



HARPY EAGLE TOUR

A CONSERVATION EXPERIENCE
IN THE HEART OF YASUNÍ

8 DAY AND 7 NIGHT EXPEDITION

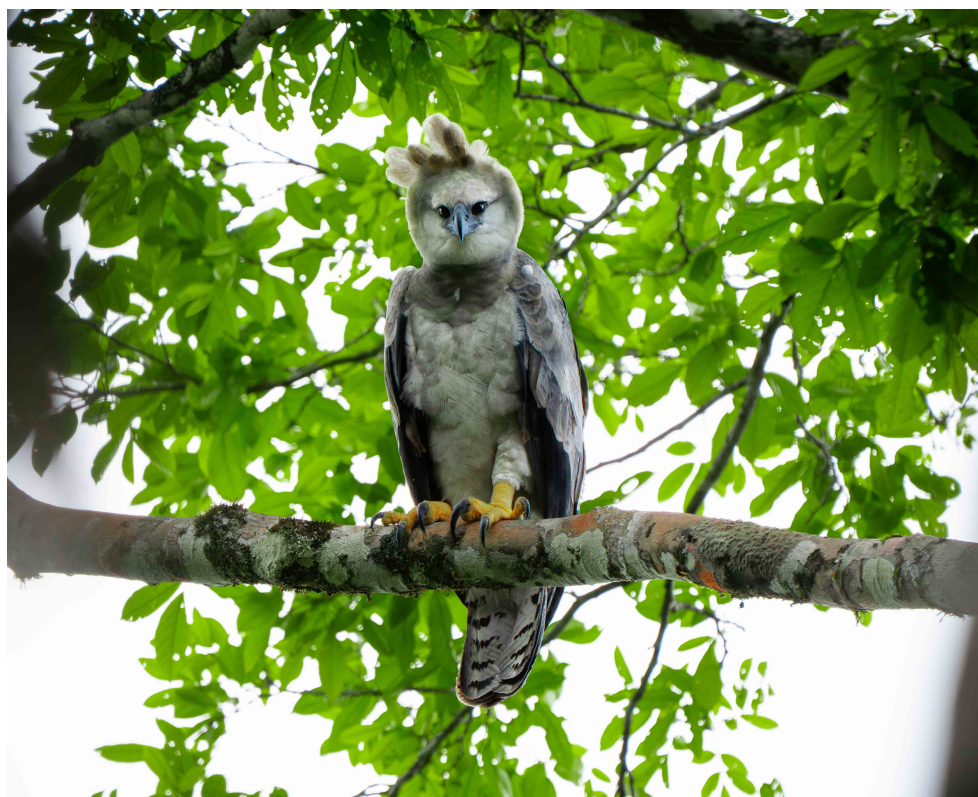
YASUNÍ NATIONAL PARK – ECUADORIAN AMAZON



EXPERIENCE

Harpy Eagle Tour is an exclusive expedition designed to bring you responsibly 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, personalized experience focused on wildlife observation.

During the journey, you will explore rivers, terra firme forests, and diverse ecosystems within Yasuní National Park, including a visit to the Harpy Eagle nest observation area. 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 near Napo Wildlife Center 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, you will begin an approximately two-hour journey 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 the Napo Wildlife Center welcome area.

