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Youth Photo Workshop

Biodiversity - Conservation - Science - Education

Welcome!

We are happy to announce our second Youth Conservation Photography Workshop in Ecuador!

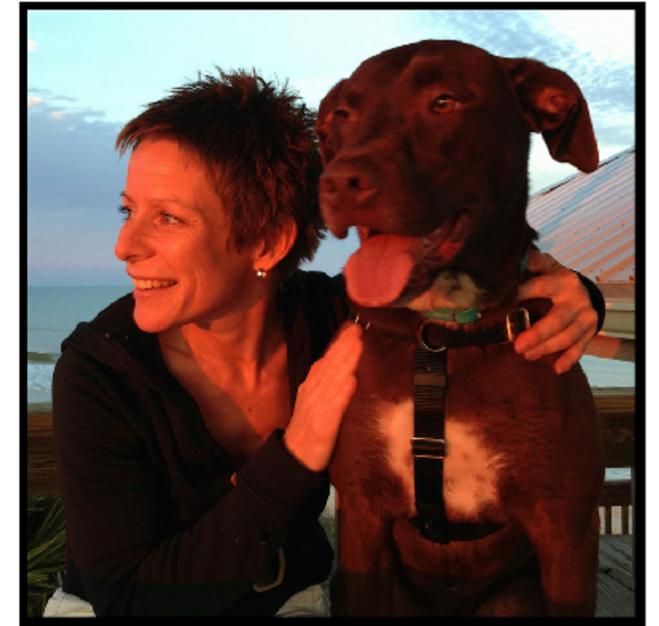
We believe: if we give today's young people the tools to understand their natural world through fresh eyes-by the time they become adults, we will have helped create an army of engaged, illuminated and effective conservationists: strong ambassadors for the earth, it's creatures and it's people.

For thirteen days we aim our lenses at two completely different magical locations: the western Andean cloud forest of Mindo, and Yasuni National Park in the Amazon basin. From hummingbirds, toucans and glass frogs, to caimans, monkeys and sloths - we immerse ourselves in 'seeing.' Not only will we make pictures of an array of flora and fauna, but we will begin to understand the threats and conservation issues that surround them; working to tell these stories through imagery. Alongside biologists and scientists, student photographers will learn about their work, and also meet the indigenous communities who call these areas home; those who understand what it means to preserve their natural heritage in order to ensure their own cultural survival.

Our days will be filled with capturing the components of a conservation story: from message centric story telling images, to technical portraits using flash; editing, talks from top scientists in Ecuador, to spending "a day in the life" of an indigenous community - each day we will build our stories, and learn how to create a message which can be used to raise awareness, and ultimately help save a species, or a land, or a culture.

We hope that you will join us on this wonderfully exciting adventure! See you in the jungle!

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Regards, Karine & Lucas



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Day 1	August 4, 2018	Group arrival and overnight in Quito
Day 2	August 5, 2018	Morning transfer to Mindo
Day 3	August 6, 2018	Full day in the cloudforests of Mindo
Day 4	August 7, 2018	Full day in the cloudforests of Mindo
Day 5	August 8, 2018	Full day in the cloudforests of Mindo
Day 6	August 9, 2018	Full day in the cloudforests of Mindo
Day 7	August 10, 2018	Morning flight to Coca and river transfer to the Yasuni National Park
Day 8	August 11, 2018	Full day in the Amazon Basin
Day 9	August 12, 2018	Full day in the Amazon Basin
Day 10	August 13, 2018	Full day in the Amazon Basin
Day 11	August 14, 2018	Full day in the Amazon Basin
Day 12	August 15, 2018	Morning flight back to Quito
Day 13	August 16, 2018	Flight back home



Location

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Day 1 - August 4

Arriving in Quito airport.

Your private transfer will be waiting for you to bring you to your hotel. Meeting with Karine and Lucas and dinner in Old Quito, one of the largest, least-altered and best-preserved historic centers in the Americas.

