

Shiripuno Lodge

*gateway to the finest wildlife of the
Yasuni Biosphere Reserve...*



If you've dreamed of exploring the wonders of the Amazon rainforest, if you've longed to experience firsthand the spectacular sights, sounds and scents of the world's most diverse ecosystem, we invite you to join us!



Shiripuno Lodge is a new tourist facility in the Ecuadorian Amazon. Its remote location in the pristine tropical rainforest provides an extraordinary opportunity for a lifetime experience in the Ecuadorian Amazon Rainforest.

Shiripuno Lodge sits within the Yasuni Biosphere Reserve a United Nations Reserve, which boasts the highest concentration of floral and faunal species anywhere in the world. Its biodiversity is due to unique geographic and climate conditions during the Pleistocene era, which rendered the area with warmer temperatures than surrounding regions. Its moderate temperatures allowed plant and animal life to flourish, and Yasuni became a hotspot of biodiversity and animal migration, which greatly contributed to the propagation of the rest of the Amazon Basin. Yasuni is one of the few places on the planet distinguished as a Pleistocene Refuge Area — an area in which numerous species survived extinction during periods of dramatic climate change.

Shiripuno Lodge is located along the Shiripuno River, within the Huaorani Reserve; the community of Neoneno has a legal agreement with Shiripuno Tour Operator to run tourist activities inside the Huaorani Reserve. Shiripuno Lodge had created job opportunities for the Huaorani People and also provides free transportation to all the community members, medicine on emergencies and educational materials for the local school



The Lodge, with its comfortable, clean, environmentally harmonious accommodations and dedicated staff, will be your home base for unforgettable expeditions.

ACTIVITIES

- ◆ Natural History Hikes
- ◆ Birdwatching
- ◆ Cath & Release Fishing
- ◆ Night Walks
- ◆ Caiman Searching
- ◆ Community Visit

LODGING

Our cabins, furnished with both single and double beds, accommodate up to three people in one room. All rooms have private bathrooms and hammocks. No electricity is available; all light is by candle, creating a perfect harmony with the sights and sounds of the rainforest.

RESTAURANT

During your stay at Shiripuno Amazon Lodge, you will be delighted by our cuisine. Three set menus daily, fresh baked bread, tropical fruit juices and a perfect balance between Ecuadorian and international food make you feel at home. Vegetarian or other dietary meals are provided upon request.



**MAGIC CANOPY
4 DAYS / 3 NIGHTS**

DAY 01: Quito-Coca by airplane, from Coca We'll travel south by small pick-up or by bus to Shiripuno Bridge (approx. 3 hrs). Lunch. Then we'll take the motorized canoe down-stream, to reach the Shiripuno Amazon Lodge, which is at 210 meters.a.s.l. The ride will take approximately 4 hours and it offers a great chance to get introduced to the wide diversity of wildlife in the rainforest. Dinner and lodging.

DAY 02: Breakfast. We'll take a hike (3-4 hrs.) in the primary forest on the magic canopy trail, where we will enjoy a scenic view of the Amazon Basin at 310 m.a.s.l. The Huaorani and the naturalist guides will give explanations about the biodiversity of the rainforest and the medicinal plants that local people use. This hike requires good physical condition. Lunch. In the afternoon piranha fishing in the Shiripuno River. Dinner and lodging.

