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ITINERARY - ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IN INDIGENOUS ECUADOR

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DAY 1: Monday July 1. Arrival to Hostel in Quito

Arrival to Ecuador. (Transfer Tababela-Quito is not included). (Available upon request, contact us at tours@greentrek.org)
Lodging at hostal.

DAY 2: Tuesday July 2. Quito City Tour (Meals included B)
7:00 am-8:00 am: Breakfast
8:00 am-9:30 am: Introduction Lecture (Stefano)
Class Topic: Introduction to your Instructors
10:30 am-16:30 pm: Visit to anthropological museums & the old town.
San Francisco de Quito, is the capital city of Ecuador, and at an elevation of 2,800 meters above sea level, it is the highest capital city in the world. The historic center of Quito has one of the largest, least-altered and best-preserved historic centers in the Americas. Quito, was one of the first World Cultural Heritage Sites declared by UNESCO in 1978.
10:30-11:00 am: Visit to the Mindalae Ethno historical Museum.
11:30 – 12:00 pm: Travel to old town
12:00-13:00 pm: Lunch in the old town (pay on own)
13:30- 15:00 pm: Walk around the main plazas and historical sites in the old town.
15:00-16:00 pm: Visit to the Museum of pre-Colombian art Casa del Alabado.
16:30: Return to hostel.
6:00 pm-9:00 pm: Introduction, Seminar & Dinner(pay on own)

DAY 3: Wednesday July 3. Quito to Mindo, Chocó Cloudforest (Meals included B & D)
7:00 am-8:00 am: Breakfast
8:00 am-1:00 pm: After breakfast we will travel by bus to the quiet & beautiful town of Mindo located on the Western Andean slopes. This area is one of the most visited cloud forests of Ecuador, it is located in the natural Reserve Mindo-Nambillo Protected Forest of 14,170 hectares (35,000 acres); there are hundreds of bird species (400 species have been recorded here).
9:00-10:30 am: On-the-Move Check-in
1:30 pm-2:30 pm: Arrival to Mindo & Lunch (pay on own).
3:00 pm-4:00 pm: Visit a small local chocolate “factory” and learn how organically grown cacao is transformed into delicious chocolate bars.
4:30 pm-6:30 pm: Arrival to Intillacta Reserve. Overnight in a lodge.
7:00 pm: Dinner
8:00 pm- 9:00 pm: Presentation of UCD students and instructors to the family members and personnel of Intillacta.
Day 4: Thursday July 4. Intillacta Reserve, Chocó Cloudforest (Meals included B, L & D)
** Beginning this day, in Intillacta, a few students will also help with meal preparation in rotation **
Link to project website: http://www.tucanopy.com/en/intillacta
The Intillacta Reserve is a family-owned project looking for more sustainable livelihoods based on principles of agro-ecology and nature conservation. The environmental awareness is a crosscutting issue in all activities of the Reserve, where visitors and volunteers receive lectures on ecology, climate change, the importance of ecosystem conservation and ethics in the use of natural resources of the planet. The three-generation members of the family that created and now manage the Reserve are all committed social and environmental activists and researchers that have a lot to teach us on how “to walk the talk” on the fundamental issue of global warming, development and deep respect for nature and the earth.
7:00 am-8.00 am: Breakfast
8:00 am-12:00 pm: Conversation with Intillacta Residents: Introduction to Intillacta Reserve: During the morning, you will receive an introduction to the work carried out at the reserve and walk through their organic gardens & restored forests learning about sustainable practices.
12:00 pm-2.00 pm: Lunch
2:00 pm-3:30 pm: Volunteer work in organic vegetable garden & organic shade grown coffee plantation.
4:00 pm-6:30 pm: Conversation with Intillacta Reserve Residents: Confronting mining, and forms of popular/civil resistance
7:00 pm: Dinner

DAY 5: Friday July 5. Intillacta Reserve, Chocó Cloudforest (Meals included B, L & D)
7:00 am-8.00 am: Breakfast
8:00 am-12:00 pm: Volunteer work in organic vegetable garden, organic shade grown coffee plantation and/or cooking (learn Ecuadorian cuisine)
12:00 pm-2:00 pm: Lunch
2:00 pm-3:30 pm: Volunteer work and/or work on your course project
4:00 pm-6:30 pm: Lecture (Stefano)
7:00 pm: Dinner
8:00 pm: After dinner activity: video, discussion of projects, or otherwise

