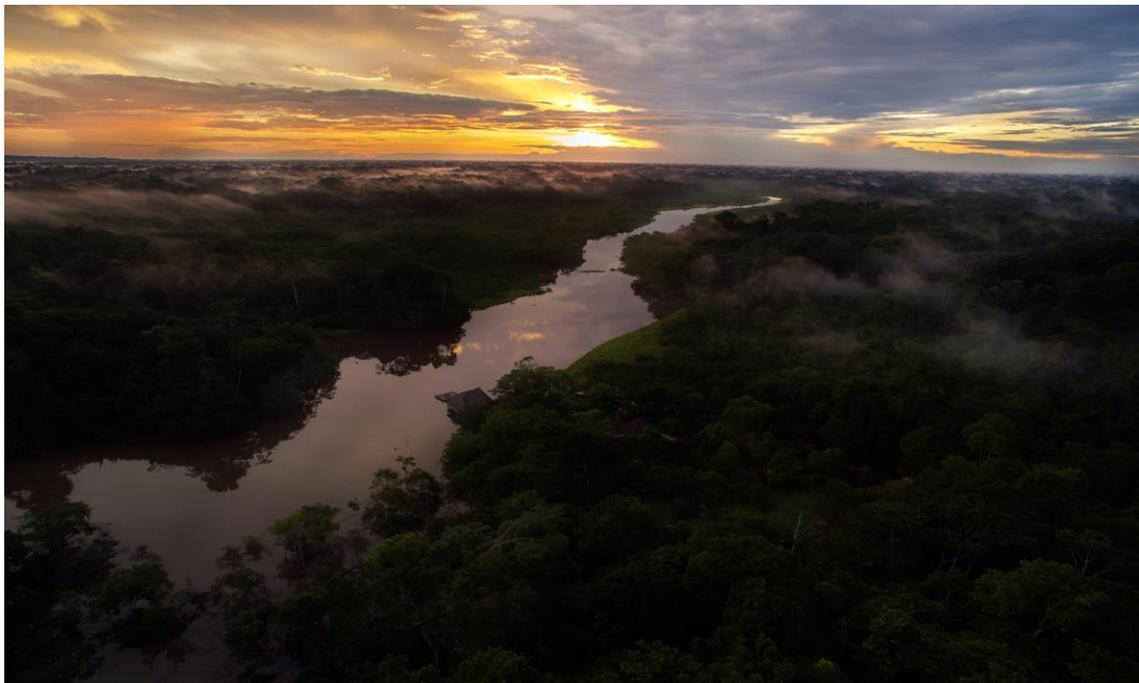


SANI LODGE
PRE – TOUR: Aug 12th to 15th, 2020
POST – TOUR: Aug 24th to 27th, 2020
4 days / 3 nights

Room type: Double or Twin US\$ 1.393 per person
 Single US\$ 1.617
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

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.

Later in the afternoon, you'll have the option to take a short walk on nearby trails or take a canoe ride with the chance to observe primates, Amazonian birds and black caimans in their primitive setting. You'll also have a close encounter with the amazing flora represented by cedar trees, orchids, and bromeliads. Upon your return to the lodge, our chef will be happy to offer a wide variety of national and international cuisine that caters vegetarians and vegans. After dinner explore our black-water, Oxbow Lake, a haven for one of the increasingly endangered species, the black caiman. This lake supports a healthy population of these large South-American crocodiles, which can measure up to 6 meters (18ft.) long. Return to the lodge



DAY 2

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.



The journey continues exploring the nearby trails searching for more Amazonian creatures. Return to the lodge for lunch.

After lunch, there are many alternative activities for your enjoyment like bird-watching from the dining hall or simply relaxing on the hammocks. In the afternoon, a hike in Chorongó or Coto trails of 3 hours and fantastic terra-firme forest will let you discover the relationships among the different living creatures and the role they play in this complex ecosystem. Orchids, vines, strangler figs, ancient trees and bromeliads are all part of this fabulous tropical rainforest.

Dinner at the lodge.

After dinner take a night walk to see how myriads of insects, spiders and frogs come alive.

DAY 3

After breakfast, we'll depart to the Napo River to board a boat and visit the Butterfly Garden at Yasuní National Park for a wonderful view of hundreds of butterflies of this area. Continue with a hike on the south of the Napo inside Yasuní National Park, considered by scientists to be the most biodiverse area in the world.

Here, there are some species that cannot be found in the north like the golden-mantled tamarins, spider monkeys, Blue and yellow macaws and with a bit of luck a close encounter with white-lipped or collared peccaries. Head back to Sani Community Center to visit a native house to get a taste of how



a typical Kichwa family lives.

Enjoy their food, drinks, customs, and culture of the Sani community and learn how the lifestyle of the locals is environmentally sustainable. Return to the lodge late in the afternoon for a well-deserved dinner. After dinner, take a night walk to see how myriads of insects, spiders and frogs come alive.



● **Optional Activity:**

You can visit the parrot-clay lick very early in the morning. Here you will see the Mealy Amazon, Yellow-crowned, Orange-winged and Blue-headed parrots. This activity has an extra cost of USD35.00 per person and you can request it at the moment to make the reservation or decide once you are in the lodge and make the payment there.

DAY 4

After breakfast head back to the Napo River to board the boat and visit the parrots wall at Yasuní National Park for a wonderful view of hundreds of parrots searching for a gap to land and eat the earth. Here you will see Mealy Amazon, Yellow-crowned, Orange-winged and Blue-headed parrots.

Then return to Coca on time to get your flight back to Quito at 11:50 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

BIRD LIST

Parker´s spinetail
Amazonian Royal Flycatcher
Capped Heron
Agami Heron
Rufous-Vented Ground-Cuckoo
Paradise Jacamar
Ornate Hawk Eagle
Olive Oropendola
Roseate spoon bill (Dec-April)
Green Ibis
Amazonian Umbrella Bird
Varzea Schiornis
Cocha Antshrike
Crested Owl
Rufous 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
Rufescent 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).
- • Credit card Visa, MasterCard and Diners for bar bills and cash (US\$) for handicraft purchases.