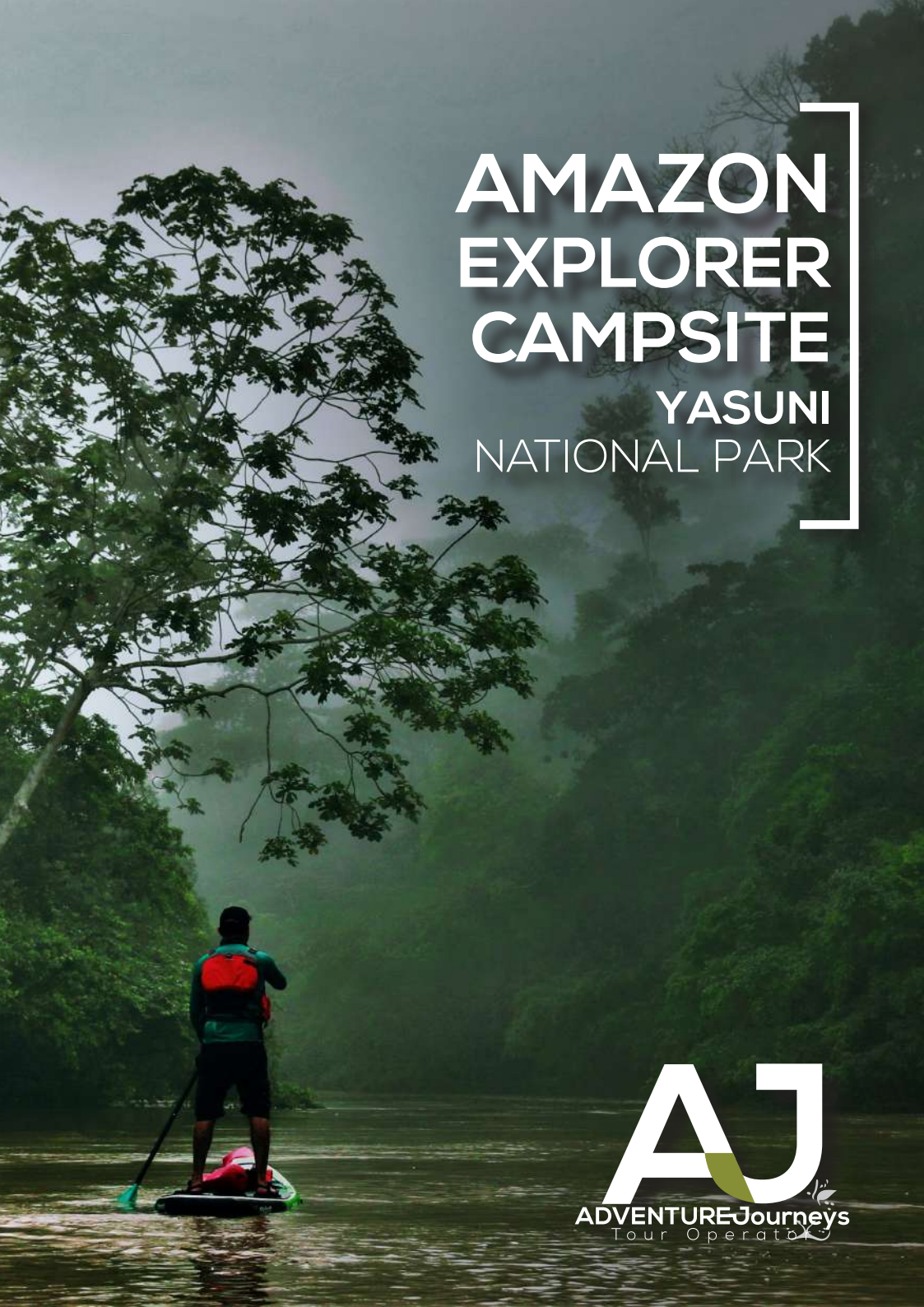


AMAZON EXPLORER CAMPSITE

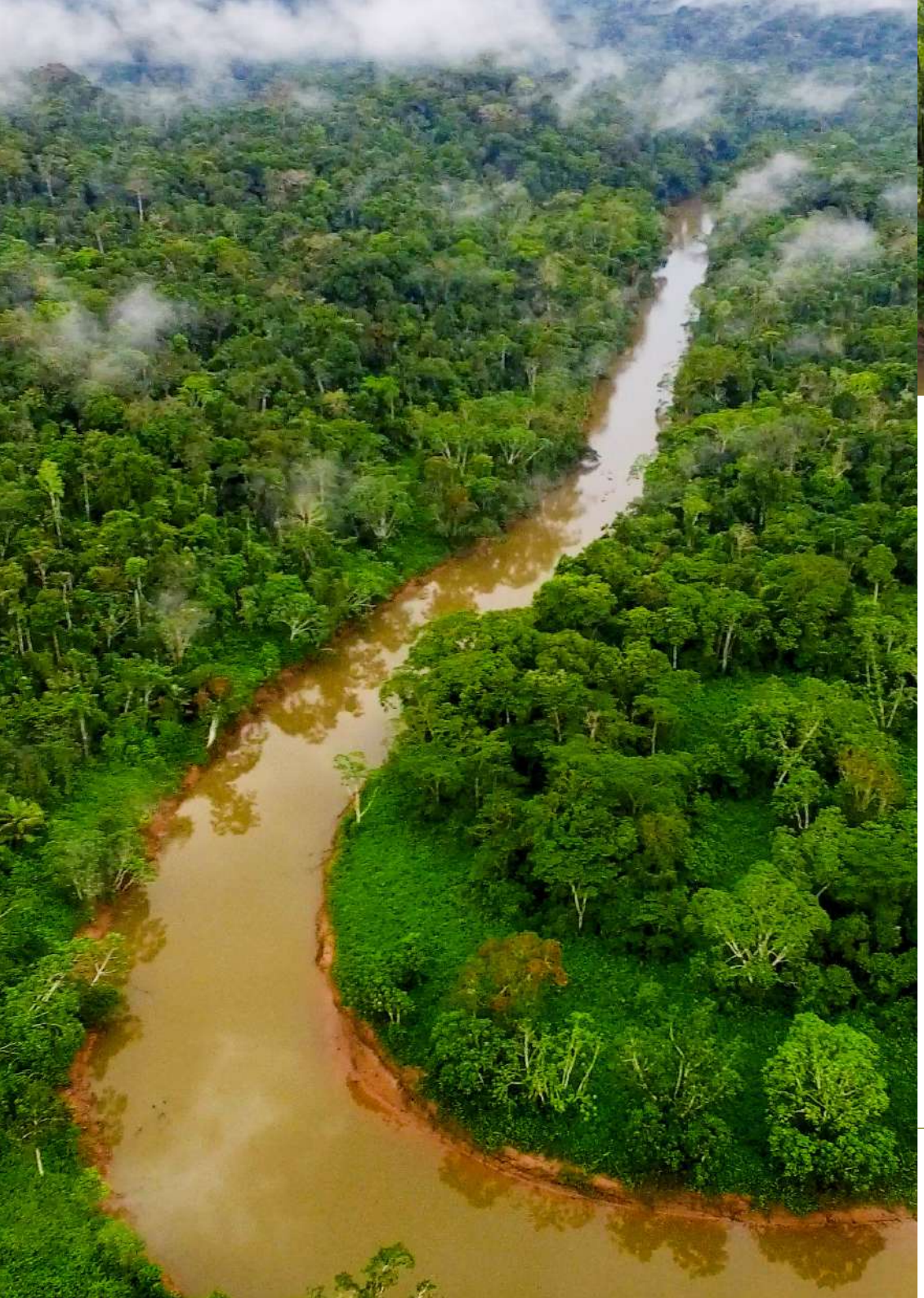
YASUNI NATIONAL PARK

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THE NATURE OF LIFE IS TO CHANGE

UMAYUE one of the last Huoarani warriors
Yasuni Park, Amazon – Ecuador





Our Camp Site

The **AMAZON EXPLORER Campsite,** located in the heart of Yasuni National Park on the Tiputini river, has been created to explore the most remote areas of the national park and to provide different alternatives of traveling to the Amazon rain forest. Tailor make your trip to have the Amazon at your fingertips and discover the immense diversity of wildlife here in any imaginable way. The campsite is located along the junction of two rives surrounded by pristine forest trails. Here lies ten safari style tents along the river, one dining room, solar panels, shared toilets, expedition kayaks for lake exploration, adventure paddle boards, motor canoes for river explorations and transportation.