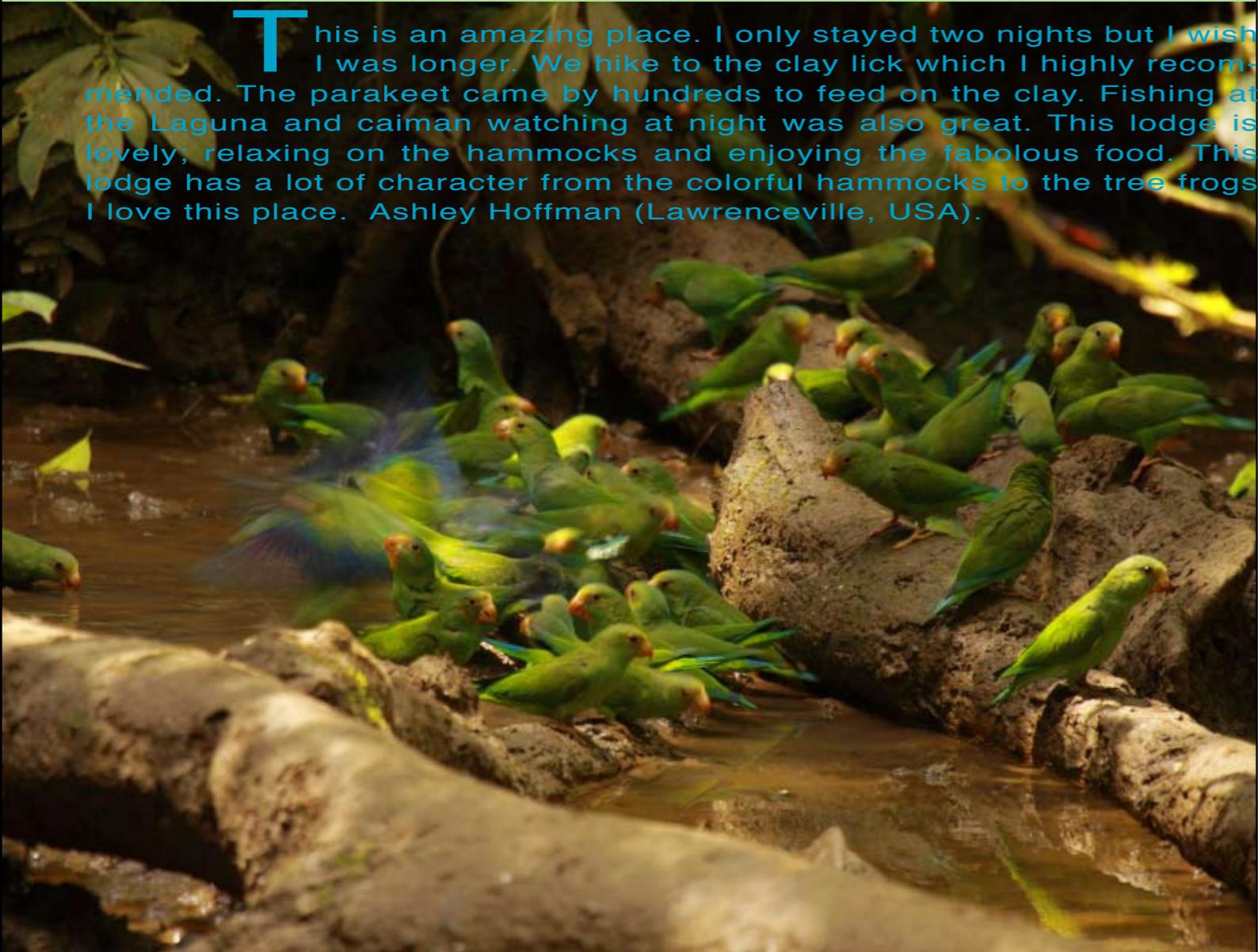
DAY 03: Breakfast. Then we'll go to the oxbow lake where it is possible to see different kinds of plants and animals. Lunch. In the afternoon we will take the motor canoe and make an excursion into one of the small rivers where it is possible to see different species of birds, especially the bizarre looking Hoatzin. Dinner. Night excursion to get into to the night life of the forest and to look for Caiman. Lodging.

DAY 04: After breakfast, navigate upstream to the Huaorani Community (Neoneno), where you will have the opportunity to learn about their traditions and customs. Lunch. We'll continue the navigation upstream to the bridge where we are going to take the bus back to Coca (arrival at 17:30 approx.).



