

# Cuyabeno Wildlife Reserve

## Ecuadorian Amazons

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# 1 Travel Dates:

Dates: ..... *dates to be determined*

A minimum of four days needed for this great expedition.

## 1.1 Arrival Date:

Dates to be determined

## 1.2 Departure Date:

Dates to be determined

# 2 Trip plan:

## Lago Agrio / Cuyabeno: ..... *Day 1*

We meet the group at 9:30 am at the Hotel DMario where we can also leave our belongings in a safe place. (The first breakfast, before we meet is not included in the price). To reach the Cuyabeno National Park we have to take a bus or a chiva (which is a common way of transportation in the jungle) for about 3 hours. Afterwards, we change for a motorized dugout canoe for another 3-4 hours, which takes us through channels and rivers surrounded by thick jungle vegetation. During this time visitors have the chance to observe the tropical flora and fauna which is facilitated by the explanations of our two guides. We arrive at the lodge at approximately 6-7 p.m. in the afternoon. The camp is a property of our agency.

## Cuyabeno: ..... *Day 2*

We are leaving after breakfast to visit one of the largest communities in the area called Tarapuy-Siona Community. However, to reach the village we go for an approximately 2-hour adventurous walk in the Jungle. The excursion provides us the chance to obtain a

deeper understanding of the medicinal plants in the Rainforest, which were used by locals for centuries. If we are lucky we may also see some animals, but this highly depends on luck. In Tarapuy we have alternative programs such as swimming in the Tarapuy River or other sporting activities, such as football or volleyball (maybe with the locals). Later, we return to our camp by canoe to have lunch. After a short “siesta” we go for the next activity which is to visit a native house which belongs to our Native guide and you could participated making a very old way of Casabe or jungle bread then we could taste it . Dinner will be followed by an alternative evening activity:

- ❶ “Caimania” which means: let us see those shining red eyes of the caimans in the river or;
- ❷ A night walking in the jungle for about an hour just to see how the jungle is at night because 70% of the animals are active in the darkness.

**Cuyabeno:**..... *Day 3*

After breakfast we take our canoe for about an hour to reach the Cuyabeno Lake (black water) which is the largest one in the reserve. Then, we go for “piranã fishing”. Since our company has the mission to operate under the concept of ECOTURISM, we would like only to demonstrate how piranhas look like. Therefore, if someone catches a piranã, after a short observation, we let it go!

Soon we will have a picnic at the lake, then a walk in the Jungle for about 3 - 4 hours. During the walk our native guide will show us different varieties of plants, leaves, seeds, vain?... (not only medicinal ones but also other, locally used ones for various purposes).

After walking we have time not only to paddle with our canoe but also to swim in the warm Cuyabeno Lake which is surrounded by macrolobium trees covered by abundant epiphytes (this is call flooded forest which is the only ecosystem in Ecuador’s Amazon Basin). There can also be found various species of tropical birds around the lake such as parrots, toucans, herons, cormorants, swallows and the noisy hoatzins (or as its nickname says “stinky turkey”). There is also a chance to see sweet water dolphins in the lake, but

this depends on luck. To finish our visit at the Cuyabeno Lake area we wait until the sun goes down since the sunset is outstanding on the Equator.

After having our dinner in camp we have an optional night-program (either of the above mentioned activities which are did not do the day before).

**Cuyabeno:** ..... *Day 4*

After breakfast we take the canoe for about 40 minutes then a walking of 2 hours and after if we go for a short swimming in the river then we'll stop in a local house to have either a short visit for a Shaman (native doctor) or Servatana practice, which is a local weapon, After lunch we take a small quilla (canoe) for about two hours. This paddling is the best chance you have to enjoy peacefully the enviroment. After it we go back to the base camp for dinner.

**Cuyabeno (Optional):** ..... *Day 5*

Listening to the sounds of the awakening Jungle requires an early start before breakfast (6 am). We are going bird watching for about an hour. After breakfast we can have a short walk in the Jungle or a swimming session next to our camp in the river. An approximately three-hour canoe ride on the Cuyabeno River , with its wildlife and with its beautiful scenery, takes us back to the bridge where we started our canoe ride on the first day. On the way back to Lago Agrio we are going to travel another 3 hours. The trip will be finished in Lago Agrio around 3:00 pm.

