
Wildranger Adventure Ecuador

Ecuador

Ecuador: Jungle & Andes

1-Week Adventure Tour

Quito & The Journey to the Amazon



- **Saturday: Arrival in Quito**
 - Transfer from the airport to the hotel.
- **Sunday: Quito City Tour**
 - Explore the historical center of colonial Quito, including Independence Square, the Cathedral, and the Church of the Company.
 - Visit the Pululahua volcano crater, the only inhabited one in the world.
 - Explore the Middle of the World monument (0 degrees latitude) and the Ethnographic Museum.
 - Take night bus from Quito to Lago Agrio

Cuyabeno Amazon Reserve (4-Day Program)



- **Monday: Entry to Cuyabeno Wildlife Reserve**
 - Arrive by night bus to El Puente Cuyabeno, meet your bilingual Naturalist Guide for the jungle and travel two hours by motorized canoe along the Cuyabeno River, stopping to observe wildlife along the way
 - Check-in at Canangueno Lodge, have lunch, and travel by motorized canoe to search for Pink River Dolphins, sloths, monkeys. Stop in Laguna Grande to watch a beautiful Amazonian sunset and swim in the lake.
 - On the way back to the lodge before dinner, search for caimans and nocturnal wildlife.
 - Dinner at the lodge
- **Tuesday: Wildlife & Primary Forest**
 - After breakfast, take a guided hike of approximately 3 hrs through the primary forest to learn about medicinal plants and the flora and fauna of Cuyabeno's Primary forest by a bilingual guide.
 - In the afternoon, explore small river channels by canoe to observe the biggest diversity of the flora and fauna found in the Amazon jungle.
 - Sunset at Laguna Grande followed by a night hike looking for tarantulas, scorpions, frogs and other nocturnal wildlife.



- **Wednesday: Cultural Connection**

- Start the day with breakfast and then get ready for a motorized canoe trip up the Cuyabeno River to visit the local Siona community.
- During the journey on the Cuyabeno River, the bilingual Naturalist Guide will provide information about the local cultures and observe wildlife along the way.
- At the Siona community, we will learn about the Siona culture and participate in traditions such as making Casabe (a typical cassava bread), as well as crafts such as bracelets, necklaces, shigras (bags), ceramics, among others.
- A Shaman will teach us about indigenous knowledge of traditional medicines and healing practices.
- Return to the lodge and then enjoy one more sunset and a swim in Laguna Grande followed by dinner.

- **Thursday: Flora and Fauna Exploration**

- Enjoy an early morning of birdwatching and animal observation.
- Return by canoe to El Puente Cuyabeno at 9:30 a.m. and take a tourist bus back to Quito (arriving around 22:00).
- Stay at a hotel in Quito's historic Old Town.

Andes: Otovalo, Cotacachi & Cotopaxi



- **Friday: Cotopaxi & Andes**

- Travel by private car with a bilingual guide to Cotopaxi National Park, where the second highest volcano in Ecuador is located.
- Go on a hike in the parámos, the desert-like tundra landscape, led by your local guide, with the option of hiking to the Cotopaxi Volcano refuge.
- Lunch at a local typical Andean restaurant.
- Return to the hotel in Quito and explore the Old Town for dinner.



- **Saturday: Otavalo & Cotacachi**

- Stop in Cayambe for a traditional Andean breakfast: *Biscochos* (buttery, salty biscuits) dipped in *dulce de leche* or served with *queso de hoja* (leaf-wrapped cheese)
- Visit Plaza de Ponchos, the largest indigenous market in South America to browse handicrafts and souvenirs like alpaca wool blankets, silver jewelry and Andean ponchos.
- Go on a short guided hike around the stunning crater lake at the foot of Cotacachi Volcano
- Stop in the nearby village of Cotacachi to shop for authentic local leather goods like jackets, boots, bags and belts.
- Return to your hotel in Quito's Old Town.
- Transfer to the Quito Airport Saturday night or Sunday morning for your flight.