DAY 6: Saturday July 6. Intillacta Reserve, Chocó Cloudforest (Meals included B, L & D)
7:00 am-8.00 am: Breakfast
8:00 am-12:00 pm: Volunteering day. Optional activity canopy zip line through the forest! To be arranged directly at the reserve (fee not included in UCD program)
12:00 pm-2:00 pm: Lunch
2:00 pm-3:30 pm: Volunteer or work on your academic project
4:00-6:30 pm: Conversation with Intillacta Reserve Residents: Women’s Movement in Mining
7:00 pm: Dinner
8:00 pm: After dinner activity: video, discussion of projects, or otherwise

DAY 7: Sunday July 7. Intillacta to Intag Cloud Forest Reserve, Chocó Cloudforest (Meals included B & D)
Link to project website: http://www.intagcloudforest.com/
7:00 am-8.00 am: Breakfast
8:30 am-4:00 pm: Travel (Watch video: Under Rich Earth)
Today you travel by bus to one of the many highlights of this trip, you will drive north to the Province of the Lakes, the Imbabura province. You will stop for lunch on the way (pay on own). You will travel to the cloud forests of the Intag Valley. On this area you will also find out how purely organic mountain coffee is cultivated and processed. This area is also struggling to protect their natural environment as some international mining companies are trying to set big scale operations on this area. You will learn about the struggles that the local inhabitants are facing in order to conserve their forests. Lectures will be given by locals regarding their current state of affairs in terms of conservation issues and struggles with mining companies.
9:30 am-10:30 am: Under Rich Earth
10:30 am-11:30 am: On-the-Move Check-in
12:30-2:00 pm: Lunch on the Way
4:00 pm: Arrival to Intag Cloud Forest Reserve, welcome and distribution in rooms.
5:00-7:00 pm: Conversation with Carlos Zorilla: Mining Struggles in Intag Region. Talk about Intag's social and environmental background (history where we are, uniqueness, threats. First talk on the struggle against mining development includes a 30 minutes for questions and answers.

DAY 8: Monday July 8. Intag Cloud Forest Reserve, Chocó Cloudforest
(Meals included B, L & D)
8:00 am-9:00 am: Breakfast
9:00 am-12:30 pm: Conversation with Roberto Castro: Introduction to cloud forest & walk to primary forest
1:00 pm-2:00 pm: Lunch
2:30 pm-4:30 pm: Conversation with Carlos Zorilla: Farm & cloud forest agroecology talk
7:00 pm: Dinner

DAY 9: Tuesday July 9. Intag Cloud Forest Reserve, Chocó Cloudforest (Meals included B, L & D)
8:00 am-9:00 am: Breakfast
9:00 am- 5:00pm: Continue activites at the Intag cloud Forest Reserve.

DAY 10: Wednesday July 10. Intag Homestays, Chocó Cloudforest (Meals included B, L & D)
7.00 am-8.00 am: Breakfast
8:30 am-10:00 am: Conversation with Intag Women’s Coop: Introduction to Cabuyu Fiber and Weaving Processes.
10:00 am: You walk with your host families to their house and do activities with them for the rest of the day.

DAY 11: Thursday July 11 . Intag Homestays, Chocó Cloudforest
(Meals included B, L & D)
Homestays in Santa Rosa; Accompany them in their daily activities.

DAY 12 Friday July 12. Santa Rosa to Junin, Intag Region, Chocó Cloudforest
(Meals included: B, L & D)
Link to project website: http://www.junincloudforest.com
7:00 am-8:00 am: Breakfast
8:30 am-10:00 am: Travel to Nangulvi Hot springs
10:00 am- 1:30 pm: Nangulvi Hot springs and Lunch; lunch there or near by
1:30 pm-3:00 pm: On-the-Move Check-in
3:00 pm: Arrival to Junin Cloud Forest Ecotourism project, welcome and distribution in rooms.
4:30-6:30 pm: Conversation with Junin Residents: Welcome and Introduction to Mining Struggles
You will learn about the mining struggles that the community of Junin is facing. Local experts on the mining struggle will share their point of view regarding this controversial subject.
7:00 pm: Dinner.