**You need to bring:**

1. Passport (original);
2. Flashlight and extra batteries and
3. Extra money for drinks and cigarettes.

We suggest you bring:		
# 1	Binoculars	✓
# 2	Small Digital Camera	✓
# 3	Sun block	✓
# 4	Hat and sunglasses	✓
# 5	Lightweight long-sleeved and short-sleeved shirt	✓
# 6	Lightweight long-pants and shorts	✓
# 7	Comfortable shoes and socks	✓
# 8	Bathing suit	✓
# 9	Plastic bags	✓

☞ **Note:** ☞ Health requirements: It is always advisable to consult your physician regarding health measures before traveling. No immunizations are required. Anti-malaria tablets are not necessary. Drinking water is provided during the trip.



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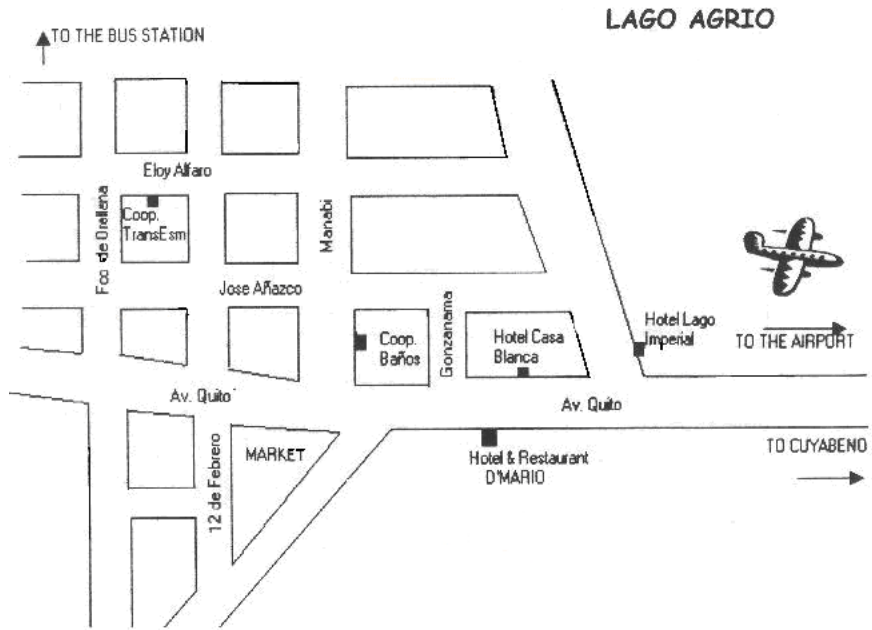
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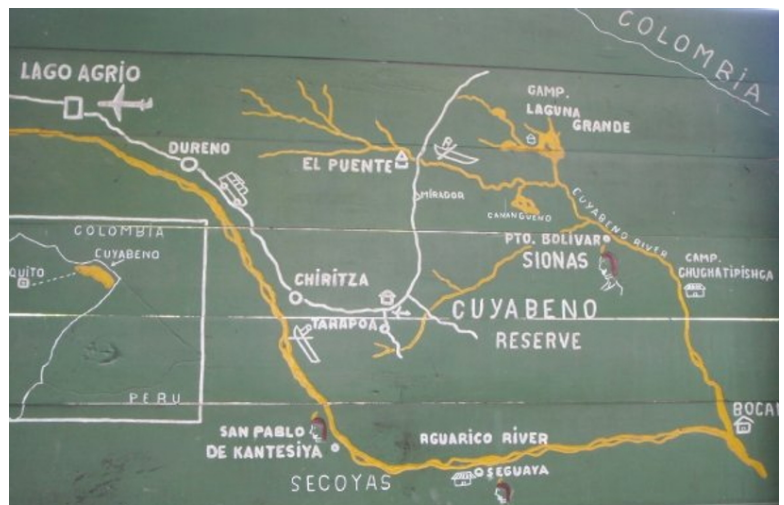
Appendix 1 Maps



Ecuador, South America



Lago Agrio, Ecuador



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# Guacamayo Ecolodge



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