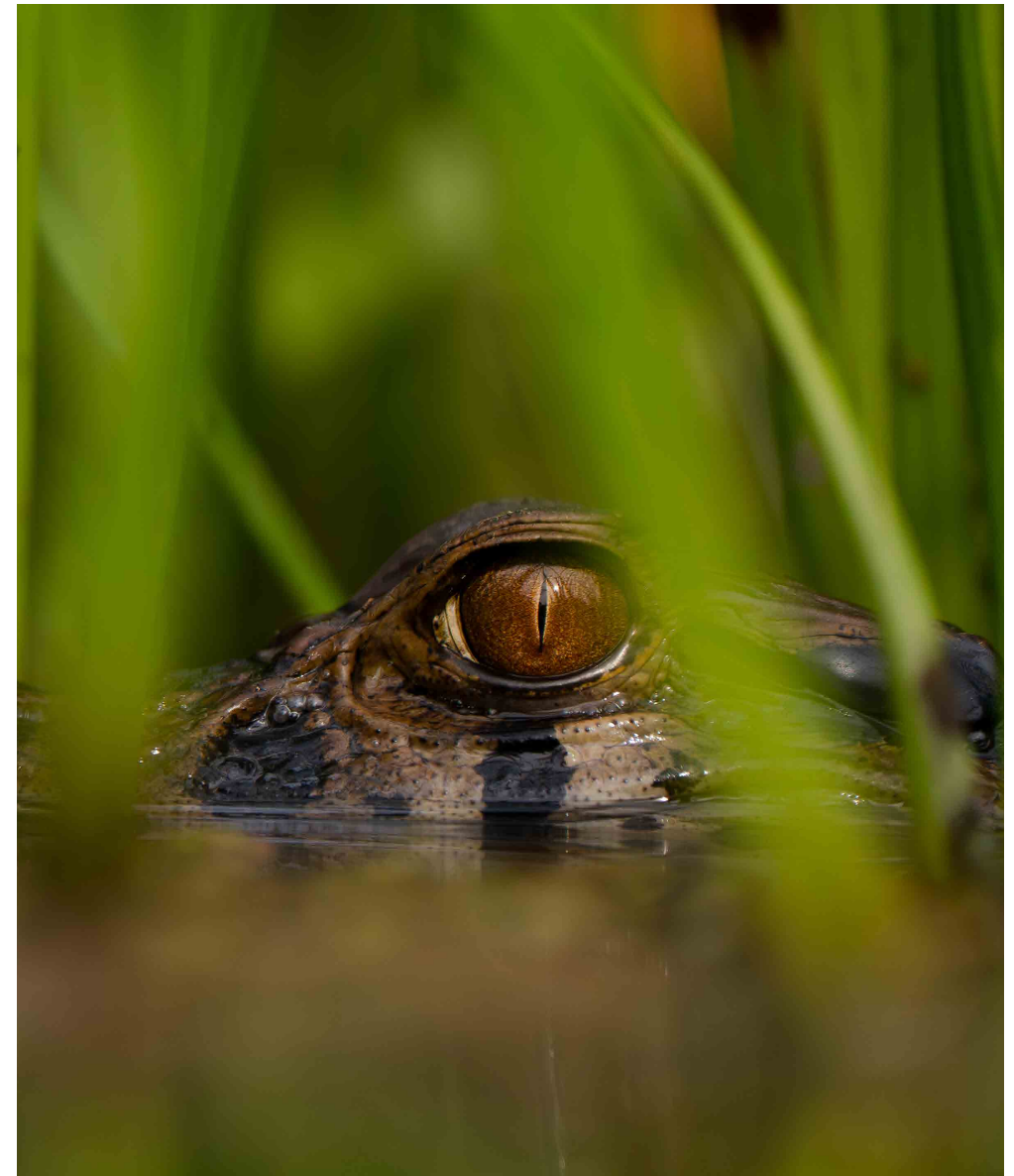
At this point, we will transfer to one of our paddle canoes, marking the beginning of one of Napo Wildlife Center's most representative experiences. Our staff will do the paddling while you enjoy a quiet and serene journey along a narrow creek. During the journey, there is the possibility of spotting various species, such as monkeys and birds.

Upon arrival at the lodge, you will enjoy a refreshing beverage and light snacks, followed by a brief welcome and introduction to your stay given by the manager. Afterwards, you will be escorted to your comfortable cabin overlooking the rainforest, where you can settle in and begin enjoying the surroundings.

In the evening, one of our guides will provide a detailed presentation of the activities scheduled for the following days, as well as an introduction to the Napo Wildlife Center tourism project, managed by the Kichwa Añangu Community and focused on the conservation of Yasuní National Park. You will then enjoy dinner at the lodge, marking the end of your first day in the rainforest.

DIFFICULTY: Low

MEALS: - / Box lunch / Dinner



DAY 2

After breakfast, we will depart by paddle canoe along Añangu Creek until we reach the welcome area, where we will transfer to a motorized canoe and head toward one of the most emblematic places in the Yasuni Biosphere Reserve: the Parrot Clay Lick, located on the banks of the Napo River.