Yasuni: the most diverse National Park of the planet

According to scientific studies, Yasuní National Park area morphed into this wonderful, diverse wildlife refuge due to the climate and geographical history of the region. These changes caused the species to divide and converge multiples times to create the plurality of variations around today.

Important Facts

Yasuni National Park is the home of 150 species of amphibians, 121 reptile species, 382 known fish species, 596 species of birds, 300 mammal species, 117 bat species, and over 100,000 insect species.

In 1989 Yasuní National Park was made a World Biosphere Reserve as part of UNESCO's Man and the Biosphere (MAB) Program.

Wildlife in Yasuni National Park includes jaguars, caimans, toucans, macaws, monkeys, turtles, marmosets, and many, many more.

Our Tends









Our Dining room





Our Transportation









SUSTAINABILITY, CONSERVATION AND SOCIAL WORK

SELF-SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY PROJECT

The Community

The community of Mandari Panga began in 1980 when a group of families that move to settle on the left bank of the Tiputini river, just outside of the boundaries of what is now the Yasuni National Park, which was officially formed in 1989. All of the founders initially formed an association to administer their territory as common lands

The community of Mandari Panga, named for a native plant with leaves that extend across the ground, is the original settlement and still manages its lands communally.

The community is administered by a General Assembly, the highest authority to deal with issues of commune organization, development, improvements (construction and improvement of the communal house, communal dining room, education, mingas of cleaning of the neighborhood roads and Sports fields) and project management. All actions and decisions are approved by the general assembly.

Plant a tree and be part of the conservation efforts: ALIVE YASUNI

This project is meant to contribute directly to the Mandari Panga community. We have created a reforestation project in part of the territory that was originally farmed. Now the community has dedicated itself to protecting, preserving and maintaining a part of the pristine forest reserve as a way of contributing with future generations and with the rich diversity of the national park.

The Concept:

All visitors have the opportunity to visit the community and learn about the rich culture of the local people and their traditions. There will be a short walking tour to learn about the local farming and special plants utilized here. Following is when we arrive to the community reserve to plant a tree provided by the locals.

The trees we will use are native from the rain forest and can tower the canopy to reach an age of over 400 to 500 years when they are mature.

This will allow the precious flora and fauna to come back and thrive in this forest once again. We hope to achieve more reserves based in the education of conservation to protect this heritage for future generations to come.



OUR PROGRAMS





Photo by Stefan Kardos



YASUNI KAYAK & SUP EXPLORATION | 5 DAYS

Tour code: AJ-AKDY

DEPARTURES EVERY MONDAY

OVERVIEW

With the Amazon camping expedition, you will have the Amazon Basin at your fingertips. It is the perfect adventure for nature lovers, jungle explorers and wildlife watchers who would like to experience the untouched Amazon. You will discover Ecuador's Amazon in the Yasuni National Park, world famous for its tremendous biodiversity and its authentic indigenous cultures which are still very much alive.

Service Level: Comfort Camping / Glamping.

Activity Level: 3

Minimum Age: 14 years.

Group Size: max. 8, avg. 4.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Deep amazon exploration.
- Wildlife at your finger tips.
- Kayaking rivers and lagoons in Yasuni National Park.
- Hiking into untouched primary forest.
- Enjoy kayaking with giant otters and pink dolphins.
- Parrots clay lick.
- Encounter with local shamans amazon local living.
- Discover medicinal plants follow the tracks of jaguars.

ITINERARY

Day 1: Flight to Coca and Enter the Yasuni Park. Today we will catch a morning flight to Coca town and begin our adventure. We will take a scenic drive to the Tiputini River at the entrance of the YASUNI National park and while the guides prepare our gear, we will enjoy a riverside picnic. Our first kayaking expedition will be paddling down this fantastic river surrounded by nature and wildlife. On the way, we will have opportunities to spot river turtles, monkeys, caimans and many species of birds like Oropendola birds, caciques, king fishers, macaws, toucans, parrots and more. We will spend the night at our campsite.

