



## Napo Wildlife Center

### Birding Tour 5 days / 4 nights

Napo Wildlife Center is recognized as the most successful community tourism project in Ecuador. Since its inception, it has demonstrated that sustainable tourism can be a powerful tool for conservation and social development. Our approach combines biodiversity protection with the empowerment of the Kichwa Añangu community, who lead all lodge operations.

Each visit to Napo Wildlife Center directly supports initiatives that strengthen the local community. Our education, health, and economic development programs have significantly improved the quality of life for its members, proving that it is possible to create real positive impact while preserving one of the world's most important ecosystems.



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### Day 1



After a rewarding 30-minute flight over the eastern Andean mountain range to reach the city of Puerto Francisco 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, enjoy a refreshing drink, and receive a boxed lunch for the journey.

From this point, an exciting two-hour journey begins along the imposing Napo River on our covered motorized boats to the welcome area of the Napo Wildlife Center. At this location, we will switch to one of our rowing canoes, with our staff taking care of paddling while you enjoy a magical and tranquil ride through a narrow creek that leads us to the lodge located at the foot of a beautiful lagoon.

Along the way we'll see our first Hoatzins and get a taste for the diversity of the region, with birds perhaps including Rufescent Tiger-Heron, Sungrebe, Red-bellied Macaw, and Green-and-rufous Kingfisher.

Upon our arrival, you will be welcomed with a refreshing drink and snacks, followed by a brief informative session about your stay with us by the administrator. Then, he will guide you to your comfortable room overlooking the jungle.

Meals: -/Box Lunch/Dinner

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### Day 2, 3 and 4



Three full days or more, to scratch the surface of the avifauna in western Amazonia and get a feel for the complexity of rich habitats and microhabitats within easy reach of the lodge.

One or two mornings we'll visit the very sturdy canopy tower, which offers privileged access to a world apart from the rest of the rainforest. Flocks of oropendolas, aracarís, tanagers, and euphonias roam the canopy in search of fruit. Spangled and Plum-throated Cotingas glow from the treetops, raptors perch on vantage points to dry off in the morning sun, White-browed Purpletufts and Crowned Slaty Flycatchers sally for insects, numerous parrots and macaws fly by or drop in if there is a fruiting tree nearby, and many other species wander past (and through!) the tower tree.

Good forest trails offer access to another component of the avifauna, with woodcreepers, antbirds, and tinamous particularly well represented, and we should encounter the vocally striking

Screaming Piha and the visually striking Black-necked Red Cotinga.

A number of clay licks (or "saladeros") exist on the NWC lands, and here we should see (and hear!) the spectacle of hundreds of parrots and parakeets coming in to eat clay.

We'll also enjoy numerous canoe rides around the lake by the lodge and along adjacent creeks, where the songs of Silvered and Plumbeous Antbirds reverberate through the flooded forest. Birds we'll be seeking here include the poorly known Zigzag Heron, the habitat specialist Point-tailed Palmcreeper, Orange-crested Manakin, and the striking Long-billed Woodcreeper, plus several species of monkeys and the impressive Giant River Otter.

The river-edge forest, where we'll visit the local community that built and so ably runs the lodge, is home to numerous other species such as Turquoise and Magpie Tanagers, Rufous-headed Woodpecker, and Swallow-winged Puffbird.

Meals: Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

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### Day 5



We will depart early to return to the welcome area and change transportation to the motorboat. During our journey along the Añangu stream, we will enjoy the morning sounds of nature as the sunrise illuminates the landscape.

Afterwards, we will transfer to the motorized boat to return to Coca. Upon arrival, we will proceed with the check-in for our return flight to Quito. The schedule for this flight will be announced according to arrangements and itineraries provided by the airline.

NOTICE: For safety reasons, swimming in the Añangucocha Lagoon is strictly prohibited.

NOTE: This itinerary serves as a sample and is subject to changes due to weather conditions, logistical reasons, the safety of our guests and staff, regulations of the Yasuní National Park, as well as the particular interests of the guests. Changes and additions may be made to optimize wildlife observation, cultural interactions with the local population, and overall

## INCLUDED

- ✓ River transportation Coca - Napo Wildlife Center - Coca
- ✓ Accommodation in Napo Wildlife Center
- ✓ All meals as per detailed itinerary
- ✓ Entrance to Yasuni National Park and parrot clay licks
- ✓ Community guide and naturalist bilingual guide
- ✓ Rain poncho and rubber boots
- ✓ All excursions and activities as per detailed itinerary
- ✓ Internet

## 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.
- ✓ Rates are subject to change without prior notice.
- ✓ Tips, personal expenses, and other unspecified services.



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