We will arrive just before the intense morning activity of the parrots begins, the best time of day to observe them descending in groups and feeding on the minerals in the soil. 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 clay lick 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.

At the end of this experience, we will head to the Napo Wildlife Center welcome area, where you will enjoy a revitalizing lunch. Afterwards, we will begin our return to the lodge by navigating along the main creek, where there is the possibility of observing various species of birds and mammals.

In the evening, you will enjoy a delicious dinner at the lodge. Afterwards, prepare your flashlight and equipment for a night walk along the nearby trails, an ideal experience for discovering another side of the rainforest. During the walk, there is the possibility of observing toads, insects, arachnids, and nocturnal reptiles as the forest reveals its 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.

At the end of the visit, we will begin the return journey to the lodge to enjoy a delicious lunch and have some time to rest.

In the afternoon, we will head to one of our observation towers, from where you will have a privileged view of the Amazon canopy, one of the most biodiverse ecosystems on the planet. This is one of the best places to increase the chances of spotting birds, monkeys, and other species that inhabit the treetops. After enjoying this extraordinary setting, we will return to the lodge, where you will have time to relax before enjoying a delicious dinner in a peaceful atmosphere, surrounded by the rainforest.

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

In the morning, we will venture along one of the designated trails to explore the terra firme forests and swamp forests in search of more wildlife. You will have the possibility of spotting Golden-mantled Tamarin monkeys, capuchin monkeys, squirrel monkeys, two-toed and three-toed sloths, and much more. After this exciting walk, we will return to the lodge to enjoy a delicious lunch and take a well-deserved rest.

