



Kapawi Ecolodge and Reserve



Kapawi Eco Lodge

The Kapawi Project began in 1993. The goal was to commence a new trend in eco-tourism, in partnership with the OINAE, by providing a monthly means of economic support and jobs to the Achuar located in Kapawi as well as in other communities. In 15 years, all installations will belong entirely to the Achuar Indians. The lodge accommodates up to 40 visitors and was built in accordance to the Achuar concept of architecture (not a single nail was used!) Environmentally friendly methods such as solar energy and trash recycling are also being utilized.

Kapawi offers three programs: 4 days from Friday to Monday, 5 days from Monday to Friday and 8 days from Monday to Monday or Friday to Friday.

Eco-Tourism in Kapawi

Kapawi is a place of multiple choices and is characterized by its flexibility. We do not offer fixed programs, but you can design with your guide and your group, design the most suitable one to meet your interests and physical condition. In Kapawi you can do many activities and the most of the itineraries will include visits to the Achuar communities, you can share all of a day with the Achuar families, hikes in the rain forest, canoeing in rivers and lakes, swimming, watching piranhas, pink dolphins, see caimans and other animals of the area, as well as bird watching, where there are 480 species.

Pricing

Occupancy Type	
Double	\$ 1669
Single	\$ 2199

Prices shown above are per person, in US Dollars (\$).



Lounge at the Kapawi Eco Lodge



Deck at the Kapawi Eco Lodge

Itinerary

Day 1

Friday

Depart from Quito on one of the two routes:

Route 1: Quito-Kapawi direct flight Quito-Kapawi (1 hour). It can be straight to Wayusentsa or over Montalvo, a nearby military air base. If the latter, it involves an extra 20 minutes flight.

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Day 2

Saturday

Activities at Kapawi.

Day 3

Sunday

Activities at Kapawi.

Day 4

Monday

Morning activities at Kapawi. Transfer to the airstrip to take the flight back to Quito or continue with the 5- or 8-day program.

Price includes:

Yampu Tours only offers the Kapawi Lodge as an add-on to our highlight programs. If booking alone, booking fees may apply. Price includes all meals and activities at the lodge. Not included is the Achuar community fee of \$10 per person, and soft drinks and alcoholic drinks. Government taxes are also not included.

Transportation to Kapawi net rate per passenger. Children 12 years of age and under pay half price when accompanied by an adult in the same cabin; discount applied on double occupancy rate only. These rates are subject to change without prior notice. Other transportation routes can be arranged upon request and per Operation Department written approval. Service charge is per person. Children under 7 years of age are not permitted at the lodge.

Due to the weather typical of the tropical rain forest, some delays can be expected. So we recommend that you consider adding an extra day to your itinerary after visiting Kapawi to make sure you meet your connecting flights to your next destination (Galapagos Islands, etc.)

Once in Kapawi, you will be miles away from what you know as civilization, the nearest town being a two-week walk through the forest for the local people. This remoteness is what makes Kapawi such a special and unique place. Please remember that because the only way in and out of the area is by air, we are 100 percent reliant on the weather. We request that you leave an extra day after your stay at Kapawi as a buffer day in case an act of God prevents your departure.

Activities at Kapawi: There are three alternatives, according to your physical condition (not your age):

Easy: Programs that include short hikes in the rainforest (up to three hours) on well-defined trails, visits to the Achuar communities as well as trips in canoes. Meals are served in the lodge, or light meals are taken for the trip. Typical Achuar meals are also offered in their communities

during overnight stays in the lodge or in tents.

Moderate: Programs that include medium-distance hikes in the rain forest (up to five hours), sometimes crossing flooded areas. Trips in canoes and visits to the Achuar communities are also covered. Light meals are taken for the journey, or typical Achuar dishes are served in their communities. Overnight stays include the lodge, in the Achuar communities and occasionally in tents.

Difficult: Demanding hikes of many hours or days in poorly defined and often flooded trails. Porters will carry food and supplies. Overnight stays are in tents or in the Achuar communities. Exploration journeys to virgin areas are occasionally offered. Trips on inaccessible rivers are done in inflatable rafts. Excellent physical condition is required!