Overnight
Marriott Hotel

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/uiodt-jw-marriott-hotel-quito/>



Day 2 to 6 - August 5 to 9

After breakfast, we will drive for 1h30 to our first destination: Mindo, a charming cloudforest located in the Northwest side of the Andes.

We will spend here the next days photographing the stunning biodiversity of the area: 500 species of birds, 100 amphibians and reptiles, 90 butterflies, 170 orchids, etc. Day and night hikes are in the menu, always together with the instructors and local guides.

Also, we will start here our first photo story: follow to our amphibians and reptiles scientists and authors, meanwhile they are documenting the local biodiversity and describing new species for science. They will allow us to be with them the whole time and create a photo story about their work.

Overnight
El Séptimo Paraíso

<http://www.septimoparaiso.com>



Day 7 to 11 - August 10 to 14

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After breakfast, we have 1h30 hours driving to the Quito airport for take our 30 minutes flight to the Amazon. The next 4 hours we will expend in boats and canoes enjoying the rainforest landscapes until arrive to the famous Yasuni National Park, that arguably is the most biologically diverse spot on Earth.

During the next days, we will be photographing the stunning biodiversity of the place, from Giant River Otters, parrots and parakeets claylicks and Black Caimans to Hoatzins, Howler Monkeys and hundreds of insect species. Also, we will be documenting the indigenous community's project, that makes to Napo Wildlife Center one os the most sustainable tourism, biological and cultural conservation initiative in South America.

We will get involve, intimately and as no one has ever done before, with the indigenous community, documenting their whole lifestyle and spending whole days photographing their process of local education and a normal day in their houses.

Overnight Napo Wildlife Center

<https://www.napowildlifecenter.com>



Day 12 - August 15

Early breakfast and 4 hours transfer to Coca airport, for take our flight back to Quito.

Lunch and meeting to talk about conclusions, highlights and lessons learned in the trip. Portfolio and stories reviews. Farewell dinner and packing.

Overnight
Marriott Hotel

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Day 13 - August 16

After breakfast, we will have our transfers to the airport.



Good bye Ecuador!

Detailed contents

Classroom Instructions

- ✓ Composition, Lighting and Photography Basics
- ✓ Lightroom and Photoshop Crash Courses
- ✓ One-on-one photo editing
- ✓ Wildlife & Ethics
- ✓ How to Edit a Portfolio
- ✓ How to create a photo story
- ✓ Macro photography presentation and workshop by Lucas Bustamante
- ✓ Conservation photography presentation and workshop by Karine Aigner
- ✓ Bird, mammals and Wildlife Photography
- ✓ Using Flash in Photography



Detailed contents

Transferrable Life Skills

- ✓ Networking skills as the students meet “pros for the day” that each taught their specialty as a component of the program
- ✓ Learning how to visually tell a story that could have an impact for change
- ✓ Learning the scientific process and see the important that have the science for promote environmental conservation.
- ✓ Learning the importance of cultural conservation
- ✓ Learning the importance to preserve biodiversity hot spots for the humanity and how to raise awareness worldwide using photography.
- ✓ Providing constructive feedback to others as students anonymously providing their 5 best images of the day for sharing and critique
- ✓ Collaboration and teamwork – students were frequently working in pairs or groups while in the field to achieve different photographic goals