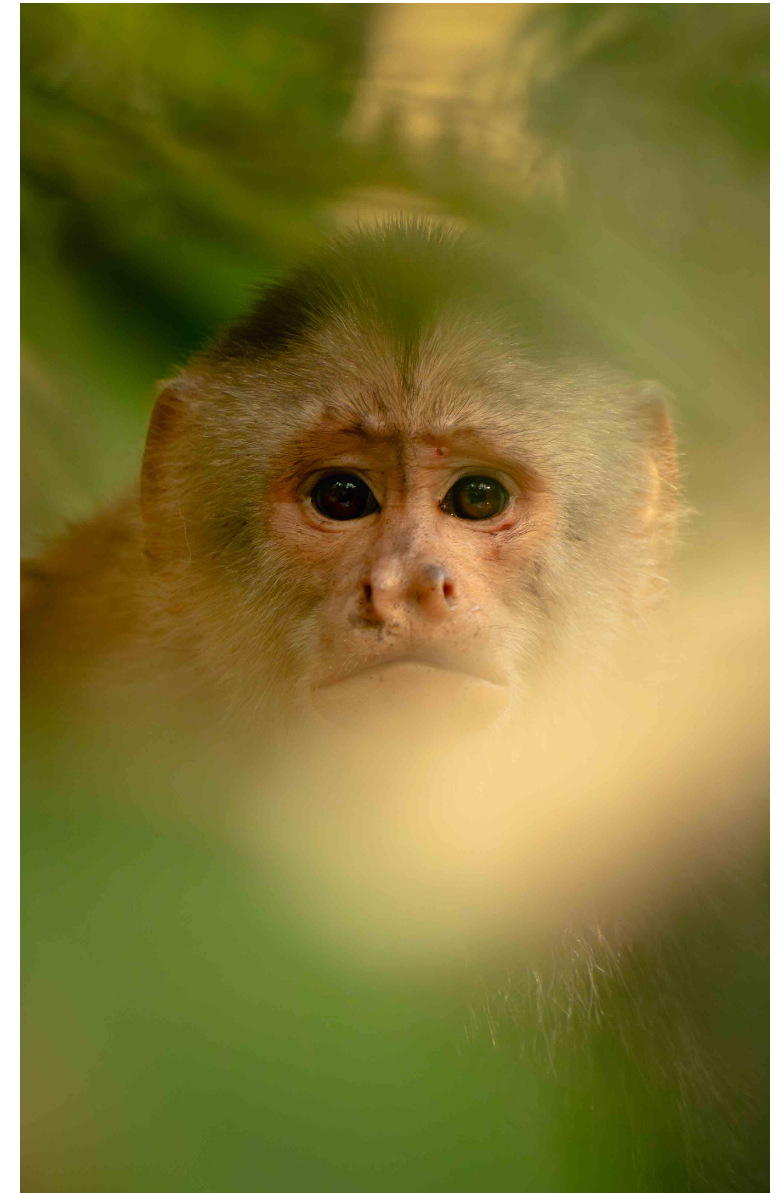
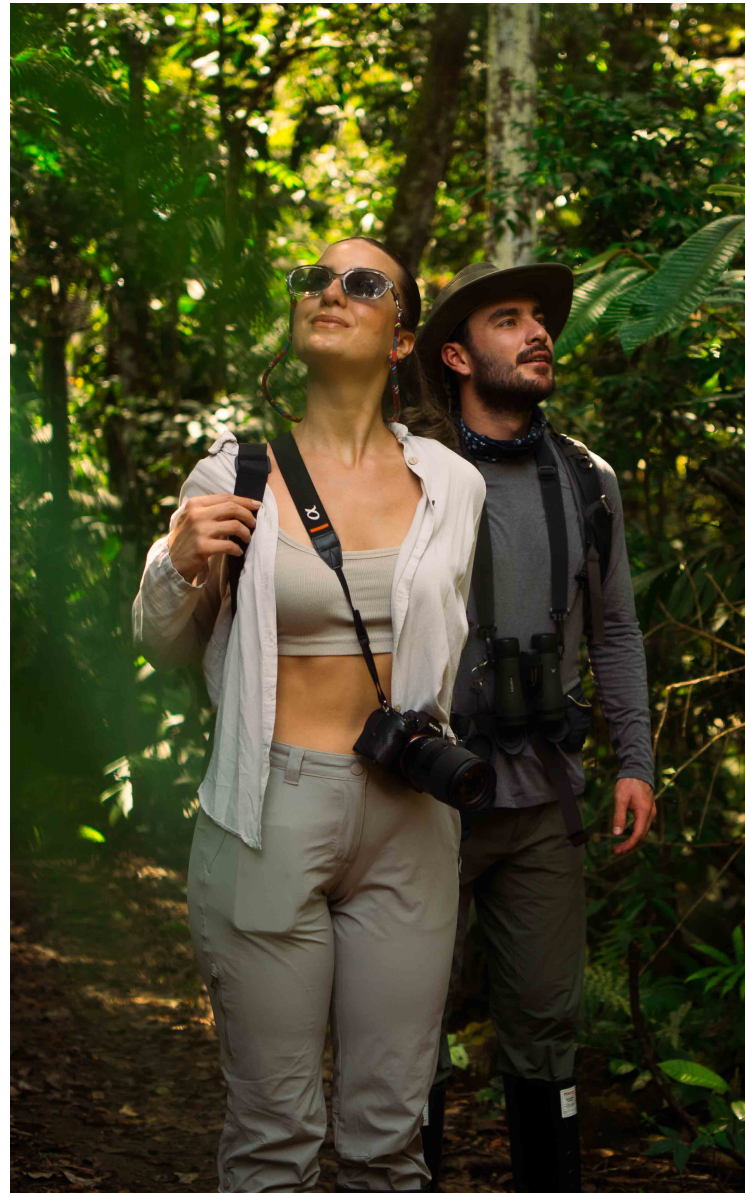
In the afternoon, paddle canoes will take us to explore deeper areas of the surrounding creeks, where you will have even more opportunities to spot unique wildlife. Paddle canoe excursions will allow you to immerse yourself in the authenticity of the Amazon, exploring fascinating ecosystems and observing the region's rich biodiversity.

Enjoy a beautiful sunset at our lodge, which offers you a unique experience in the heart of the Ecuadorian Amazon rainforest.

To end the day, enjoy a delicious dinner in a peaceful atmosphere, surrounded by the rainforest and the sounds of nocturnal animals.

