



## **4 NIGHTS – 5 DAYS PACKAGE**

***"A PARADISE FOR BIRDWATCHERS"***



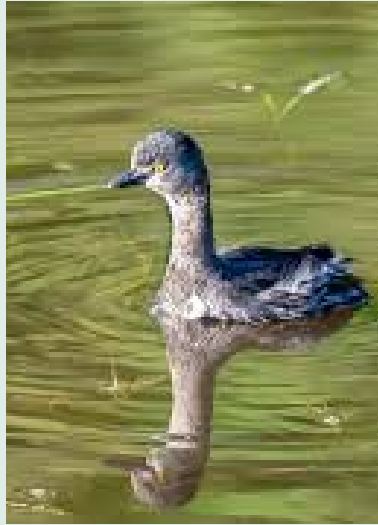
Yachana Reserve is a privately protected area of 1,000 hectares of pristine Amazonian rainforest, home to an extraordinary diversity of wildlife. According to eBird, over 460 bird species have been recorded in our area—making Yachana one of the most rewarding destinations for birdwatching in Ecuador, as it uniquely covers both Upper Amazon and Lower Amazon territories.

Since 1995, we have been committed to the protection and conservation of this unique ecosystem. Yachana is more than a reserve—it's a model of integrated sustainable development. Through the Yachana Foundation, founded in 1991, we actively support programs in conservation, education, research, ecotourism, and community health.

The income generated by Yachana Lodge directly funds these impactful initiatives, creating a meaningful connection between tourism and positive social change.

In 2008, Yachana was recognized by National Geographic as the best example of geotourism in the world. Our founder, Douglas McMeekin, a social entrepreneur and Ashoka Fellow, has led Yachana's vision to blend biodiversity protection with empowerment for local communities.

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## DAY 1: ARRIVAL & FIRST BIRD ENCOUNTERS

**12:00 – 13:00** | Arrival at the bridge over the Río Pucuno.

We'll cross the river in a motorized canoe (2-minute ride), followed by a 45-minute journey to Yachana Lodge in our safari-style truck.

On the way, we will make a birdwatching stop at a small roadside lagoon, a frequent habitat for the Least Grebe.

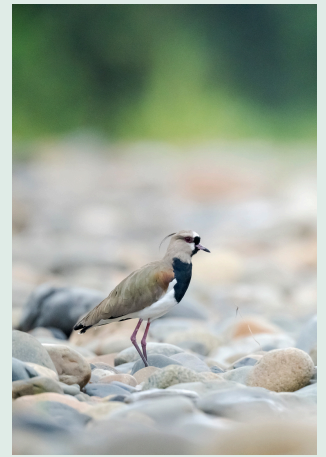
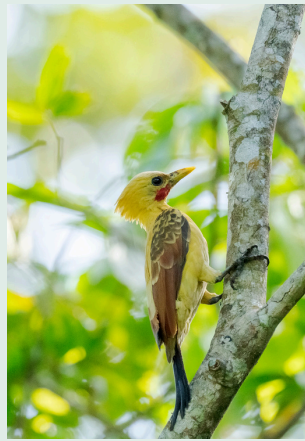
**13:00** | Lunch at Yachana Lodge.

**14:30 – 18:00** | Begin by searching for the Great Potoo in the lodge's parking area. Then, continue by safari truck along a 4-km road through the 1,000-hectare Yachana Reserve. Stop along the way to look for Marbled Wood-Quail at a blind.

We will continue riding the safari truck, and stop at two scenic viewpoints ideal for birdwatching, aiming to spot species such as toucans, parrots, tanagers, oropendolas, flycatchers, trogons, woodpeckers, and many other colorful birds.

**19:00 – 20:00** | Dinner at the lodge.





## DAY 2: ISLAND BIRDS & RARE CRAKES

**05:00** | Early breakfast.

**05:30 – 09:30** | Travel by safari-style truck (10 minutes) to the Napo River, then board a canoe to reach an island. We'll look for species inhabiting secondary forest and aquatic ecosystems.

**09:30 – 10:30** | Stop at a known habitat to observe the White-lored Antpitta.

**13:00** | Lunch at Yachana Lodge

**15:00 – 17:30** | Short jungle hike to search for:

- Chestnut-headed Crane
- Gray-breasted Crane
- Brown Jacamar

Swallow-winged Puffbird

**17:45 – 18:30** | Stop at a known blind to observe the Ocellated Poorwill, which usually appears around 6:10 p.m.

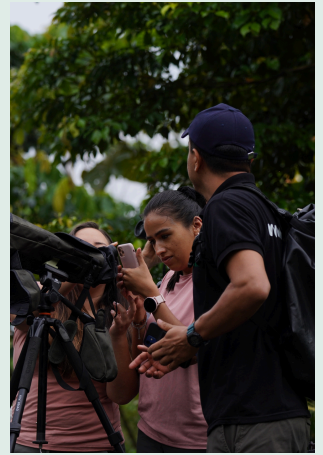
**19:00 – 20:00** | Dinner at the lodge.

## DAY 3: JUNGLE HIKE & MANAKIN LEK

**05:30** | Breakfast.

**06:00 – 09:00** | Ride through primary and secondary forest via the new access road in our safari-style truck.

**09:00 – 10:00** | Stop at a bird blind to search for the elusive Marbled Wood-Quail.



### **DAY 3:**

**10:00 – 12:30** | Jungle hike to the Golden-headed Manakin lek. On the way, we'll look for species such as the White-plumed Antbird, Great Jacamar, and other primary forest birds.

**13:00** | Lunch at Yachana Lodge.

**14:30 – 19:00** | Choose between a 3.5 km or 5.5 km hike through primary forest.

This longer trek offers great opportunities to spot a wide range of forest species. The trail ends near the known habitat of the Black-banded Owl.

Flashlights are recommended.

**19:30** | Dinner at the lodge.

### **DAY 4: RIVER SANCTUARY & MANAKINS OF YOUR CHOICE**

**05:30** | Breakfast.

**06:00 – 10:00** | Depart in a safari-style truck (10 minutes) to board a motorized canoe for a 15-minute ride down the Napo River to a sanctuary along the Wachiyacu tributary.

From the canoe, we will observe birds such as the Hoatzin (a prehistoric-looking species), kingfishers, Greater Ani, and other birds that thrive in riverside habitats.

On the return journey, continue birdwatching from the safari truck, with chances to spot raptors and the King Vulture.



## **DÍA 4:**

**13:00** | Lunch at Yachana Lodge.

**14:30 – 17:30** | Afternoon birdwatching focused on manakins, based on guest interest.  
Possible species include:

- Dwarf Manakin
- Blue-capped Manakin
- Blue-backed Manakin
- White-bearded Manakin
- Golden-headed Manakin
- Striolated Manakin

**19:30** | Dinner at the lodge.

## **DAY 5: DEPARTURE**

**07:00** | Breakfast.

**08:00** | Check-out and departure from Yachana Lodge.