



Ecuador - Amazon Jungle Volunteer & Travel Experience

2 WEEKS



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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Explore the beauty of the Amazon for two weeks by volunteering and participating in adventure activities! Lead Adventures' program combines fun and volunteering to give you a meaningful once-in-a-lifetime experience in Baños, a town often regarded among travelers as an adventurer's paradise.

Activities- When you're not volunteering, Lead Adventures has a long list of fun activities that includes biking, hiking volcanoes, and canyoning! Baños also offers a variety of fun options for you to choose from on your days off from volunteering. Bring some sturdy shoes and a bathing suit along with you so you'll be prepared for anything.

PROGRAM ITINERARY / DAYS 1 - 4

DAY 1 - INTERNATIONAL ARRIVAL

Our driver will meet you at the airport and drive you to the hotel. Take this day to adjust to the capital city's high altitude (3,000 m).

DAY 2 - Orientation at Lead's office – Bus to Baños:

- Orientation: You will first receive a comprehensive orientation detailing the trip.
- Bus ride to Banos: One of our drivers will take you to Quito's bus station, where you will depart to Banos.
- Free time to explore upon arrival!

DAY 3 - Biking From Baños to "El Pailon del Diablo"

- Leaving Baños early in the morning, you will bike mostly downhill for 17 km until you arrive to "El Pailon del Diablo" waterfall.
- First stop: After about a 20 min. bike ride, you will arrive at the first waterfall, Agoyan. You will be given time to relax and take pictures.
- Second stop: Manto de la Novia waterfall. Here, you will have the opportunity to cross the large Pastaza River by cable car.
- Third stop: The town Rio Verde (Green River). You will arrive at the town after about a 17 km bike ride; here, you will also encounter the third waterfall of the day, Pailon Del Diablo; it is widely regarded as one of the most famous waterfalls in Banos. Here, you will also have the option to complete a half-hour hike to see the attraction from different points of view.
- Optional: Continue to Machay, the final waterfall, to swim!

Note: Remember to bring a bathing suit and a towel for today!

DAY 4 - Free day in Baños

You can explore the town on your own and check out a variety of activities. Suggestion: See the famous Swing at the End of the World or try puenting, an activity similar to bungee jumping.

PROGRAM ITINERARY / DAYS 5 -11

Day 5 to 9 - Volunteer Work at the Animal Rescue Center

In the morning you will take a bus to the city of Puyo where the Animal Rescue Center is located.

Highlights:

- Observing and interacting with exotic animals
- Learning about the animals, their habitats, and daily needs.
- Improve the animal's rehabilitation and chances of being released back into the wild.
- Preparing and feeding the animals on-site

Note: Volunteers have the weekends off to explore (access to town is available)



Day 10 - Bus to Tena

- After lunch, you will take a bus to Tena and will stay with the Indigenous Community

The tour includes transportation, and bilingual guide.

Day 11 - Indigenous Community Day Activities

Morning: Trekking around the Serena community.

Before undertaking a variety of activities in the afternoon, you will be taking some time to walk around and soak in the environment of the local community. For today, make sure to bring comfortable walking shoes and a bottle of water.

Afternoon: In the afternoon, your guide will take you to perform a variety of activities, all of which will help you learn more about the local community in a fun way. Some examples include making chocolate, making handicrafts, and watching a traditional dance. Your guide will explain how these activities play a significant part in the lives of the community members.



PROGRAM ITINERARY / DAYS 12 -14

Day 12 - Rafting at Jatunyacu River

In the morning, you will head out into the jungle to Cando Village after a 45 minute drive to go rafting.

Note: Bring clothes that you would not mind getting wet.

Day 13 - Baños de Agua Santa

You will take a bus from Tena to Quito (5 hour bus ride). Our driver will meet you at the bus terminal "Quitumbe" to take you back to the hotel.

Day 14 – Departure

Our driver will pick you up from the hotel and will drive you to the airport for you international flight

What is included?

- Accommodation throughout your program as described above
- Breakfast at our hostels
- Public transportation to the amazon region.
- On-site 24 hour emergency contact number and assistance

What is not included?

- Personal travel insurance (we offer discount with a international insurance partner)
- All items of personal nature
- Any additional activities and excursions
- Alcoholic beverages/extra snacks
- Transfers to/from Quito International airports can be purchased through Lead Adventures for an extra cost.

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