

Itinerary

◈ NUNKUI ◈ JUNGLE PROGRAM

October 31, Thursday (Day 1):

International Flights arriving into Quito, transfers and lodging at Hostería San José de Puenbo

<https://www.sanjosedepuenbo.com/>

November 1, Friday (Day 2):

After breakfast group will depart towards Central Ecuador.

Half way the Avenue of the Volcanos we will have lunch. After lunch we will start our descend through cloud forest to arrive late afternoon to the town of Puyo located at the edge of the rainforest. Accommodations and dinner and at Hostal El Jardín. After dinner we will discuss and prepare for our adventure in the rainforest.

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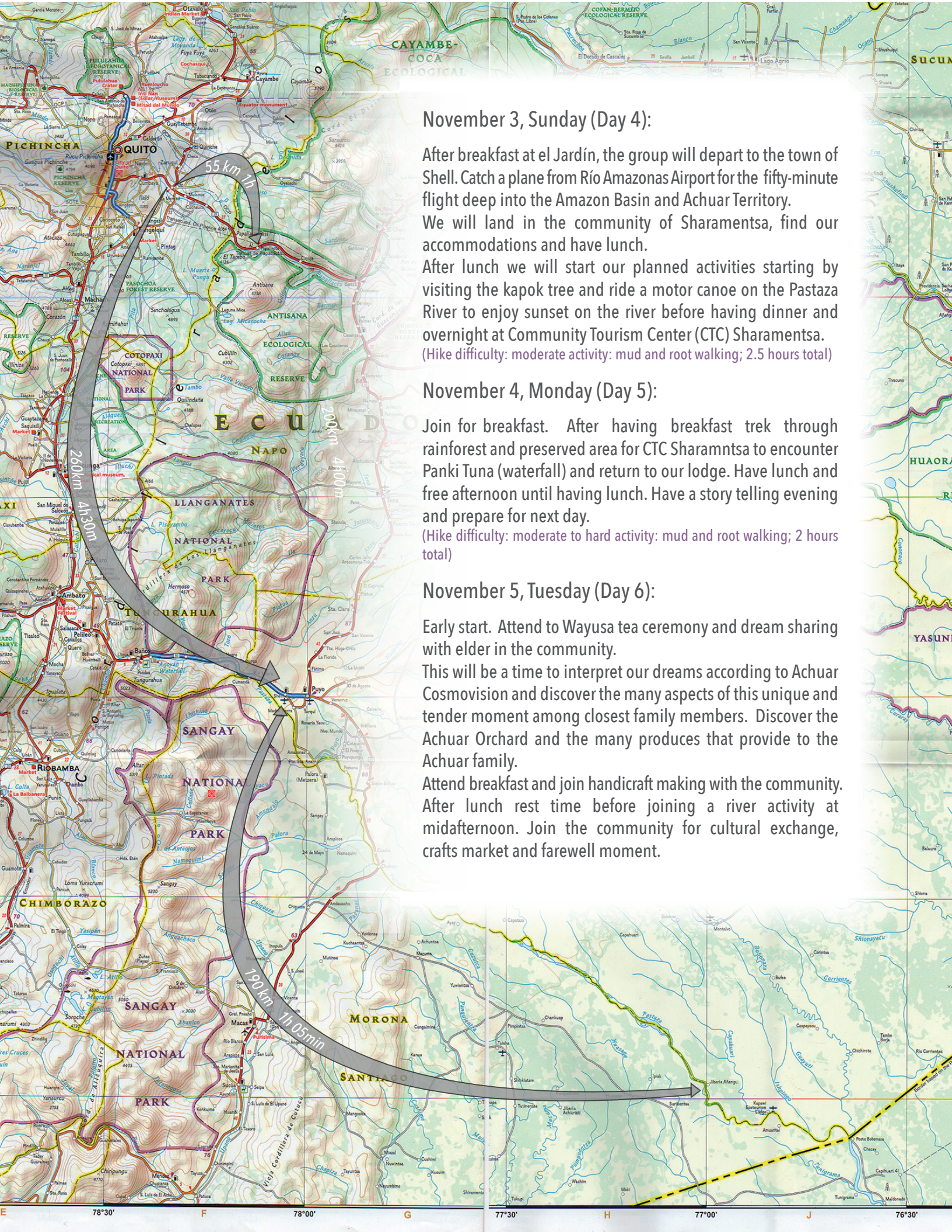
November 2, Saturday (Day 3):

After breakfast group will depart towards Central Ecuador.