Day 2: Camping Yasuni Park. After a healthy breakfast, we will continue our kayaking exploration, heading deeper into the jungle. Every day in the Amazon is a new adventure: the more we paddle, the more pristine and wild the jungle becomes with new exciting opportunities to encounter more wildlife, such as different types of monkeys, capybara, tapir, swallows, flycatchers, herons, sandpipers and hawks. We will also take hikes to learn more about local plants and their medicinal properties. In the late afternoon, we will arrive at our camp site, located on the Tiputini River side. Our chef will prepare a special gourmet dinner for us tonight.

Day 3: Anaconda Lagoon Exploration. After breakfast we will start kayaking down the Tiputini to reach the entrance to the Amarun - Cocha that means Anaconda Lagoon in the native language, this is located in the most pristine forest of the area and with luck we may see the biggest and most beautiful snake of the planet. Enjoy breathtaking landscapes with incredible dark and clear waters in a flooded forest. Over here we will discover the mythic piranhas, caimans, boas and more. Later we will canoe back to the camp site and after a nice break at the hammocks, we will go on a night exploration to view insects, frogs and with luck some snakes.

Day 4: Meet The Mandari - Panga local tribe. In the morning we will take a hike in the pristine forest to learn about the rich flora of the area and the medicinal plants. After lunch, we will take a canoe ride to a local Kichwa community to learn about their way of life in the jungle, their stories and traditions. We will also see how they make the traditional drink called chicha. In the afternoon we will go fishing.

Day 5: Coca - Quito. This is an early morning because we want to get to the clay lick the earliest possible. It is one of our best adventures in the jungle, visiting the Lamederos or Saladeros (parrot clay lick) where there is a big concentration of different species of parrots and macaws, and few predators surrounding the area. They come to feed on the clay from the mineral enriched ground, which helps them digest and detoxify from the poisons of their main diet. Such places are unique in the Amazon rainforest, because they offer a great chance to see a wide range of Amazon wildlife species. Later we will return to Coca and take the flight back to Quito.

GUARANTEED SHARED DEPARTURES
IF YOU'RE BOOKED, YOU'RE GOING.

PRIVATE DEPARTURES
PRIVATE DEPARTURES AVAILABLE ALL THROUGHOUT THE YEAR AND CUSTOMIZABLE TO ALL NEEDS AND REQUESTS.



INCLUDED

Accommodation: 4 nights in comfortable camping in Yasuni National Park.

Transportation: private and comfortable land transportation, motorized canoe, dugout canoe, kayak.

Meals: 4 Breakfast, 5 Lunches and 4 Dinners.

Trip Leader: Certified AJ expert English-speaking adventure leader and local guides.

Gear: Expedition and inflatable kayaks, paddles, dry bags, life jackets, dugout canoe with outboard motor, rubber boots, Eureka tents, air mattresses, bathroom tent, portable toilet, social kitchen.

NOT INCLUDED

- Airfare Quito-Coca round trip.
- My Own Room & Tent supplement $310.
- International flights.
- Airport transfers to/from Quito airport.
- Travel insurance (mandatory).
- Required immunizations (mandatory).
- Meals not described in the itinerary.
- Personal expenses.
- Tips





YASUNI EXPLORE | 4 DAYS

Tour code: AJ-YAEX

DEPARTURES EVERY MONDAY

Service Level: Comfort Camping / Glamping.
Activity Level: 3.
Minimum Age: 14 years.
Group Size: max. 8, avg. 4.

ITINERARY

Day 1: Quito - Coca - Mandari panga. Upon arrival in the city of Coca, you will be picked up by the staff of Mandari panga to begin your tour. They will have the option to have breakfast before starting the journey to the camp, which is located within the Yasuni National Park, immersed in the enormous biodiversity of the area that is considered worldwide as one of the largest in the world. The trip will take 2 hours in land transport, an hour and a half in motorized canoe traveling along the Tiputini River with the whole extension of the park adorning the landscape. They will arrive to Mandari Panga where they can be accommodated in the first class camping tents (located in typical constructions of high platforms with roof safe of mosquitoes), they will enjoy a delicious lunch; They will have a traditional welcome drink along with a small introductory talk by a guide. In the afternoon you will make a walk in the jungle with a duration of one hour and a half or two hours where you will observe some species of animals that live in the area, and then enjoy a delicious dinner served in the common dining room, where you can also share a pleasant moment with the rest of the passengers and staff of Mandari panga. **(L-D)**

