



Terra Ecuador

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ECUADOR'S WRITING RETREAT APRIL 2019 - The world most biodiverse spot: the Amazon

General information

Start date : April 3 - 14, 2019

Category : GIR circuit

Duration : 12 days

Validity prices : 09/07/18

Visited countries

Ecuador

Ecuador is a country of spectacular variety and beautiful scenery. From beaches to volcanoes, you can expect to find almost any kind of environment here. Ecuador is one of the few countries that has such a variety in types of regions, the coast, the mountain range, the amazon and in the peninsular area, the Galapagos Islands. This means Ecuador's tourism opportunities are some of the best in the world. It also means that there are a lot of activities to enjoy in this country. Best of all, Ecuador offers the opportunity to enjoy the ruins left behind by the Amerindian cultures that populated this country many years ago. It also gives easy access to one of the greatest rainforests in the world - the Amazon! Besides the Amazon, the Galapagos Islands have much to offer to the intrepid adventurer. You will never run out of places to discover when you visit Ecuador!

[Ecuador video presentation](#)



Regions to discover

Amazon

Discovering the protected and remote areas of the Amazon, would certainly be an unforgettable adventure in your life. The Amazonian forest ecosystem presents a great variety of vegetal species (more than 25.000 types of plants and animals). You can find different kinds of palm trees, beautiful orchid flowers, climbing plants as well as exotic animals such as crocodiles, monkeys, and a great diversity of birds: macaws, toucans, hoazins wich are easy to observe. With a bit of luck you will also observe the shyer animals such as the ocelots, sloths, anteaters, anacondas, soft water pink dolphins, jaguars and even the harpy eagle during your expedition. We offer you a selection of excursions in the jungle, lodges and multilingual naturalist guides who perfectly know the Amazonian jungle and will explain to you the mysteries and secrets of this mythical rainforest. Let's go and have a look, you will not regret it !The Amazon region will be a nice surprise far from the clichés of danger we have of it.



Your itinerary



Your trip summary

- ★ Day 8 - Wednesday 10/04/19 : Otavalo - Quito Airport - Coca - Napo Wildlife Center
- ★ Day 9 - Thursday 11/04/19 : Napo Wildlife Center
- ★ Day 10 - Friday 12/04/19 : Napo Wildlife Center
- ★ Day 11 - Saturday 13/04/19 : Napo Wildlife Center - Coca
- ★ Day 12 - Sunday 14/04/19 : Quito Airport

DETAILED ITINERARY

Day 8 : Wednesday 10/04/19, Otavalo - Quito Airport - Coca - Napo Wildlife Center

distance : 74miles
duration : 02:00

From Otavalo, you will directly go to Quito's Airport. Transport with a spanish-speaking driver to Quito's airport. Domestic flight Quito - Coca (around 40 minutes). Arrival in Coca, gateway to the Amazon rainforest. Your local guide will meet you and lead you to your motorized canoe , which will sail for about 2h30 to get to the Yasuní National Park, classified by UNESCO "Biosphere Reserve" by a biodiversity of extreme wealth and well-preserved . The lodge we have chosen for you is the only hotel inside the reserve and offers, despite the difficulties of access, services worthy of a 4 star hotel keeping a real authenticity. To get respecting the environment and its occupants, the journey will continue by boat without motor (prohibited in the park) by another 1.30h. We will take a small tributary of the Napo River, opportunity to have a first contact with the local fauna and flora. This lodge is managed in collaboration with local communities, to recover the benefits to develop new projects in the surrounding villages.

After a welcome drink and a little rest, some explanations will be given on this community project and program the following day, before enjoying a quality dinner and get to your bungalow to sleep by the sounds of the Amazon rainforest.

Included: private transport, transfer departure, room & breakfast, lunch (no drinks), dinner (no drinks), entrance fees, domestic flight, transfer arrival, excursion (shared), local english-speaking guide



Day 9 : Thursday 11/04/19, Napo Wildlife Center

After waking up and a delicious, your guide will show you the wealth of this place. For this, two solutions: the Canopy Tower about 30 minutes of walking through the woods, a tower about 36 meters high which allows you to be in the middle of numerous birds above the trees; other walks are possible, but a night out in canoe in order to discover night life where you can cross yourself with the bright eyes of a caiman that comes out only at night

Included: room & breakfast, lunch (no drinks), dinner (no drinks), excursion (shared), local english-speaking guide



Day 10 : Friday 12/04/19, Napo Wildlife Center

Surprises continue throughout the day, but a unique place to visit in the area is the cliff parrots, where hundreds of individuals of different species meet to ingest kaolin found there. Then it might be interesting to visit a nearby community involved in this project and meet their daily lives. Other excursions are possible depending on your wishes. If you want you can walk or by canoe, the wildlife in the region is rich but wild, but if you open your eyes is common to see groups of monkeys in the wild and even other rarer if you're lucky.

