

**SANI LODGE**  
**Aug 24 to 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020**  
**5 days / 4 nights**

**Room type:** Double or Twin US\$ 1.672 per person  
Single US\$ 1.952  
**Booking Deadline Deposit:** MAY 17, 2019 – US\$ 700 per person  
**Full payment is required:** MAY 15, 2020



Sani Lodge is located in the intermediate corridor of Yasuní National Park and Cuyabeno Reserve. This place is owned by Sani Isla Kichwa Community and embraces a total of 42,000 hectares (103,784 acres) of virgin rainforest. This is an exclusive Eco-hotel that welcomes the tourists with an astonishing biodiversity. Part of the attractions is the trek through the forest, where you will be surrounded by 1,500 species of trees, hundreds of lianas and beautiful flowers; 550 species of tropical birds, 13 species of monkeys and 1,000 species of butterflies.

With our extensive knowledge about flora, fauna and biodiversity, we can give to our guests a real experience while enjoying a tour through the Ecuadorian Amazon rainforest.

## DAY-BY-DAY DESCRIPTIONS

### DAY 1: Quito – Coca – Sani Lodge

Your journey starts with a 35-minute flight from Quito at 10:30 am to Coca, where the staff will pick you up and transfer to a local hotel located on the banks of Napo River. There, your bilingual guides will explain about safety before embarking for a 2 ½ boat trip on the largest Ecuadorian affluent of the Amazon, the Napo River. During the journey you get a taste of the Amazon; ancestral communities, birds such as: herons, egrets, vultures, while enjoying delicious packed lunch. The canoe ride is followed by a 15-minute walk through flooded forest and 20-minute paddle canoe across the beautiful Challwacocha Lake. The staff will welcome you with refreshing cold drinks and snacks before you settle down in your cabins.



In the afternoon, you will have a short induction hike in the nearby trails or a canoe navigation with many opportunities to observe primates, birds of the Amazon, black caimans and a close encounter with the amazing flora represented by the ceibo trees, orchids and bromeliads. Return to the lodge, where our chef will offer an extensive menu of national and international cuisine that children will love. Later, talk about the Amazon that will be taught by one of our bilingual naturalist guides, while enjoying non-alcoholic drinks for children and cocktails prepared by our bartender.

## **DAY 2: Sighting of monkeys and birds from the largest tree canopy in the Amazon**

After breakfast, experience the life on the tree tops from the 36-meter (118 ft.) observation tower. To get there your leaders will paddle on the Challuacocha Lake for 30 minutes followed by a short 10-minute walk.

Over 565 species of birds have been registered so far, including colorful birds such as macaws, toucans, honeycreepers, tanagers, flycatchers, hummingbirds and with a bit of luck a close view of howler, squirrel monkeys and sloths resting in the canopy. The tower gives you a unique perspective, opening up a whole new world of Amazon biodiversity that is often difficult, if not impossible to see from the understory.

Return to the lodge for lunch.



After lunch, there are many alternatives, hikes on nearby trails of the lodge in search of primates

After dinner, exploration in the forest in search of night monkeys

Return to the Lodge.

## **DAY 3: Hike through the thick jungle in search of primates (CHORONGO LARGO)**

Explore Sani on a 7-hour hike on the Chorongó Largo trail for close observation of exceptional wild such as woolly monkeys, mixed troops of squirrel monkeys with capuchins, parrots, toucans and sometimes peccaries. Discover the magical world of virgin forests in an adventure for

life. And for a total enjoyment, lunch will be served in the middle of the forest, surrounded by arborescent ferns, centenarian ceibos, palms and all the energy that the forest emanates.



#### **DAY 4: Belisario Trail (Yasuní)**

After breakfast we will board a canoe and sail down the Napo River to take the canoe to the Belisario trail (Yasuni National Park), where during a three-hour trek through the primary jungle you may see three types of primates unique to the area depending on weather and weather.

Later, return to the Community Center of Sani Isla. Here you can learn how the community lives in harmony with the Amazon Rainforest. Everyone will know and live a unique experience knowing a new culture, with different customs, food and drinks together with the Kichwa community of Sani Isla, they will learn how local life is environmentally sustainable. They will know their conservation and entrepreneurship projects.

Lunch will be in the community and on the way back we will go to observe the pocket monkey (leoncito).

Enjoy your return in the afternoon to the lodge for dinner.