Day 2: Huangana Trail Walk (Wild pig) trail- Visit Gran mother native house. After a delicious breakfast in the morning, you will cross the Tiputini river by canoe to the other shore to begin your hike in Huangana Trail that crosses the virgin forest where you will be partakers of the wild life in its maximum splendor, surrounded by the surrounding sounds of the nature and the screams of howler monkeys. The duration of the walk in a circle, is approximately 5 to 6 hours and at the end will be the canoe to go back to the camp; lunch delicious local cuisine in a place full of history and tradition, an old family home, which was rebuilt and now is the dining room of visitors, then you can rest to continue with the next walk in the Lamedero Sahino (wild pig clay lick), named for the species of mountain pig which is called pecari existing in the area with an approximate duration of one hour. In the afternoon, they will take a short canoe ride that will take them to visit the Abuela house (grandmother house), a traditional native construction of the Amazon allowing them to share a valuable time with members of the community, on this site they will participate in the elaboration of artisan chocolate traditional drink Chicha of yuca and many other amazon on skills. They will return to the camp and enjoy a delicious dinner, and then go on a night walk of about 1 hour where they can see all kinds of amphibians, fireflies, insects and arachnids. **(B-L-D)**

Day 3: Visit to parrots clay lick - Loma Tucan birds watching - Tucan Trail. After breakfast, you will take a canoe trip of approximately 40 minutes again the current of Tiputini River , in this way you will be able to observe some species of animals, until you reach a small branch of a stream called Rumiyacu(stone river) that will guide you to the Parrot Lick: the that will guide you to the Parrot Lick: the place most representative of animal life and especially in variety of birds among them are: toucans, parrots, macaws, pigeons and other species of animals such as small tamarin monkeys, pigmy marmoset monkeys ,in addition the place has sometimes predators such as: snakes, boas and raptors. At noon, they will return to the camp where lunch will be served to rest a little later. At around 3:30 p.m., the trek will begin along a new trail near the camp known as the Tucan Trail, which lasts approximately one hour; Back in the camp, you will go fishing for piranhas and other fish along the Tiputini River that can be served at the dinner that will be prepared upon arrival at the camp. **(B-L-D)**

Day 4: Return to Coca. Breakfast will be served early in the morning depending on the time your transport returns to Quito. They will leave the camp in a motorized canoe for an hour and a half and then take a 2 hours land transport to the city of Coca, then continue with their return trip. If the group has a flight in the afternoon or departure from the group by land, you could have an activity in the morning, an early lunch from Mandari panga. **(B)**





INCLUDED

Accommodation: 3 nights in Amazon Explorer Campsite - comfortable safari stile tent camping inside of Yasuni National Park.

Transportation: private and comfortable land transportation, motorized canoe, dugout canoe.

Meals: 5 Breakfast, 4 Lunches and 3 Dinners.

Trip Leader: Certified AJ expert English-speaking adventure leader and local guides.

Gear: Dry bags, life jackets, dugout canoe with outboard motor, rubber boots.

NOT INCLUDED

- Airfare Quito-Coca round trip (optional travel by bus).
- My Own Room & Tent supplement **$275.**
- International flights.
- Airport transfers to/from Quito airport.
- Travel insurance (mandatory).
- Required immunizations (mandatory) (yellow fiver vaccination).
- Meals not described in the itinerary.
- Personal expenses.
- Tips ($30 – $40 per person for guides and staff).
- Donations to the community: contact our **info@adventurejourneys.com** for guide lines.





DEEP YASUNI WILDLIFE EXPERIENCE | 5 DAYS

Tour code: AJ-DYWE

DEPARTURES EVERY MONDAY

Service Level: Comfort Camping / Glamping.
Activity Level: 3.
Minimum Age: 14 years.
Group Size: max. 8, avg. 4.