DIFFICULTY: Moderate

MEALS: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner



MAIN ACTIVITIES: Guided forest walk, wildlife observation, birdwatching and paddled canoe excursion.

DAY 5

On this day, we will embark on a motorboat journey along the Napo River to Pañacocha Lagoon, located approximately two hours downstream from our territory. The excursion will focus on exploring ecosystems different from those previously visited, offering a new perspective on Amazonian diversity.

The Pañacocha Protected Forest, a Kichwa word meaning "Piranha Lagoon," forms part of an important natural corridor connecting two of the largest national parks in the Ecuadorian Amazon: Cuyabeno to the north and Yasuní to the south. This connectivity is essential for the conservation and movement of numerous species of flora and fauna, such as the famous pink river dolphin, a species classified as endangered.

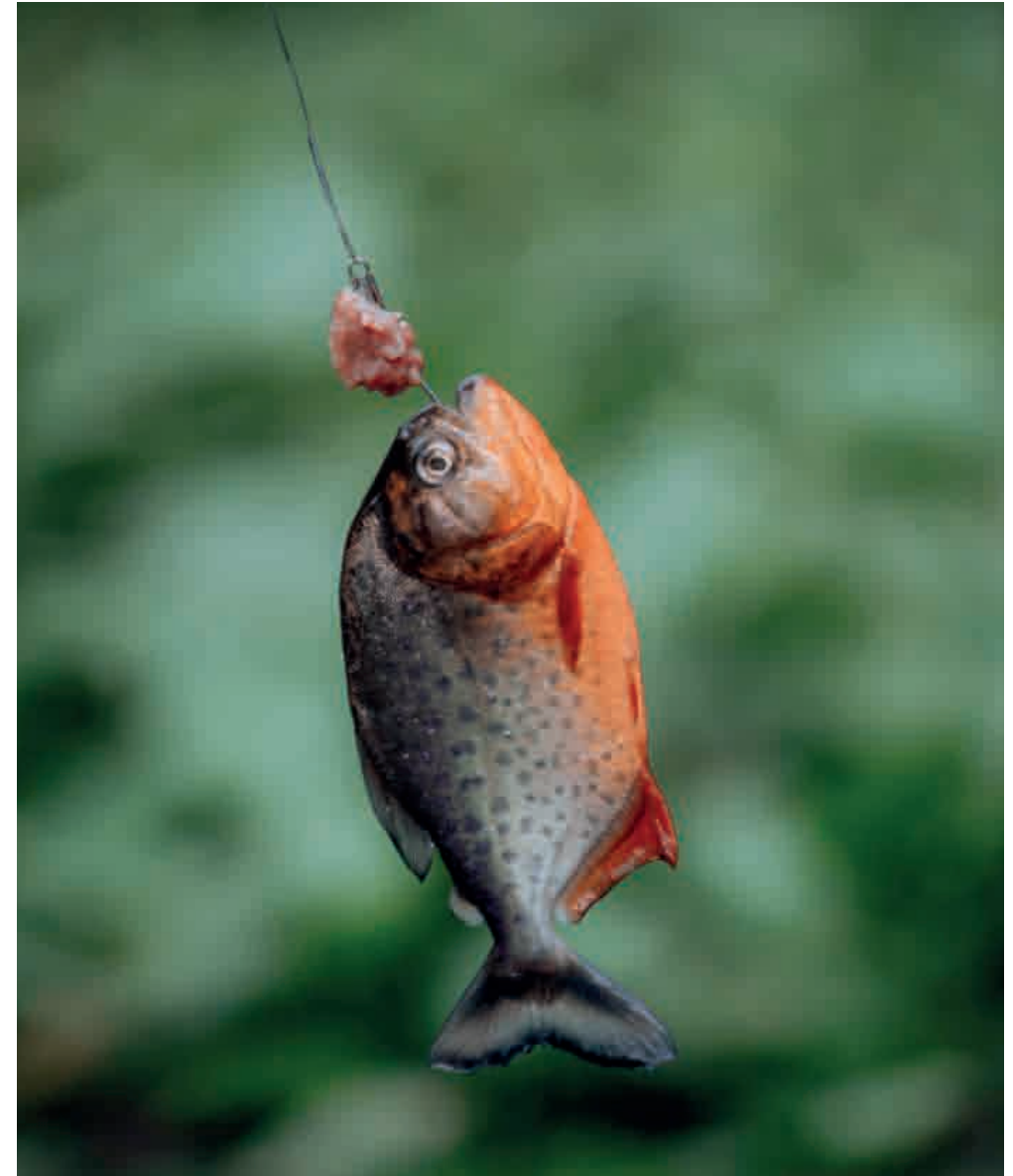
Upon arriving at Pañacocha, you will receive an introduction to the area and a box lunch, which you can enjoy while we navigate through the igapó forest, a floodable ecosystem with unique characteristics. During the journey, there is the possibility of observing Amazonian wildlife, such as squirrel monkeys, black-mantled tamarins, three-toed sloths, and pink river dolphins. The flora consists of palm trees, trees adapted to flooding, and specialized vegetation that depends on the river's cycles.

