

Waorani Tour- Tepapary Community- Yasuni

4 to 8 days

Waorani Tour. This tour can be between 4 days and 8 days with a minimum of 2 people. The tour is recommended for people who like adventure and enjoy camping in nature. This area is not exploited by other agencies and guides. The area is virgin rainforest rich in fauna. During the tour we camp in tents on the banks of the River Nashiño on white sand beaches and in the Waorani community.

All the trips during the tour are 100% guaranteed. You can see lots of different bird species like eagles, herons, macaws, toucans, parrots, falcons, turkeys, monkeys, peccary boars, turtles, and caimans. There is also fishing for fun and other fish species. There are anacondas, frogs, toads, tapir and monkey saltlicks, lagoons and swamps. This is perfect for ornithologists, biologists, scientists and botanists. We have organized the tour down to the last detail. We have tents with all the necessary equipment, sheets and blankets for a comfortable rest, good quality food and local, experienced, certified guides.

The Yasuni National Park is 9820km² in total and is located in the provinces of Pastaza and Orellana between the Rivers of Napo, Tiputini, Yasuni, Nashiño, Cononaco and Cururay which are tributaries of the River Napo which then flows into the Amazon River 250km Southwest of Quito. The park is jungle in nature and was declared a world biosphere reserve by UNESCO in 1989 and forms part of the Waorani territory especially two factions of Waorani- the tagaeri and the taromenane. These groups live in voluntary isolation. The Yasuni park is one of the most biodiverse places on the Earth. Studies report 150 species of amphibians, 121 reptile species and 289 bird species. There are 169 confirmed mammal species but people estimate 204 in total. There are 2113 species of flora but 3100 are estimated to exist.

Itinerary:

Day 1: We leave the office at 8am to drive for 3 hours until we reach the River Nashiño bridge in Waorani territory. Then we will go by canoe downriver for 4 hours. Along the way we will be able to see beautiful landscapes and white sand beaches. At midday we will stop to have lunch. Then we will carry on to the Tepapary community where we will camp for 1 or 2 nights.

Day 2: After breakfast, we will walk for 4 or 6 hours through the jungle accompanied by a Waorani guide and learn about hunting with blowdarts. Back at the camp we will have lunch. In the afternoon we will have a cultural exchange with the community's families to see how handicrafts are made and see a fire demonstration. After dinner we will go on a nocturnal walk.

Day 3: We will continue downriver by motorised canoe to the sector of Ishpingo where we will walk through the jungle for 4 hours. Along the way we will see monkey and bird species, visit a beautiful giant ceibo tree, go fishing for fun in the lagoon and see the prehistoric Hoatzin birds. Back at the river, we will have lunch. In the afternoon we will continue to the sector of Morete Cocha where we will camp for 2 nights. After dinner we will go on a nocturnal walk to a lagoon to see caimans.

Day 4: Very early in the morning, we will go by motorised canoe to see bird and monkey species. Back at the camp we will have breakfast and then go on a short walk. In the afternoon we will go fishing for piranhas and other fish. After dinner we will go on a nocturnal walk to see insects, spiders, frogs and toads.

Day 5: We will walk to a swamp where we might see anacondas, coto monkeys and peccary boars. This walk goes through estuaries and swamps. Back at the camp we will have lunch. In the afternoon we will do some technical fishing to catch prehistoric pachin fish which can weigh up to 8kg.

Day 6: At 6am we will go on a short walk around the lagoon to see monkeys, birds and hear the howler monkeys. After breakfast we will go downriver and then camp in another place for 2 nights. In the afternoon we will dive in the river to fish with harpoons.

Day 7: Very early in the morning, we will go on a walk to a tapir and monkey saltlick. Back at the camp we will see beautiful giant ceibo trees that are more than 2000 years old. The afternoon we will have free to relax. After dinner we will do some nocturnal fishing.

Day 8: After breakfast we will pack up camp to go upriver until we reach the bridge. After lunch we will drive back to Misahualli where the tour finishes.

Description of the tour and other services: Accommodation is in tents on beautiful beaches. The area boasts a large variety of species of birds, mammals, fish, amphibians and also has tapir and monkey saltlicks, thousand-year-old trees, swamps and lagoons, piranha fishing and fishing for other species.

The price includes: Accommodation in tents, food, purified water, land and river transport, Wellington boots, a local bilingual guide, the \$35 entrance fee to the Waorani territory and all trips and excursions outlined in the programme.

Not included: Breakfast on the first day and dinner on the last day, torches and rain ponchos. Available tours for the following dates in 2013-2014

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Tours in January 2014

From / 05/ to/ 09/ 01/2014/ 5 days

From / 08/ to/ 12/ 01/2014/ 5 days

From / 12/ to/ 17/ 01/2014/ 6 days

From / 22/ to/ 26/ 01/2014/5 days

From /30/ to /03/02/2014/ 4 days

Tours in February 2014

From /09/ to /12/02/2014/ 4 days

From /18/ to / 22/ 2014/ 5 days

From/ 27/to / 02/2014/ 4 days

From/ 28/to/03/2014/ 4 days: Full

Tour in March 2014

From / 05/ to/09/2014/ 5 days

From /12/to /15/2014/ 4 days

From /19/to /24/2014/ 6 days

From/28/to/03/2014/ 4 days