We have always wanted to visit the Amazon Rainforest; Shiripuno Lodge and staff have exceed our expectations in every way. We were taken care of so well !. The food was amazing and we were never hungry. The boat rides were exciting and fun. In the jungle we learnt so much and enjoy seeing the monkeys and all the different plants. Thank you to Shiripuno Lodge who made this experience so wonderful. Jenn & Darsey (Canada)





This is an amazing place. I only stayed two nights but I wish I was longer. We hike to the clay lick which I highly recommended. The parakeet came by hundreds to feed on the clay. Fishing at the Laguna and caiman watching at night was also great. This lodge is lovely; relaxing on the hammocks and enjoying the fabulous food. This lodge has a lot of character from the colorful hammocks to the tree frogs I love this place. Ashley Hoffman (Lawrenceville, USA).

5 DAYS / 4 NIGHTS

SALADERO

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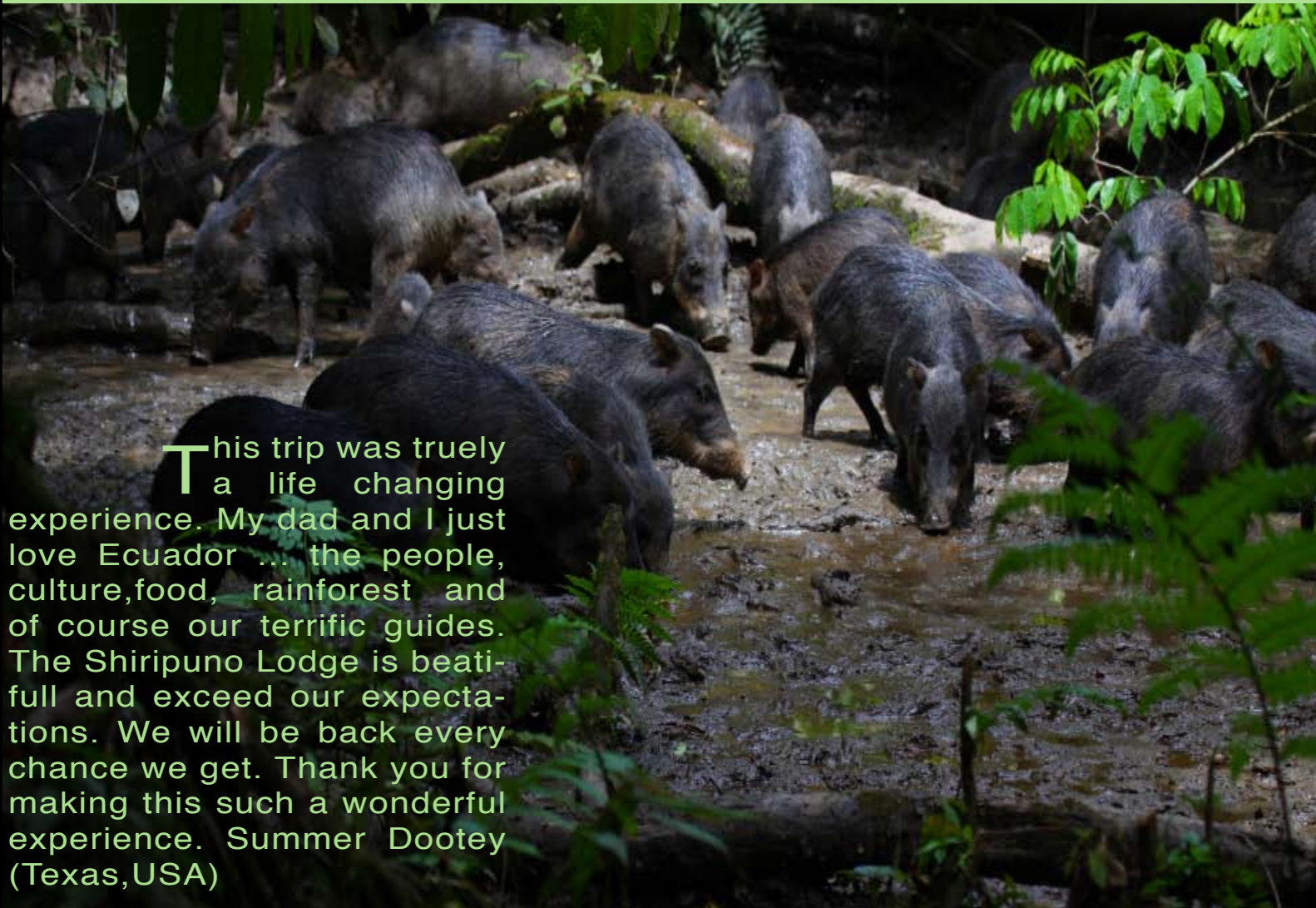
DAY 02: Breakfast. We'll take a hike (3-4 hrs.) in the primary forest on the magic canopy trail, where we will enjoy a scenic view of the Amazon Basin at 310 m.a.s.l. The Huaorani and the naturalist guides will give explanations about the biodiversity of the rainforest and the medicinal plants that local people use. This hike requires good physical condition. Lunch. In the afternoon piranha fishing on the Shiripuno River. Dinner and lodging.