ITINERARY

Day 1: Quito - Coca - Mandari Panga. Upon your arrival in the city of Coca, you will be picked up by the staff of Mandari panga to begin your tour. They will have the option of having breakfast before starting the trip to the camp, which is inside the Yasuní National Park, immersed in the enormous biodiversity of the area that is considered worldwide as one of the largest in the world. The trip will last 2 hours in land transport and an hour and a half in motorized canoe that will cross the Tiputini River with the whole extension of the park adorning the landscape. They will arrive at the facilities of Mandari Panga where they can stay in the tents (located in typical constructions of high platforms and with roof of leaves and with a first-class accommodation), they will enjoy a delicious lunch; They will have a traditional welcome drink along with a small introductory talk by the assigned native guide. In the afternoon we will walk in the jungle for an hour and a half or two hours where we will observe some species of animals that live in the area, and then enjoy a delicious dinner served in the communal house dining room of the camp, where you can also Share a pleasant moment with the rest of the passengers and staff of Mandari Panga. **(L-D)**

Day 2: Huangana Trail Walk - Visit Casa de la Abuela. After a delicious breakfast in the morning, you will cross the Tiputini river by canoe to the other shore to begin your hike in Huangana Trail (wild pig trail) that crosses the virgin forest where you will be partakers of the wild life in its maximum splendor, surrounded by the surrounding sounds of the nature and the screams of howler monkeys. The duration of the walk in a circle, is approximately 5 to 6 hours and at the end will be the canoe to go back to the camp; lunch delicious local cuisine in a place full of history and tradition, which was a typical house rebuilt and now is the dining room of visitors, then you can rest to continue with the next walk in the Lamedero Sahino(wild pig clay lick) which is called pecari, named for the species of is called pecari, named for the species of approximate duration of one hour hike. In the afternoon, they will take a short canoe ride that will take them to visit the Abuela house - grandmother house, a traditional native construction of the Amazon allowing them to share a valuable time with members of the community, on this site they will participate in the elaboration of artisan chocolate, typical drink chicha made of yuca and many other amazon skills. They will return to the camp and enjoy a delicious dinner, to then go on a night walk of about 1 hour where they can see amphibians, reptiles, a lot of different type insects and arachnids. **(B-L-D)**

Day 3: Visit the -Loma Tucan parrots clay lick_ birds watching -Tucan Trail Walk. After breakfast, you will take a canoe trip of approximately 45 minutes again the current of Tiputini river, in this way you will be able to observe some species of animals, until you reach a small branch of a stream called Rumiyacu that will guide you to the Parrot Lick: the place most representative of animal life and especially in variety of birds among them are: toucans, parrots, macaws, pigeons and other species of animals such as small tamarin monkeys, pigmy marmoset monkey, in addition the place has sometimes predators such as: snakes, boas and raptors. At noon, they will return to the camp where lunch will be served. At around 3:30 p.m., the trek will begin along a new trail near the camp known as the Tucán Trail, which lasts approximately one hour; Back in the camp, you will go fishing for piranhas and other fish along the Tiputini River. **(B-L-D)**

Day 4: Tapir Trail hike - Canoe on Pishña Cocha. After breakfast, you will start your day's activity with a short one-hour canoe trip to the Tapir Trail, which lasts three hours. They return at noon for lunch and have a little free time to rest or know the surroundings; in the afternoon you will take a canoe of only 5 minutes to cross to the other side of the Tiputini river where you will walk to the black water lagoon, which has a half moon shape and allows you to see a series of endemic aquatic species especially the giant otter, and with luck anacondas and variety of birds and among other species. They will return to the camp for the dinner that will wait for them already served and they will be able to sleep early for the departure of the following day. **(B-L-D)**

Day 5: Return to Coca. Breakfast will be served early in the morning depending on the time your transport returns to Quito. They will leave the camp in a motorized canoe for an hour and a half to then take a 2 hours land transport to the city of Coca to end their tour. If the group has a flight in the afternoon or departure from the group by land, we could have an activity in the morning, an early lunch from Mandari Panga.**(B)**



INCLUDED

Accommodation: 4 nights in Amazon Explorer Campsite - comfortable safari stile tent camping inside of Yasuni National Park.