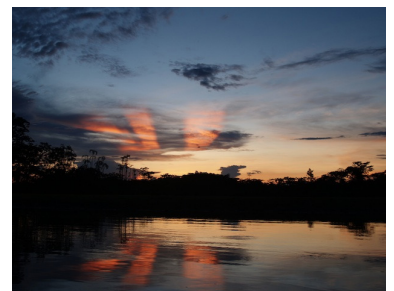
Included: room & breakfast, lunch (no drinks), dinner (no drinks), excursion (shared), local english-speaking guide



Day 11 : Saturday 13/04/19, Napo Wildlife Center - Coca

Departure from Lodge in canoe and the in boat towards the airport of Coca. You will take a 40 minutes domestic flight from Coca to Quito.

Included: domestic flight, transfer departure, breakfast, excursion (shared), local english-speaking guide



Day 12 : Sunday 14/04/19, Quito Airport

Free connection for your international flight from Quito. According to your flight schedule, you will dispose of more or less free time.



YOUR ACCOMMODATION



Napo Wild Life Center

dates : 10/04 - 11/04 - 12/04 - 13/04

Category : 4*

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Por el Rio Napo, Añangu, orellana

<http://www.ecoecuador.org>

The greatest and ultimate alternative luxury eco-hotel in Amazonian Ecuador which includes the conservation of approximately over 82 square miles (over 21,400 hectares) of the most pristine Amazon Rain Forest within the Yasuní National Park, an important UNESCO Biosphere Reserve and the largest tract of tropical rain forest in Ecuador.

Information :

Available meals : B / L / D

Available services : Hot water showers, 24-hour electricity, ceiling fans, safety box, screened windows and mosquito nests.

Capacity : 20 cabins with 8 suites.

Check in / out : 14:00 / 10:00

Access to Internet : At lounge, with additional cost.

Spoken language(s) : Spanish / English.



Certification : Responsible Tourism

cancellation policy

from	to	%	comment
31	60	50.00	pénalité - penalidad - penalty
	30	100.00	pénalité - penalidad - penalty

Escape to the Amazon - Rates per person in double room

for 4 persons: **1 801 \$us** per person

for 5 persons: **1 801 \$us** per person

for 6 persons: **1 796 \$us** per person

for 7 persons: **1 792 \$us** per person

for 8 persons: **1 789 \$us** per person

for 9 persons: **1 787 \$us** per person

for 10 persons: **1 785 \$us** per person

for 11 persons: **1 785 \$us** per person

for 12 persons: **1 784 \$us** per person

Sup. single room: 859 \$us

Rates notes

Hotels availability

- Hotels are subject to availability at the moment of the reservation / confirmation of your trip.
- In case of unavailability at one of the indicated hotels, another option in the same category will be proposed.

Included :

- Hotel and touristic services taxes
- English speaking assistance 24h/24 during the trip
- Guide, private transportation, entrance fees and the excursions indicated as "included" in each day
- All breakfasts (not guaranteed if leaving early the hotel)
- Lunch and dinner indicated as « included» in each day
- Nights in indicated hotels or equivalent in twin or matrimonial room.

Not included :

- International flight
- Domestic flight (in option)
- Options
- Individual equipment
- Hospitalization / medical repatriation insurance (mandatory)
- Lunch and dinner not mentionned (around 8 to 16 \$US / person / meal)
- Beverages
- Tips (restaurants, guides and drivers)
- Not mentionned visits
- Any services not mentionned in section "our prices include"
- For a journey to Galapagos, price per person: entrance tax to the Galapagos national park (100 \$US), likely to increase any time without previous notice, migration card (20 \$US), any embarkment tax (ex.: Isabela (10 \$US), taxi-boats in harbour.

Pictures

This proposal uses pictures that cannot be considered as contractual. They can not reflect changes occurred in the sites and not match exactly to the service, especially in the case of hotels with rooms that can be all different. Therefore they cannot be used as a base for any claim.

