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Yanacocha Reserve

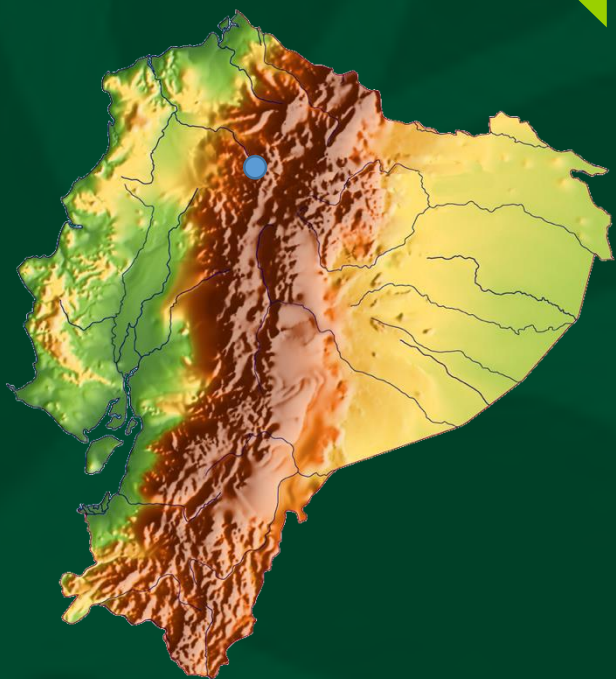
Ecuador

Naturalist Day – 1 Day



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JOUR 1..... QUITO – YANACOCCHA - QUITO

Tour details:

Theme : Naturalistic observations, ornithology, photography

Guíde: cultural bilingual

Length: 1 day

Departure from : Quito

Return to: Quito

Rhythm : Easy

Physic Level : Medium

Maximum height: 3400meters above sea level

Group Size: Private- 12 pax

Date : August 3th and 10th, 2019

Travel time: 1h45 /via

Code: NEVOYNAT19.01

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DAY1:

QUITO – YANACOCCHA – QUITO

El Pichincha is another of the active volcanoes that attracted Humboldt during his long stay in Quito. His desire was to try to determine with different measurements the origin of terrestrial volcanic activity and the geological functioning of the earth. The exploration of the altitudinal gradients of the Andes helped him to establish his famous *Naturgemälde*, a map of "Geography of Plants in the Tropical Countries".

The Yanacocha Reserve, located on the western slope of that same Pichincha volcano, protects a typical vegetation of one of these altitudinal **floors (or layers)** so valued by the Prussian explorer. This highly-biodiverse high-Andean forest of great importance for the conservation of certain rare and endangered species is the last known sanctuary of black-chested Puffleg (*Eriocnemis nigrivestis*), one of the hummingbirds with the smallest distribution area in America.



When leaving the Ecuadorian capital early we will take the eco-scenic route of the hummingbird that will take us along different altitudinal gradients, between 2800 and 3500 meters high, going through Walloon forests, ravines and area of crops and pastures. Upon entering Yanacocha, we will begin our observation journey between ornithology, geology, botany and history.

The vegetal cover of this private reserve of more than 1200 hectares protects a great diversity of floral species, but also of birds, mammals and insects. It has also been, since pre-Hispanic times, an area of great importance for water, and still is for the Ecuadorian capital. Its abrupt terrain is undoubtedly the factor that marks this diversity, both faunal (Mazama, spectacled bear, Condors) and floral (Polylepis, Fuchsias, Orchids, etc ..). We will take lunch at the restaurant of the reserve accompanied by several species of Hummingbirds and there we will learn a little more about the project of the Jocotoco Foundation, which manages this protected area. Return to Quito in the middle of the afternoon.

End of the Tour

Rates

Price per person (USD):

65.00usd*

* Based on 12 participants. In case of smallest group, a distinctive rate will be applied.

For extensions and other additional services, do not hesitate to contact us.

Rate includes

- Pick up from your hotel
- Private transport
- Specialized bilingual guide
- Lunch

Rate does not include

- Soft drinks and alcoholic drinks
- Tickets to different sites of visits
- Tips
- Personal belongings
- Transfer Charges
- TAX (12%) only for residents and Ecuadorian clients

Important

Routes may be subject to last-minute changes due to natural events or changes in domestic legislation. The visitor must take into account and accept the possibility of last minute changes in the organization of the trip. The operator reserves the right to make the necessary changes to ensure the safety and integrity of the persons and the respect to the current legislation. Hotels are indicative, subject to availability at the time of booking the circuit. If not available, a hotel of the same class will be offered