#### **Day 5: Return to Coca.**

After a delicious breakfast, you will exit the Napo River to take the motor canoe and visit the wall of parrots of the Yasuní National Park. Here,

thousands of parrots look for a place in the wall of the salting pit to eat clay in a process of detoxification. Among the species that can be found, we count the Amazonian, yellow-headed, blue-headed and yellow-crowned parrots. We will continue our trip to Coca to arrive in time to take a return flight to Quito at 11.40 am

**PLEASE KEEP IN MIND** that this is a sample itinerary subject to change due to weather, conditions, your physical condition, and safety.

**Included:**

- Air Fare Quito / Coca / Quito USD\$ 265.00 subject to change
- Assistance at the airport: Quito and Coca.
- Transfers in the city of Coca.
- Canoe transportation from Coca to the Lodge.
- Accommodation + All meals.
- Guided Excursions.
- Bilingual English/Spanish speaking Naturalist Guide + Native Assistant Guide.
- Rain poncho and rubber boots will be provided during your stay at the Lodge.

**Not included:**

- Other alcoholic and nonalcoholic drinks
- Gratuities, extras.

**BIRD LIST**

Parker´s spinetail  
Amazonian Royal Flycatcher  
Capped Heron  
Agami Heron  
Rufous-Vented Ground-Cuckoo  
Paradise Jacamar  
Ornate Hawk Eagle  
Olive Oropendola  
Roseete spoon bill (Dec-April)  
Green Ibis  
Amazonian Umbrella Bird  
Varzea Schiornis  
Cocha Antshrike  
Crested Owl  
Rufuos Potoo

Long-Tailed Potoo  
White-lored Antpitta

### **BIRDS THAT WE NORMALLY SEE IN SANI**

Snail Kite  
Lined forest-Falcon  
Great Potoo  
Least Bittern  
Bat Falcon  
Scarlet Macaws  
Roufescent tiger-Heron  
Crane Hawk  
Blue and yellow Macaws  
Slate-Colored Hawk  
Limpkin  
Wattled Jacana  
Sungrebe  
Cocoi Heron  
Straited Heron

### **BOOKING AND PAYMENTS POLICIES:**

**For reservations a deposit of US\$ 700** per person is required. Deposits must be received in our bank accounts within the time limits established in these policies for reservations to be processed.

Full pre-payment is needed for **May 15, 2020**.

### **CANCELLATION CHARGES:**

- If cancellation is received between the date of booking until **61** days prior the date our services are due to begin, we will charge (25%) as a cancellation fee. This deposit cannot be transferred to another booking.
- If cancellation is received between **60 and 0 days** prior the date our services are due to begin, we will charge 100% as a cancellation fee.
- **In the case of a cancellation, deposits made as part of a booking are non-refundable and not transferable to another departure.**
- In the case of a cancellation due to medical reasons, we require a medical certificate. With this, we will provide a credit note of a value

- of 50% of the booking for the guest. This credit note is valid for another departure for one year from the cancellation date. This credit note will not be issued for departures during Peak Season.
- In the case of cancellation due to death, we require a certificate. With this, we will provide a credit note of a value of 50% of the booking for a future departure by a friend or family member. This credit note is valid for another departure for one year from the cancellation date. This credit note will not be issued for departures during Peak Season.

### **WHAT TO BRING**

- • Two or three pairs of light weight long pants.
- • Two or three long-sleeved light weight shirts.
- • Two or three T-shirts.
- • One or two pairs of shorts (mostly for around the lodge).
- • Light weight sweater or jacket.
- • Rain gear (if you prefer not to use the ponchos provided).
- • Three or four pairs of long cotton socks (long)\*.
- • One pair of sneakers and/or hiking boots.
- • Sandals (Teva type or similar for around the lodge).
- • A hat for sun protection (and that will stay on during windy boat rides).
- • Take in consideration that bright colors might scare the animals.
- • Sunglasses.
- • Small day pack for excursions. Zip lock-type plastic bags to cover optics or other gear.
- • Insect repellent. No inflammable sprays as they are not allowed by the airline. Sunscreen lotion with a high protection factor.
- • Flash light or head lamp bright enough for use.
- • Personal toiletries and medications (carry medications with you when arriving and leaving the lodge).
- • Extra batteries / film / video tapes appropriate.
- • Original passport (always good to have while traveling).