DAY 03: Birdwatching (05:45 optional) Breakfast. We'll take a hike on the el saladero trail where sometimes there is a chance to find the animals licking minerals and admire the richness of plants and trees along the way. Box lunch. In the afternoon we will hike back to the campsite. Night excursions to get into the night life of the forest and to try to see Caiman. Dinner and lodging.

DAY 04: Breakfast. Then we'll go to the oxbow lake where it is possible to see different species of plants and animals. Lunch. In the afternoon we will take the motorized canoe and go to one of the small rivers where is possible to see many different species of birds, especially the bizarre looking Hoatzin. Dinner and Lodging.

DAY 05: After breakfast navigation to the Huaorani Community (Neoneno), where you will have the opportunity to learn about their traditions and customs. Lunch. And then we continue navigation upstream to the bridge where we will take the bus back to Coca (arrival at 17:30 aprox.).





This trip was truly a life changing experience. My dad and I just love Ecuador ... the people, culture, food, rainforest and of course our terrific guides. The Shiripuno Lodge is beautiful and exceed our expectations. We will be back every chance we get. Thank you for making this such a wonderful experience. Summer Dootey (Texas, USA)

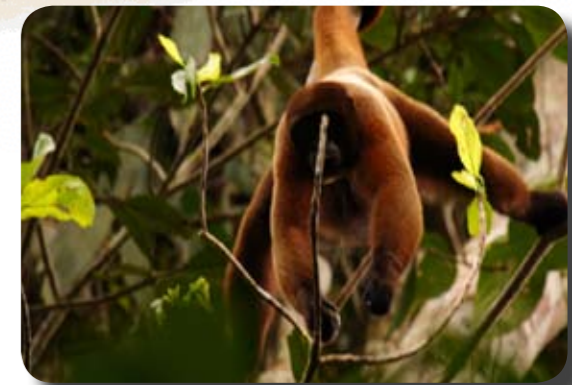
SHIRIPUNO'S ADVENTURE

6 DAYS / 5 NIGHTS

DAY 01: Quito-Coca by airplane. From Coca, we will travel south by small pick-up or bus to Shiripuno Bridge (approx. 3 hours). Box Lunch. We will take a motorized canoe downstream to our campsite. The ride will take approximately 4 hours and you will be introduced to the wide diversity of wildlife in the rainforest, including macaws, toucans, monkeys, caimans and others. Dinner and lodging in tents.



DAY 02: Breakfast. We will take a 3 to 4 hour hike through the primary forest on the Misterioso Trail, which has a scenic view of the Amazon Basin at 310 meters above sea level. The Huaorani and naturalist guides will share their knowledge on the biodiversity of the rainforest and the medicinal plants that local people use. This hike requires that you be in good physical condition. Lunch. In the afternoon, we will go piranha fishing on the oxbow lake. Dinner and lodging in tents.



