

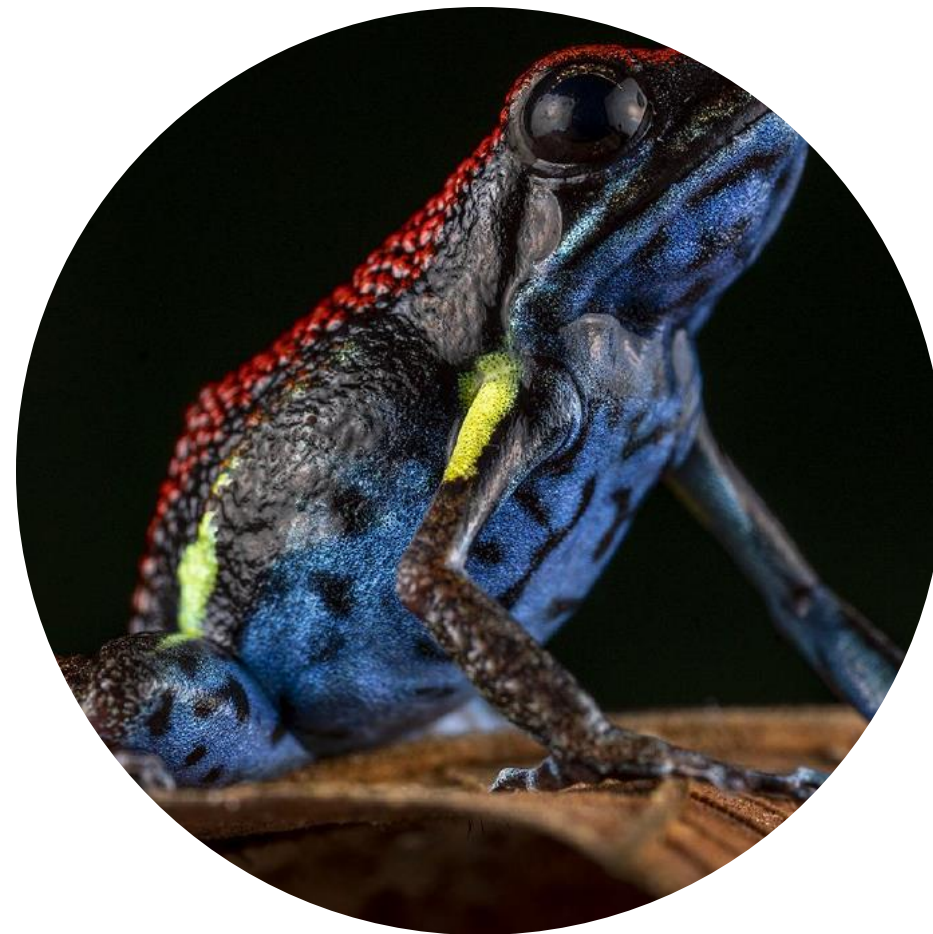
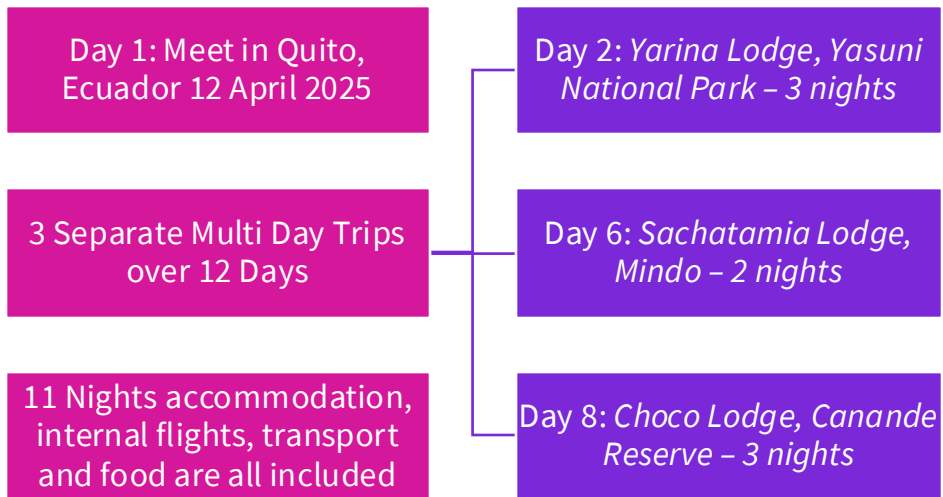
ECUADOR MACRO TRIP

APRIL 2025





12 Days – 11 Nights





Trip 1: Yarina Lodge, Yasuní National Park for 3 nights

On Day 2 we depart Quito to head to Coca

- 7:30AM Departure from Hotel to airport followed by a 30-60 min flight over the Andes to Coca

Depart Coca to head to Yarina Lodge

- 60 min canoe journey from Coca to Yarina Lodge, followed by Lunch on arrival.

Afternoon:

- In the afternoon we will make a walk along one of the paths of the lodge, our first contact with the primary forest!

Evening:

- After the activities, we will return to the lodge to rest and enjoy dinner.

Night:

- With a full stomach and recharged batteries, we will have our first night out to see and photograph the Amazonian herpetofauna.

Search and photography of local species:

- Insects, Snakes (vipers, coral snakes, colubrids, boas ...), Dwarf Caiman (*Paleosuchus trigonatus*), White caiman (*Caiman crocodilus*), Glass frogs, Poison frogs, Monkey frogs, Treefrogs, Rain frogs, Horned toad, Lizards (*Anolis*, *Enyalioides*, *Tupinambis*, *Ameivas*...)

