



## Program: Yachana Lodge

Yachana Lodge is an award winning ecotourism lodge in the Ecuadorian Amazon region. Yachana means "a place for learning" in Kichwa. The lodge supports the surrounding communities in education, health, conservation and sustainable development.

In addition to studying Spanish for 4 hours a day there are planned excursions and activities to keep you busy for the week, exploring the surrounding jungle, river, and local culture.

Students leave Quito for Tena on Sunday, in order to catch the canoe down river on the Monday morning. After a week of classes and activities the program ends on Friday. From there you can either stay an extra night in Tena where you can enjoy white-water rafting or other activities, or return to Quito with your teacher.

Optional activities once classes finish on the Friday are:

- White water rafting or kayaking in Tena
- The caves of Jumandy in nearby Archidona
- Visit Kamak Maki (a Yanapuma project in Chichicorumi near Tena)
- Visit the Parque Amazonico in Tena



## Notes:

The program includes:

- 20 hours of spanish classes
- Transport Quito-Tena
- 5 nights accommodation
- Transport to the lodge and local transfers, canoe, etc
- Accommodation
- All meals
- All entrance fees

**Not Included:**

- Drinks
- Personal spending or additional activities not included in the program outlined above

What to bring:

- Insect repellent
- Sunscreen
- Lightweight long-sleeve shirts and pants
- Rain poncho
- Binoculars
- Water bottle (they have their own filtered water, but it's a good idea to have your own bottle)
- A good book to read in the evenings.

## Itinerary

*(subject to revision depending on local conditions)*

### Sunday:

Depart by bus from Quito to Tena (about 5 hours), overnight in Tena.

### Monday

By bus to Los Rios to meet the canoe to go downriver to Yachana. Introductory tour after lunch. Spanish classes and dinner.

### Tuesday

Classes in the morning, rainforest hike after lunch to explore the flora and fauna. Cleansing ritual with shaman in the evening

### Wednesday

Early morning bird-watching excursion if you like. Classes after breakfast. In the afternoon visit Yachana's technical high school, learn about the culture. Cooking class and crafts making activities in the evening.

### Thursday

Early morning bird-watching to a different location if you like. Classes after breakfast. After lunch try your hand at panning for gold, relax in a hammock, explore the locale with other guests.

### Friday

Breakfast followed by Spanish classes in the morning. After lunch leave by canoe to return to Quito by bus or to stay another night in Tena to enjoy local activities at the weekend.

*This is a guide to the activities on offer and may change according to circumstances at the time of your visit.*

## Cost Yachana:

1 Student : 1 Teacher \$794.51  
2 Students : 1 Teacher \$726.26