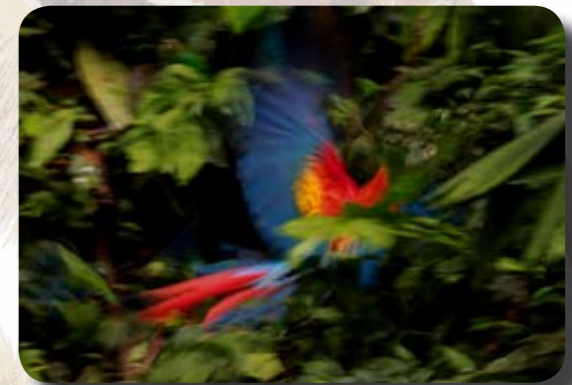
DAY 03: Breakfast. We take an easy hike to the El Misterioso Trail, where we are likely to find several species of primates. Lunch. Travel downstream to our next campsite. Dinner. We will take a night hike. Lodging in tents.

DAY 04: Breakfast. We will hike on the El Saladero Trail where we are likely to encounter animals at salt licks as well as diverse plants and trees. Lunch. Travel downstream to our next campsite. Dinner. We will canoe at night to look for caimans. Lodging in tents.



DAY 05: Breakfast. We take our final hike in the forest to view more wildlife. Lunch. In the afternoon, we return by motorized canoe to our first campsite or to the Lodge for our final night. Dinner and lodging.

DAY 06: Breakfast. We will travel to the Huaorani Community of Ñeoñeno, where you can learn about the traditions and customs of its people. Lunch. We continue upstream to the bridge where we will board the bus back to Coca (arrival at approx. 16:30).



An amazing time in an amazing place. Thanks to all the team for showing and sharing the one of the world's great natural site. To us the food was fantastic. Accommodations more than comfortable and excellent guides able to show and explain more than I expected. Stephen Chambers



SHIRIPUNO BIRDING 7 DAYS / 6 NIGHTS

DAY 01: Quito-Coca by airplane, from Coca We'll travel south by small pick-up or by bus to Shiripuno Bridge (approx. 3 hrs). Box Lunch. Then we'll take the motorized canoe downstream, to reach our campsite. The ride will take approximately 4 hours and birds such as: Blue-and-Yellow Macaws, Scarlet Macaw, White-throated Toucan, Black-capped Donacobious, Orange-backed Troupial, Common Piping Guan, Magpie Tanager and others. Dinner and lodging .

DAY 02: Breakfast. We'll wander in the primary forest trail net work behind the lodge and look for Army Ants Specialist such as Lunulated Antbird, White-plumed Antbird, Sooty Antbird; and give some visits to the different territories of the rare Wing-banded Antbird, Undulated Antshrike, Pearly Antshrike, Yellow-billed Jacamar; there will be time to observe Striped Manakin, Golden-headed Manakin. Lunch. In the afternoon: Visit to the Oxbow Lake. Search for the White-lored Antpitta, Long-billed Woodcreeper, Green-and-rufous Kingfisher, Chestnut-headed Crake. Dinner and lodging

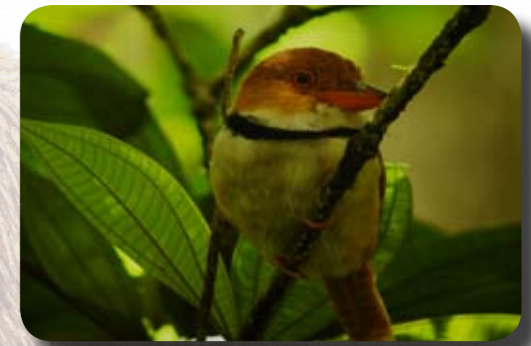
DAY 03: Breakfast. We'll walk to the Mirador View will give us species from the canopy such as Brown Jacamar, Yellow-billed Nunbird, Yellow-bellied Tanager, Purple Honeycreeper, Spangled Cotinga, Black-tailed Tityra, Yellow-browed Tody-Flycatcher, Paradise Tanager and others. Along this trail, mixed flocks with Red-billed Scythebill, Rufous-tailed Antwren, Amazonian Barred Woodcreeper; There are territories of Coraya Wren, Ochre-striped Antpitta, Ash-throated Gnateater, Cinnamon Neopipo, Yellow-browed Antbird. Lekking site of Blue-backed Manakin, White-crowned Manakin.