On Day 5:

- We head back via river & plane to Quito.





Trip 2: Sachatamia Lodge, Mindo for 2 nights

Day 6: Depart Quito to head to Sachatamia Lodge, Mindo for 2 nights

- We will leave from Quito towards the western cloud forest (2-3 hours).
- For two nights, this will be our home as we search for insects, amphibians and reptiles.

Here we can find many insects:

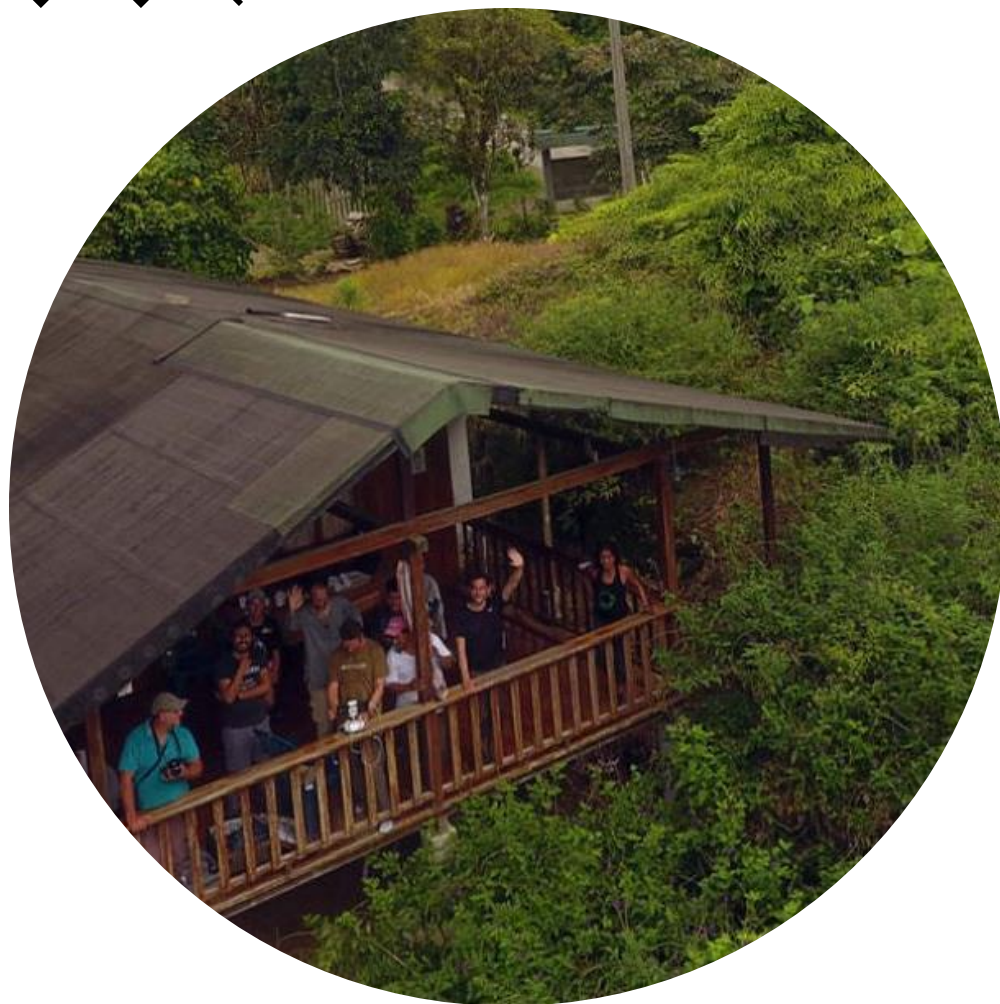
- Equatorial Anole lizard (*Anolis aequatorialis*), Andes Anole lizard (*Anolis gemmosus*), Babbling Torrenteer frog (*Hyloscirtus alytolylax*), Red spotted glass frog (*Nymphargus grandisonae*), Pinocchio rainfrog (*Pristimantis appendiculatus*) and if with any luck, the Pinocchio lizard, (*Anolis proboscis*). Also in this place there is a moth light for nice insects.

Day 8 we depart Sachartamia and head west to Canande Reserve

- Travelling by road with opportunities to see birds and monkeys along the way



Trip 3: Choco Lodge, Canande Reserve (Choco Forest) for 3 nights



Day 8: Depart Mindo head to Choco Lodge, Canande Reserve (Choco Forest) for 3 nights:

- From Mindo, we will travel to the west, towards the megadiverse forest of Chocó.

Sunset:

- At sunset, we will get prepared for our first night out. In the following three nights, our focus will be the macro photography.

Choco Forest:

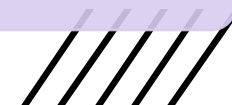
- One of the most biodiverse places in the world, so we will have plenty of opportunities to see and photograph animals.

Among the species we could see:

- Imbabura Treefrog (*Hypsiboas picturatus*), Atrato Glass Frog (*Hyalinobatrachium aureoguttatum*), Limon giant Glass Frog (*Sachatamia ilex*), Eyelash Viper (*Bothriechis schlegelii*), Western basilisk (*Basiliscus galeritus*), Blomberg's Tree Boa (*Corallus blombergi*), Northern eyelash boa (*Trachyboa boulengeri*), Red-eyed woodlizard

Day 11:

- After having breakfast and spending time on taking some last photos, we can look for some insects in the light traps in the morning then, we will prepare our bags to start our return to Quito.



DAY 12 : QUITO



Last
Official
Day:

- Chance to rest and recuperate and explore Ecuador's capital city Quito.

