gimbal head is recommended for greater stability and comfort during the session.



Controlled lighting

In backlit conditions, use spot metering or manual settings to achieve better exposure without the need for flash.

TOUR INCLUDED

- ✓ River transport Coca – Yasuní Ecolodge – Coca
- ✓ Accommodation at Yasuní Ecolodge
- ✓ All meals as per the detailed itinerary
- ✓ Entrance to Yasuní National Park and the parrot salt lick
- ✓ Private bilingual naturalist guide throughout the experience
- ✓ Rain poncho and rubber boots during your stay
- ✓ Purified water available from dispensers
- ✓ Unlimited coffee and tea station
- ✓ All excursions and activities as per the detailed itinerary
- ✓ Satellite internet
- ✓ Special gift for passengers who book this program

TOUR NOT INCLUDED

- ✓ AIR TICKETS QUITO – COCA – QUITO
USD 256 per adult (from 12 years old)
USD 205 per child (up to 11 years old)
The rate includes assistance at both airports and transfer from Coca's airport to our private dock. Airfares are subject to change, without prior notice.
- ✓ Non-alcoholic beverages: juices, soft drinks, sparkling water, etc
- ✓ Alcoholic beverages
- ✓ Tips for guides and staff
- ✓ Travel and health insurance



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