DAY 04: Breakfast. Our next birding trail will be "El Misterioso Trail" a good birding trail with a lot of mixed flock with Yasuni Antwren, Red-crowned Ant-Tanager, Rio Suno Antwren, Ruddy Foliage-gleaner; territories for Thrush-like Antpitta, Ringed Antpitta, Banded Antbird, and others, it will keep us busy the entire day as we add more species to our list. Lunch in the forest.

DAY 05: Breakfast. Birding along "Skucth Trail" and try for the Salvin's Curassow, Ocellated Woodcreeper, Spotted Puffbird, Black-necked Cotinga, Grayish Mourner, Long-winged Antwren and others. Lunch in the lodge. In the afternoon check for some of the vicinity species we have missed.

DAY 06: Breakfast and birding along the river to get to the El Saladero trail and it leads to the forest clay lick, where sometimes there is a chance to find the Scarlet Macaw, Orange-cheeked Parrot, Scarlet-shouldered Parrotlet. Lunch in the Forest.

DAY 07: After breakfast navigation to the Huaorani Community of Neoneno, where you will have the opportunity to learn about their traditions and customs. Lunch. And then we continue navigation upstream to the bridge where we will take the bus back to Coca (arrival at 16:30 approx.).





Our trip to Shiripuno Lodge was amazing and makes us want to stay longer and come back. All the staff were welcoming and despite language differences each staff member were helpful and responsive to the many questions we had. We really like the setting of this lodge and the community that is built here. The number of guests, activities, schedules and food were the right mix for the type of trip we planned. Staying at Shiripuno Lodge was an excellent choice to end our Ecuador Trip. Anna Iwaki & Jason Mateljak

What to bring?

Shiripuno Lodge could suggest you to bring only items that you are going to use in the forest; Truly there is not reason to carry all your larger suitcase. Keep in mind the following items:

PERSONAL ITEMS

- Long Trousers
- Long Sleeves
- Wind Jacket
- Cap or Hat
- T-Shirts
- Shorts
- Socks
- Raincoat
- Sunglasses
- Bathing Suit
- Insect Repellent (“Old Woodsman” recommended)
- Personal First Aid Kit
- Zip-lock Bags for wet cloths
- Soap & Shampoo (Biodegradable)

TECHNICAL ITEMS (Highly Recommended)

- Camera with Extra Memory Card
- Spare Camera Batteries and charger
- Flashlight with Spare Batteries
- Binoculars (8 X 32 or 10 X 42)
- Notebook and Pencil

COMMUNITY ITEMS (Optional: for the community children)

- 50 Pages Notebooks
- Crayons
- Pencil
- Markers
- Rulers
- Tooth Brush and
- Tooth Paste



What an experience! One month in the Amazon! Thanks a lot for everything, it was great. Special thanks to Fernando for his stories and guiding. An enormous amount of birds, mammals and more. Matthijs (Netherlands)

How do I to get to Shiripuno Lodge?

In a 30 minutes flight from Quito to Coca (Francisco de Orellana), or an 8 hours night Bus ride from Quito. Our staff will meet you in Coca at the Hotel Auca or at the Airport. We start our trip at 10:30 AM. We will drive you along the Auca Road for 2:30 hours to the Shiripuno River. Downstream on the Shiripuno River for 4 hours to reach Shiripuno Lodge



Do I need personal documents?

The Ecuadorian Government had created the Intangible Zone that spans nearly 3,000 square miles (758,051 hectares) is designed to protect the core territory of a Huaorani family group known as the Tagaeri and Taromenane, the last two known groups of indigenous peoples in voluntary isolation in Ecuador.

You need to bring the following documents:

- Original Passport
- Copy of Passport
- Vaccine Card:
 - Yellow Fever Vaccine
 - Hepatitis A, B Vaccines



Is there Volunteering Opportunities?

The Shiripuno Research Center Volunteering Programs consists of 4 and 8 weeks in the field with a whole series of activities and work assignments.

Our Goals:

- To provide fundamental information to scientists based of field observations
- To create educational material for local schools
- To keep track of 20 km of trails
- To download photos from Trap-Cameras
- To create 50 km of trails
- To built a volunteers facilities
- To built a scientists facilities
- To build a data base online!!!