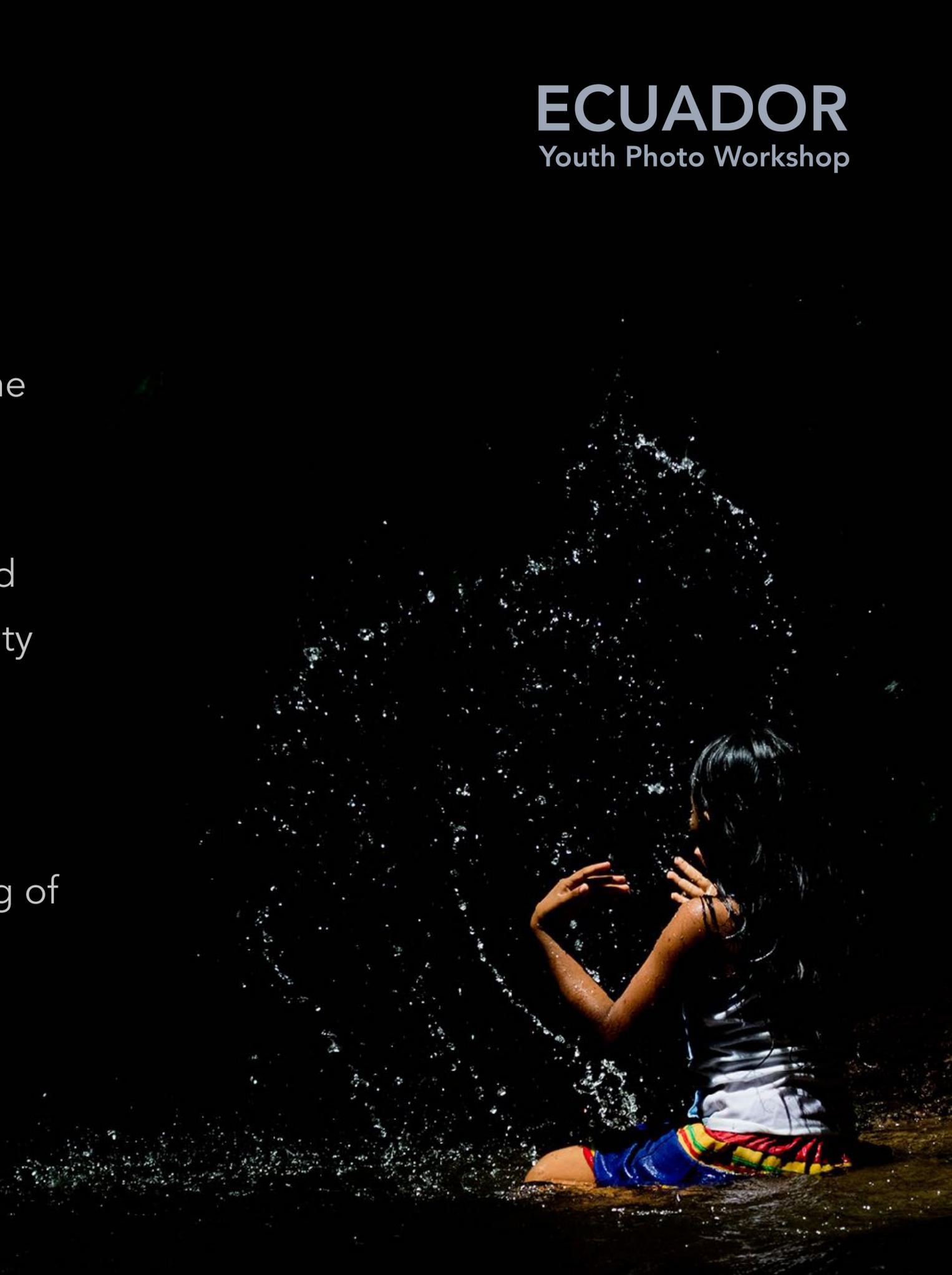


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Final presentation

Each student have to give a final presentation, additional to the portfolio "best of the best of the trip", with the two photo stories photographed during the trip : describing a new species for science in the cloudforest and environmental and cultural conservation by an indigenous community in the Amazon.

These presentation will help the youth photographers to summarizes the whole learning of the trip, telling with pictures all the factors, problems, benefits, advantages, challenges and characters involved present in the story.



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Tour leaders

- ✓ **Karine Aigner** - Conservation photographer and photo editor in Karine Aigner Photography.
- ✓ **Lucas Bustamante** - Conservation photographer and co-founder of Tropical Herping, a regional leading company in research and conservation of amphibians and reptiles.