Half way the "Avenue of the Volcanos" we will have lunch. After lunch we will start our descend through cloud forest to arrive late afternoon to the town of Puyo located at the edge of the rainforest. Accommodations and dinner and at Hostal El Jardín. After dinner we will discuss and prepare for our adventure in the rainforest.

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November 3, Sunday (Day 4):

After breakfast at el Jardín, the group will depart to the town of Shell. Catch a plane from Río Amazonas Airport for the fifty-minute flight deep into the Amazon Basin and Achuar Territory. We will land in the community of Sharamentsa, find our accommodations and have lunch.

After lunch we will start our planned activities starting by visiting the kapok tree and ride a motor canoe on the Pastaza River to enjoy sunset on the river before having dinner and overnight at Community Tourism Center (CTC) Sharamentsa. (Hike difficulty: moderate activity: mud and root walking; 2.5 hours total)

November 4, Monday (Day 5):

Join for breakfast. After having breakfast trek through rainforest and preserved area for CTC Sharamentsa to encounter Panki Tuna (waterfall) and return to our lodge. Have lunch and free afternoon until having lunch. Have a story telling evening and prepare for next day. (Hike difficulty: moderate to hard activity: mud and root walking; 2 hours total)

November 5, Tuesday (Day 6):

Early start. Attend to Wayusa tea ceremony and dream sharing with elder in the community.

This will be a time to interpret our dreams according to Achuar Cosmivision and discover the many aspects of this unique and tender moment among closest family members. Discover the Achuar Orchard and the many produces that provide to the Achuar family.

Attend breakfast and join handicraft making with the community. After lunch rest time before joining a river activity at midafternoon. Join the community for cultural exchange, crafts market and farewell moment.

November 6, Wednesday (Day 7):

After breakfast we will start our trek towards Wayutsentsa Community right on the Kapawari River bank.

This trek will allow us to interact with the rainforest in many ways. It is a rare opportunity to “step into the shoes” of a jungle human in order for us to understand how communications happen between one community and another.

After arriving into the CTC Wayutsentsa we will accommodate ourselves and have late lunch. Free afternoon until dinner and overnight at the lodge to enjoy a unique experience with the forest.

(Hike difficulty: moderate to hard: mud, root walking, river crossing; 5 hours total, 5 mi. Optional activity)

November 7, Thursday (Day 8):

After breakfast, fasting time starts (optional.)

Visit the sacred waterfall and prepare for Ancient Ceremony and Medicine Plant encounter at end of day.

November 8, Friday (Day 9):

After breakfast debrief experiences with Uwichin Rafael Taish and prepare to visit IKIAM Neighborhood for a number of activities among the close members of the family. Have traditional Achuar feast and return late afternoon to pack and be ready to catch the planes out from the rainforest on the next morning.

November 9, Saturday (Day 10):

After breakfast we will catch our flight back to Shell, drive back up into the highlands and arrive at Papallacta Hot Springs and SPA. Lunch on the way. Arrive late afternoon soak in the thermal baths and enjoy dinner time together.

November 10, Sunday (Day 11)

After breakfast debrief our journey and group gathering to find ways on how to contribute with rainforest conservation strategies and Achuar people's sustainability.

After lunch continue with conversations and dialogues about different strategies. Have our closing ceremony and celebrate our last dinner together.

Transfer out to Quito International Airport to catch connecting night flights into the US.



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