

Upper Amazon Experience



Sunday, November 8th – Sunday, November 15th

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH — Arrival Day

- 10:00 am** Depart Quito (UIO)
- 11:30 am** Lunch in Baeza — a charming mountain town on the descent from the Andes, your first taste of the transition to come
- 2:00 pm** Arrive in Archidona + check in at Orchid Island
- 4:00 pm** Afternoon Waterfall Adventure — shake off the journey with a first plunge into the Amazon's natural beauty

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH — Into the Amazon

- 7:30 am** Morning Yoga
- 9:00 am** Breakfast at Orchid Island
- 10:00 am** Depart for Misahualli Waterfalls
- 1:00 pm** Lunch in Misahualli
- 2:00 pm** Indigenous Community Encounter — a meaningful afternoon with an Amazonian community whose ancestral knowledge and traditions span thousands of years
- 7:30 pm** Dinner in Tena
- 9:00 pm** Gear Check for the Hollín River Expedition

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH — The Adventure Begins

- 7:00 am** Morning Yoga
- 8:00 am** Breakfast + Check Out of Orchid Island
- 9:00 am** Depart for the Hollín River
- 10:00 am** Visit Hollín Falls — a spectacular introduction to the canyon ahead
- 10:30 am** 20-minute hike down to the river put-in
- 11:00 am** The expedition begins — on the water and into the wilderness
- 2:00 pm** Riverside lunch with canyon views
- 5:00 pm** Set up camp and settle into the jungle
- 7:30 pm** Dinner on the river

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH — Deep in the Canyon

- 8:00 am** Riverside jungle yoga
- 9:30 am** Breakfast on the river
- 10:30 am** Back on the water
- 1:00 pm** Lunch stop in the canyon
- 3:30 pm** Arrive at second camp
- 5:30 pm** Canyon Waterfall Expedition — hike to a hidden waterfall deep in the primary rainforest
- 7:00 pm** Dinner at camp
- 8:30 pm** Night jungle exploration — guided after-dark walk through the living Amazon

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH — Final Day on the River

- 8:00 am** Riverside jungle yoga
- 9:30 am** Breakfast on the river
- 11:00 am** Final stretch — back on the water
- 1:30 pm** Lunch at the confluence of the Hollín and Jondachi rivers — a wild and beautiful landmark
- 4:00 pm** Come off the river + check in at Orchid Island
- 7:30 pm** Dinner in Archidona — celebrate the expedition

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH — Rest, Waterfalls & Tena

- 9:00 am** Post-expedition Morning Yin Yoga — a gentle, restorative practice to ease the body after the river
- 10:30 am** Breakfast
- 11:30 am** Grand Canyon Waterfall & Nature Hike — a full day in the jungle with lunch on the trail
- 7:30 pm** Dinner in Tena

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH — Cacao, Culture & Papallacta

- 7:30 am** Morning Yoga
- 9:00 am** Breakfast
- 10:00 am** Tastayaku Cacao Tour — a guided journey from tree to finished chocolate, celebrating one of the Amazon's most celebrated crops

- 1:00 pm** Lunch in Archidona
- 2:00 pm** Depart for Papallacta — a scenic drive up into the Andes
Check in at Termas de Papallacta
- 3:30 pm** Optional guided hike in the Papallacta highland reserve
- 5:00 pm** Soak in the natural hot spring pools (open 24 hours)
- 7:30 pm** Dinner at the spa

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH — Farewell

- 6:00 am** Early morning soak — the pools at dawn are something special
- 9:00 am** Breakfast
- 10:00 am** Final soak
- 11:00 am** Check out + depart for Quito (UIO)