

The Rainforests of Ecuador

Sacha Jungle Lodge

Kapawi Ecological Reserve

Explore Nature at its Hidden Best

The thatch-roofed, 130-foot jungle tower juts above the tallest tree level at Sacha Lodge. Climb the tower's inside stairway to the covered observation platform for a true bird's-eye view of the Ecuadorian rainforest and the seemingly unending sea of green! The tower has been enhanced with a 940-foot canopy walkway.

Getting There:

Getting there is an adventure, too. First fly 45 minutes from Quito to Francisco de Orellana (Coca for short), an outpost on the edge of the rainforest. From there, travel two and a half hours by boat down the Napo River, hike 30 minutes on an elevated boardwalk and finally canoe 15 minutes across the mirror-like Pilchicocha Lagoon to the lodge.



Jungle observation tower



Accommodations:

More than basic necessities are provided at Sacha Lodge: screened cabins complete with forest views, modern bathrooms with hot water and free bottled water. The cuisine incorporates local dishes, tropical fruits and traditional hotel fare, which will satisfy the appetite of any active guest.



Activities:

Sacha Lodge is home base for hikes and canoe trips through the surrounding rainforest; bird-watching, botany, entomology, fishing and photography are only a few of the

many activities available to you. The Lodge offers dozens of trails of varying lengths, degrees of difficulty and ruggedness, as well as several routes accessible by canoe. In addition, the observation tower enables guests to climb 130 feet into the canopy for an unobstructed view of endless miles of intact rainforest, as well as a close-up view of mammals, plants and dozens of species of birds.



A History of the Lodge

Kapawi Ecological Reserve is a unique creation derived from the cooperation between native Achuar Indian Communities and an experienced Ecuadorian travel association. Their goal is to preserve the rainforest and the Achuar culture and language, while revealing this fascinating biology and culture to the discerning traveler.

The project began in 1993 when Daniel Coupermann, an ecotourism manager with a background in the Achuar Territory, won the approval of OINAE (Organization of Ecuadorian Achuar Nationalities), and then convinced a well-known tour operator to build a lodge and research center in Kapawi in the heart of Achuar Territory. The goal was to pioneer a new trend in ecotourism, in partnership with the Achuar people, by providing a means of economic support and jobs. By 2010 all installations will belong entirely to the Achuar.

Getting There:

Kapawi is located in the most remote area of the Ecuadorian Amazon Basin, east of the Andes, and it takes most of the day to get there. First you have a 45-minute flight via scheduled air to Macas, followed by a 30-minute transfer via light aircraft to Sharamentza. Then you journey down the Pastaza River through dense virgin forest. As you cross the Kapawi Lagoon, the 20 cottages dot the lake's edge.



Accommodations:

Each oval cottage has a private bath with sun-heated shower, photovoltaic electricity and a wide terrace to observe the prodigious bird life. The lounge offers a panorama of the rainforest, and an unlimited supply of soft drinks, snacks and hot water for coffee or tea.



Activities:

Each venture into the rainforest is accompanied by an English-speaking naturalist plus an Achuar native who can explain the practical and medicinal use of every plant and tree. Treks are up to three hours on well-defined trails; for the more energetic, longer hikes on primitive tracks are available.



Rates Per Person	DbI	Sgl	Tpl
4 Days/3 Nights (FRI-MON)	\$ 715	920	715
5 Days/4 Nights (MON-FRI)	\$ 889	1145	889

Air add-on Quito/Coca/Quito: \$150.

For travel Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays, there is a \$125 one-way surcharge for private canoe transfers for 1-4 pax.

For travel Sundays there is a \$275 one-way surcharge for private canoe transfers for 1-4 pax.

Children under 12: 70% off double rate & 50% off the air

Rates Include: Hotel transfers from/to Quito airport & your choice of either 4- or 5-Day all-inclusive package at Sacha Lodge. Bottled or alcoholic beverages, park fees, and tips to guides and staff not included.

Rates Per Person	DbI	Sgl	Tpl
4 Days/3 Nights (FRI-MON)	\$ 735	1140	625
5 Days/4 Nights (MON-FRI)	\$ 875	1420	745
8 Days/7 Nights (FRI-FRI or MON-MON)	\$1320	2065	1305

Air add-on Quito/Coca/Quito: \$235

Children under 12: 50% off double rate & 50% off the air

Rates Include: Hotel transfers from/to Quito airport, your choice of either 4, 5, or 8-Day all-inclusive package at Kapawi Lodge, and service fees. Bottled or alcoholic beverages, park fees, and \$10 Achuar community fee not included.