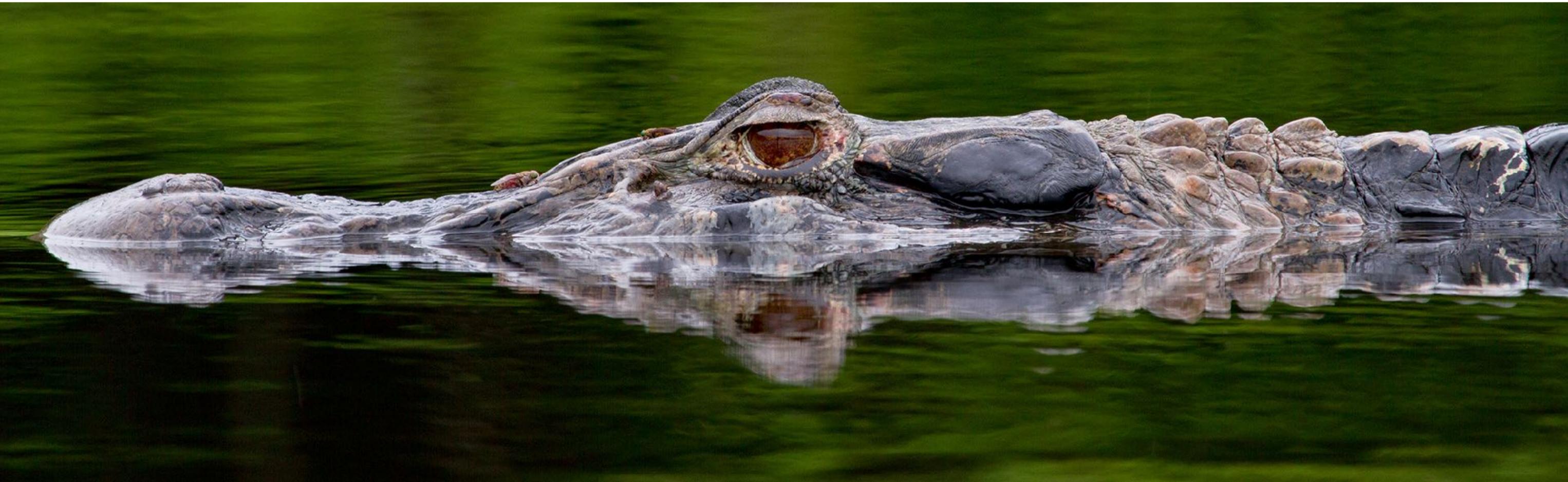
Collaborators

- ✓ **Alejandro Arteaga PhDc** - Herpetologist, photographer and co-founder of Tropical Herping, a regional leading company in research and conservation of amphibians and reptiles.
- ✓ **Diego Mosquera MSc** - Conservation biologist and director in Tiputuni Biodiversity Station.
- ✓ **Kichwa Añangu Indigenous community** - A local and regional-exemplary indigenous community that 13 years ago decided to stop completely hunting animals, preserve the forest and use the ecotourism as the main income for education and development of the whole community.



Cost breakdown

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Total per person with max 10
youth photographers + two
private tour leaders

4970.00 USD

Price includes

- ✓ All accommodation on a shared basis.
- ✓ All meals.
- ✓ Karine Aigner & Lucas Bustamante as your private photo instructors throughout the tour.
- ✓ Speakers and scientists fees.
- ✓ Services of the lodges, guides and staff.
- ✓ All park and entrance fees.
- ✓ All private road transfers.
- ✓ Local flights.
- ✓ All local taxes.



Price excludes

- ✓ Flights and taxes outside Ecuador.
- ✓ Cancellations, baggages and medical insurance.
- ✓ Gratuities.
- ✓ Personal items.
- ✓ Any new Government taxes, levies, fuel or industry increases which are beyond our control.
- ✓ Additional nights due to flight cancellations.
- ✓ Bottled water and snacks.
- ✓ Insurance of any kind.
- ✓ Laundry.
- ✓ Phone calls or messages.
- ✓ Photographic equipment.