Tips

It is an habit in Ecuador to reward your guide and driver who went with you all along your trip. We remind you that the tips are not included in this offer : therefore at the end of your stay, do not forget to make a gesture toward whom had attentions for you, having you discovering their country with passion.

Booking / Payment :

Any reservation must be performed with along a deposit that represents 30% of the total price of the services plus 100% of the airtickets; the reception of this deposit implying the acceptation of the booking only if the places are still available. In case of agreement, the rest of the price of the services will have to be paid 45 days before the effective start of the package. At the confirmation of this proposal, it will be asked to the customer to provide as soon as possible the information concerning the travellers (forenames, first names, birthdays, passports number and as quick as possible a scanned copy of the passports), so as to guarantee the bookings. Terra Andina Ecuador will no be kept responsible if the information is not received on time and if the reservations are impacted.

Terms and conditions of sale :

Any confirmation implies the acceptance of our [terms and conditions of sale](#).

Children in Galapagos

The majority of Operators in the Galapagos impose that the less than 6-year-old children can participate neither in the day-tours on boat nor in the cruises for obvious reasons of safety. If you do not respect this rule, you will be completely responsible for any event that may occur.

Natural activity

Ecuador being a country situated in the Andes and thus on a "young" volcanic chain, we are submitted to the fact that the authorities, which watch the volcanic and seismic activity, decree at any time the ban on access to certain regions of the country, for obvious reasons of security. It concerns just as much the Galapagos, the archetypal volcanic archipelago (in particular the volcano Sierra Negra). It is then about a case of "force majeure" for which we shall try to compensate at best by proposing you an alternate activity. We shall ask you then for your understanding, being not our responsibility.

Useful links

[→ In case of emergency](#)

Notes

Your international flight

The international flights are not included in these prices y we do not offer this service for not being competitives and not IATA agreed. In general, you can find on internet the best fares and it will be more advantageous to book by yourself the flights. You can visit our website to get more information on the international flights for Ecuador; see this internet platform to find the best offers : www.vols-internationaux. On the other hand, it will be a pleasure for us to book the domestic flights. Please feel free to contact us for some help or additionnal information.

Our quality commitment

We invite you to consult our quality commitment, common to all the Terra Group agencies, [by clicking on](#).

Passport

Your passport must be valid 6 months after your date of return to your country. It is of your responsibility to get proper information concerning a required visa according to your nationality and origin. You may have, as for most of the countries, a 90 days turistical visa at the entrance in Ecuador.

Sexual tourism

We condemn any practice linked to sexual explotation of children. Any activity related to prostitution is entirely your responsability and will never be proposed by our agency.

Terra Ecuador's ASSETS

- Our local expertise of Ecuador and Galápagos, from Quito.
 - Our technical knowledge of activities and fine assessment of hotels we carefully pick-up and fine tune specifically for your travel
 - Our meticulous selection of qualitative and confident providers here in Ecuador
 - Our team, mix of rich personalities, with original experiences and melted profiles... all in love with Ecuador
 - Our belonging to TERRA network with its own identity and shared values
 - Our originality through our ability to re-enchant our proposals for any kind of traveler, even atypical.
 - Our desire to go further to make you discover another hidden Ecuador with authentic and unseen facets (from meetings with indigenous leaders to private cooking masterclass with a chef, up to adventures raid or survival trek in the jungle ...)
 - Our strong requirements of transparency and integrity to as to promote a responsible, fair and sustainable tourism here
 - Our customized care before and during your travel, always promoting your well-fare and your security
- « **Together, let's invent a lifetime unique experience here in Ecuador** »

Insurance

The Ministry of the Ecuadorian Tourism requires that the tourists entering the country present the proof of a Health insurance which covers them during the stay, this from February, 2018.

Plan to take with you a document which proves it because it stays of your responsibility.

Terra Group in partnership with the french company "Valeurs Assurances" (GAN group) can propose you solutions of insurances during your stay, in multi-risks or only health-repatriation and cancellation. Do not hesitate to ask us.

Quotation revision

We remind you that all our programs can be modified before their confirmation. Do not hesitate making us know your feeling on the suggested itinerary; we can adapt it the times you need it (duration, stages, types of lodging, activities...) to build, together, the trip you dreamed of.




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