



Sabrewing Nature Tours

Ecuador

Napo Wildlife Center Extension with Brian Zwiebel

December 2 - 6, 2018



This exciting extension to the Napo Wildlife Center will give us the opportunity to photograph a vastly different set of birds than the rest of this tour. The extension will take us to the Ecuadorian Amazon and one of the top lodges in this part of the world. From photographing canopy species at eye level from their Canopy Observation Tower to enjoying canoe rides on the lakes and rivers to photographing species such as Yellow-billed Tern, there will always be exciting photographic opportunities!

Itinerary Overview:

December 2: Wildsumaco – Transfer to Coca then on to Napo Wildlife Center

December 3-5: Napo Wildlife Center

December 6: Napo Wildlife Center – Transfer to Coca, fly to Quito

Detailed Itinerary:

December 2:

Getting to the Napo Wildlife Center is an adventure itself! We'll start with an early breakfast at Wildsumaco then hit the road to get on the road towards Coca. A motorized canoe will take us downstream on the Napo River until reaching (after about 2 hours) the Napo Wildlife Center welcome station on the banks of Rio Napo. From here we will transfer to smaller paddle-canoes up the Añangu Creek to finally come upon the Napo Wildlife Center eco lodge located on the banks of Anangu Lake. Along the way we will experience the diversity of the region and see many new bird species including Hoatzins, kingfishers, herons, and more.

December 3, 4, 5:

For the next three days we will have the opportunity to explore the great diversity of birds of the western Amazonia jungle. The Ecuadorian Amazonia is considered one of the top bird watching destinations in the world with more than 500 bird species. Get a feel of the wilderness and complexity of rich habitats surrounding the lodge!



Gilded Barbet

Early in the morning, we will visit the Canopy Observation Tower which is one of the top places to see the avifauna of the Amazon Rainforest in Ecuador. This wooden platform 36 meters high offers a privileged access see the jungle atop the trees. It is a real world apart from the rest of the jungle! Get a close-up and stunning view of flocks of birds that wander past and through the Canopy Observation Tower: oropendolas, tanagers, euphonias, aracaris, cotingas, flycatchers, purpletufts, parrots, and macaws drop by the trees in search of fruits and seeds.

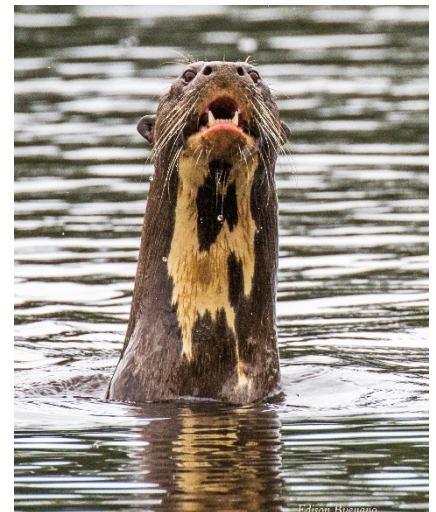
Excursions along the forest trails are also a great opportunity to admire the wilderness of the Amazon jungle, with good chances to see different bird species such as antbirds, toucans, woodcreepers, tinamous, Black-necked Red-Cotinga, and the vocally striking Screaming Piha. We will visit the parrot clay licks where hundreds of parrots, macaws, and parakeets gather to ingest the minerals contained in the soil that help them to digest the seeds and fruits they feed on. A real nature spectacle!

We'll enjoy canoe rides on the Anangu Lake and along the creeks and rivers that surround the lodge accompanied by different birds such as Silvered and Plumbeous Antbirds, herons, Point-tailed Plamcreeper, Orange-crested Manakin, and river birds such as Yellow-billed Tern, Capped Heron, and Collared Plover. Also, the river islands of the Napo are home to a variety of birds including Black-and-white Antbird, Olive-spotted Hummingbird, and several species of spinetails. Apart from the varied avifauna, you will likely see several monkey species and the unique Giant River Otter, a species endemic of the Amazon Basin.

The welcoming area of the Napo Wildlife Center, where the local community lives is also rich in fauna and flora. Here you may find other bird species such as Rufous-headed Woodpecker, Swallow-winged Puffbird, and Turquoise and Magpie Tanagers.

December 6:

After breakfast on our final day we'll head back to the jungle town of Coca. Here we will catch our return flight to Quito where we will say our goodbyes and connect to our international flights.



Giant Otter

Trip Details:

Cost:

Price per person (double occupancy), from Wildsumaco: \$3,299

Single Supplement: \$700.00

Price Includes:

Expert Sabrewing Nature Tours Photography Guide Brian Zwiebel

Expert Napo Wildlife Center Local Ecuadorian Guide

Ground Transportation in Ecuador

Flight from Coca - Quito

All Lodging

All Meals

Park Entrance Fees

Price Does Not Include:

Airfare to and from Quito, Ecuador

Airport Taxes

Passport and Visa Fees

Alcoholic Beverages

Personal Items

Tips

Deposit:

A deposit of \$1,000 per person is required to hold your spot on this tour. The remaining balance is due no later than 3 months prior to the scheduled start date of the tour (August 23, 2018).