Afterwards, we will participate in an artisanal fishing activity, a traditional practice permitted in this area. It is important to mention that this zone is not part of the territory of the Kichwa Añangu Community. The Añangu Community, for its part, gave up hunting and fishing several decades ago as part of its commitment to conserving its territory and protecting wildlife.

After the activity, we will head to a nearby lodge, where we will enjoy lunch and have access to the facilities. At the end, we will begin our return to Napo Wildlife Center, where you can enjoy a dinner prepared by our chefs and have free time to rest and relax after a full day of exploration.

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.

At the end of the visit, you will have the option to return to the lodge by walking along trails surrounded by rainforest or by taking a canoe ride along the creek, both ideal alternatives for continuing to observe flora and fauna and enjoy the natural surroundings.

In the evening, you will return to the lodge to enjoy dinner and conclude the day in a peaceful atmosphere.

DIFFICULTY: Low

MEALS: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner



MAIN ACTIVITIES: Kichwa Añangu cultural exchange, traditional culinary experience, visit to community spaces, return by paddled canoe or guided walk (optional), wildlife observation and birdwatching.

DAY 7

After breakfast, we will begin the day with a walk along the Tiputini Trail, one of the best-preserved terra firme forest areas in the region. During the walk, accompanied by specialized local guides, we will venture into a primary forest of towering trees, lianas, and dense vegetation, where there is a high probability of observing spider monkeys and woolly monkeys, emblematic species of this trail that are considered sensitive to human disturbance. Throughout the walk, the guides will interpret the surroundings, explaining the dynamics of the forest and the signs left by wildlife, such as footprints and tracks.

Afterwards, we will visit the Harpy Eagle Observation Tower, inaugurated in April 2025. From this elevated point, privileged views of the Amazon canopy can be enjoyed, increasing the chances of spotting the Harpy Eagle, the main predator of the canopy and a clear indicator of the ecosystem's good health.

At the end of the morning activities, we will return to the lodge to enjoy lunch and some time to rest.

In the afternoon, we will take our final canoe excursion, a peaceful and quiet experience ideal for observing aquatic wildlife, with the possibility of spotting caimans, otters, and other species characteristic of the area's aquatic ecosystems, bringing the day to a relaxing close in direct contact with nature.

To end the day, you will enjoy a delicious farewell dinner.

DIFFICULTY: Moderate

MEALS: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner



DAY 8

We depart early to return to the welcoming area. During the journey along the Añangu Creek, you will enjoy the morning sounds of nature as the sun rises over the landscape. Then we take a motorized boat along the Napo River.

From the Napo River, we return to Coca for your flight check-in. Flight times will be confirmed according to the airline's current schedule for your return to Quito.