Transportation: private and comfortable land transportation, motorized canoe, dugout canoe.

Meals: 6 Breakfast, 5 Lunches and 4 Dinners.

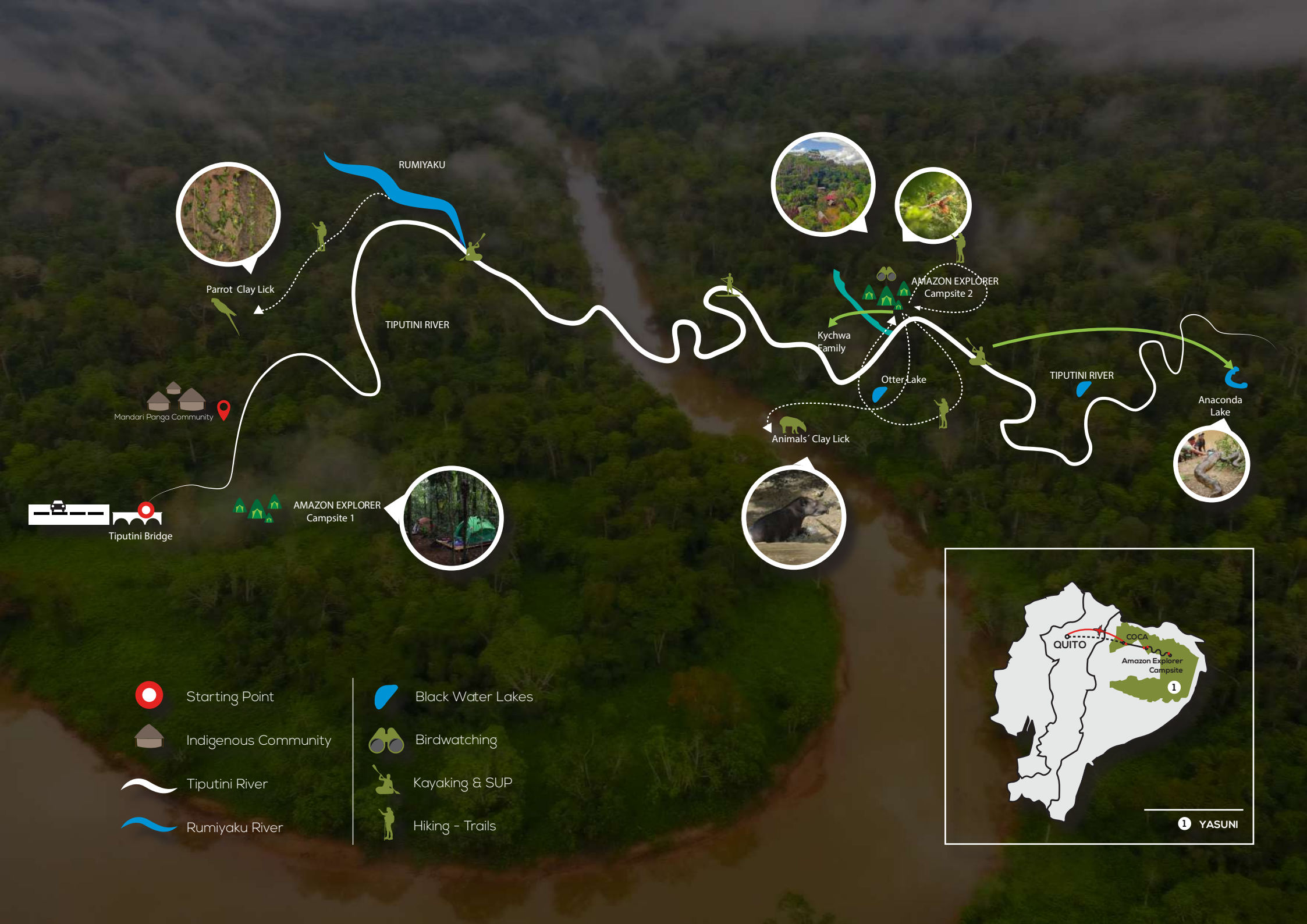
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TIPUTINI RIVER
Mandari Panga Community
Tiputini Bridge
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Campsite 2
Kychwa
Family
Otter Lake
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