If you have any questions or would like to sign up for this tour please contact Brian sabrewingtours@gmail.com or by phone at 419-261-1206.



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Ecuador Photo - 2018 **REGISTRATION**

☐ Main Tour ☐ Extension

Participant 1:

Name (As it appears on Passport)

Address

City, State, Zip

Email

Phone

Passport Number – Expiration - Country of Origin

List current health and physical limitations: _____

List any allergies and medications: _____

List any dietary restrictions or preferences: _____

In Case of Emergency Please Notify:

Name: _____

Relationship to you: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____

E-mail: _____

Participant 2:

Name (As it appears on Passport)

Address

City, State, Zip

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Phone

Passport Number – Expiration - Country of Origin

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Terms, Conditions, and Waiver

TERMS: To register for a tour or workshop please complete the above registration form and sign below to acknowledge the terms. Send this form along with you Tour/Workshop Registration Form and your deposit or full tour amount to Sabrewing Nature Tours (SNT) at the below address. Registrations will be processed on a first come first served basis. We will place your name on the waiting list if your tour is full.

The deposit for this trip is \$1,000 per participant. Deposits and all signed forms are required to secure registration of your spot on the tour. Deposits are refundable less a 20% processing fee ONLY if the spot can be filled with another participant at the full tour price. Deposits received after a tour has filled will be returned and your name will be placed on a waiting list. Payment in full is due at least 90 days prior to the start of the tour. Final payments are nonrefundable. Registrants who have not paid their remaining balance will forfeit their deposit and their place on the tour. Payment by personal check is strongly preferred. If you would like to pay with a credit card, additional fees will apply. We strongly suggest you consider trip insurance to cover you in the event of a medical or other emergency that would prohibit you from joining the tour.

The activity level required for each tour will be described on the tour page. If in doubt please contact SNT to determine if a tour is right for you. Any physical or medical concerns including allergies and/or dietary restrictions should be communicated to SNT. All tours will be non-smoking during group activities including but not limited to meals, slide programs, vehicle travel and when birding/photographing in close proximity to other participants. Tour groups will be kept small for the enjoyment of all participants. Target group sizes are listed in each tour description on our web site. SNT reserves the right to exceed the target group size by no more than one participant.

Tours will be held regardless of weather conditions. Severe weather may dictate informal discussion and/or a slide program while we wait for the weather to break. Tours will begin at the scheduled time. Tardiness may result in missing the boat, or van so to speak. There are no guarantees in nature. Tours are designed to coincide with excellent nature viewing opportunities. Decisions will be made daily to determine where the group should be to maximize opportunities. Deviation from the scheduled itinerary may be necessary.

It is imperative that all participants follow rules and suggestions set forth by the leaders and/or local guides. Failure to comply could pose a safety risk to you or other tour participants. For the safety of all clients we reserve the right to restrict access to tour functions at any time.

Airfare is NOT included in the price of the tour unless otherwise noted on the tour page. Registered participants will receive more specific details of what to bring as well as a more detailed outline of what can be expected on the tour upon payment in full and no later than 60 days prior to the start of the tour.

Photo tour participants wishing to get the most from their tour will have a working knowledge of their camera equipment prior to the tour. Suggestions on exposure modes, camera settings and a variety of techniques will be verbalized throughout the tour. Do bring your camera's manual. Every camera is unique in its operation thus it is impossible to know every feature of every camera model. Participants will be put in the best locations to take advantage of the light, wind, and habitat. We will work to improve compositions and make suggestions to vary your perspective that will improve your resulting images. Participants will also learn techniques to successfully capture action and behavior images.

Waiver: I am aware that certain risks and dangers are inherent to nature travel and photography and may occur during a Sabrewing Nature Tours event and that such risk and dangers cannot be eliminated without diminishing the quality of the workshop/tour for which I have registered. Risks include but are not limited to theft or other loss of equipment or personal belongings; illness, injury, accident or death; travel hazards by air, boat, automobile or other vehicle; exposure to elements and other forces of nature and acts of God; both native and non-native wildlife, insects and flora as well as political, civil or military disturbance, strike, quarantine, government restriction and terrorist threat. I understand on or off trail hiking can present risk of falls that may result in damage to camera equipment, or significant personal injury or death. I understand Sabrewing Nature Tours is not responsible for inclement weather and cannot and does not guarantee subject matter will be available for photography on any given date or location. I further understand I am solely responsible for additional expenses incurred by me due to medical emergency or other travel delays, including but not limited to the expense of extra nights lodging or flight itinerary changes. I voluntarily assume all risks and will hold Sabrewing Nature Tours, its partners and cooperating agents, the workshop leader(s), any and all co-leaders, assistants and other participants harmless from any and all liability, actions, causes of action, claims, debts, and demands which arise in connection with the tour. The terms hereof shall serve as a release and assumption of risk for my heirs, administrators, and executors, and for all members of my family, including any minors accompanying me. In the event a lawsuit is filed, the enrolling participant agrees to do so solely in Hamilton County in the State of Indiana.

I have read and agree with the above terms and conditions.

Participant 1: Signature

Date

Participant 2: Signature

Date

Please complete forms, sign the second form, and send them with your deposit or full tour amount.