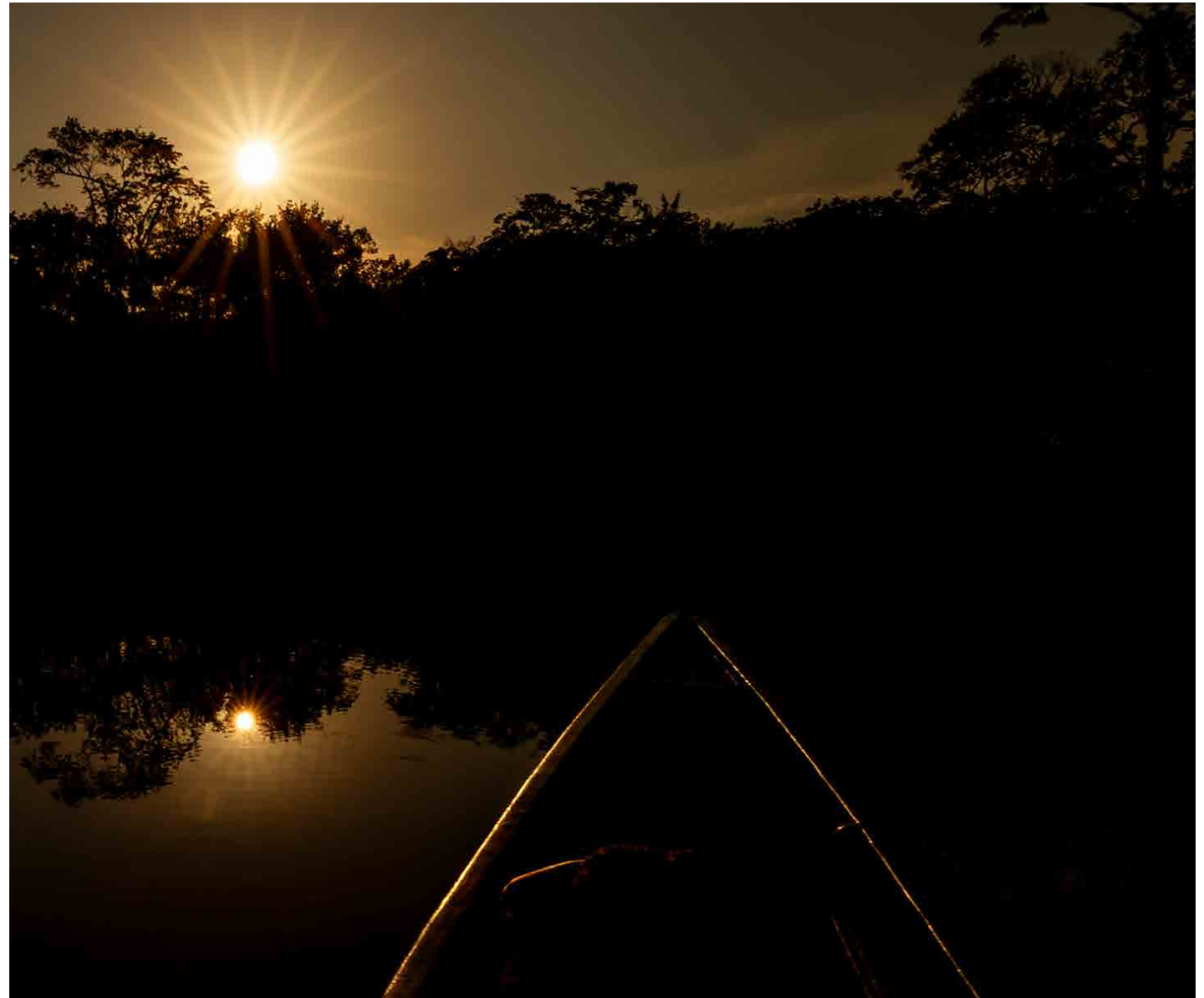
DIFFICULTY: Low

MEALS: Box lunch / - / -

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

Note: This itinerary is provided as a sample and may be adjusted due to weather conditions, logistical considerations, guest and staff safety, Yasuni National Park regulations, or the group's particular interests. Activities may be modified or complemented to enhance wildlife observation, strengthen cultural experiences with the local community, and ensure a more enjoyable visit to Yasuni National Park.

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



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 – Napo Wildlife Center – Coca
- ✓ Accommodation at Napo Wildlife Center
- ✓ 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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