DAY 13: Saturday July 13. Junin
(Meals included B, L & D)
Day spent at Junin.

DAY 14: Sunday July 14. Peguche(Otavalo)- Casa Sol, Sierra Region (Meals included: B, L & D)
7:00 am-8:00 am: Breakfast
10:00 am-11:30: On-the-move Check-In
10:00 am-12:30 pm: Travel to Peguche a short ride away from Intag. You will stay in a hotel. Free time after lunch.

DAY 15: Monday July 15. Otavalo Market. Sierra Region (Meals included: B & D)
7:00 am-8:00 am: Breakfast
9:00 am -4:00 pm: Full day in Otavalo market.
The Indigenous Otavaleño people are known for weaving textiles, usually made of wool (sometimes deep black), which are sold at the famous Saturday market. There is a very wide range of handicrafts available in the Plaza de los Ponchos, and the many local shops including textiles such as handmade blankets, tablecloths, and much more.

Lunch (Pay on own) Return to your hotel in the afternoon.

7:00 pm: Dinner
8:00 pm-9:30 pm: Lecture (Stefano)

**DAY 16: Tuesday July 16. Travel to San Clemente, Sierra Region (Meals included: B, L & D)**

Link to project website: [http://sanclementetours.com/ing_index.php](http://sanclementetours.com/ing_index.php)

7:00-8:00 am: Breakfast
Visit to the Karanki Indigenous community-based tourism experience in San Clemente to learn about their history, their territory and communities, and their goals for a sustainable community development.

9:00 am-12:00 pm: Conversations with San Clemente Local Experts: History of San Clemente, Andean Cosmovisions, and Andean Agro-ecology. We will learn about their community tourism project and then walk around to visit their medicinal plant garden & learn about the Karanki people knowledge of medicinal plants and their use. We will also learn about the Andean Calendar and how the Karanki communities plan their year around the cycles of nature. We will learn about the Alpacas, a native Andean camelid that has co-evolved for millennia in close relation with the Andean indigenous people of Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia and Northern Chile and Argentina.

12:00-2:00 pm: Lunch
2:00 pm-2:30 pm: Break
2:30-5:00 pm: continue with activities in San Clemente
5:00-6:00 pm: History of Hacienda
6:00-7:00 pm: Lodging with host families

**DAY 17: Wednesday July 17. San Clemente, Sierra Region (Meals included B, L & D)**

7:00 am-8.00 am: Breakfast
8.00 am-12:00 pm: Daily Activities with host families.
12:00 pm-2:00 pm: Lunch
2:00 pm-5:00 pm: Spend some time reading and writing or resting or walking around the community with members of your host family. Ask questions and try to establish meaningful conversations with your hosts

7:00 pm: Dinner
8:00 pm-9:30 pm: Class meeting: Lecture
Lodging with host families

**DAY 18: Thursday July 18. San Clemente to Tena, Amazon (Meals included B & D)**

7:00 am-8:00 am: Breakfast

After breakfast we pack and get ready to move to the Amazon gateway: the city of Tena. Tena, the capital of the Napo Province, is an attractive and quiet city in the Amazon rainforest. Originally founded by missionary explorers, Tena has emerged as one of the top tourist attractions. Tena is a popular launching point for traveling to the jungle, for kayaking and rafting tours in Ecuador's Amazon rainforest region. Today will be a full day of bus trip (approx 6 hours). We will stop on route for lunch (Pay on own) and “munchies”. Be prepared for possible car sickness by taking Dramamine pills.

8:30 am-4:00 pm: Travel to Tena, Lodging in a hostel in Tena. Laundry service available at the hostel.
10:00-11:30 am: On-the-Move Check-in
7:00 pm: Dinner

**DAY 19: Friday July 19. Tena, Amazon (Meals included: B, L & D)**

7:00 am-8:00 am: Breakfast

After breakfast we pack and get ready to move to Amazonico. In the morning we’ll visit a Wildlife Rescue Center ([http://www.amazonicorescuecenter.com/](http://www.amazonicorescuecenter.com/)). The Center receives animals that have been captured for illegal wildlife trade or kept as pets. The animals are rehabilitated and when possible reintroduced to their habitat. Others are kept in the centre, providing them with suitable enclosures.

11:00 am-11:30 pm: Visit to a local cultural museum to learn about the Kichwa people of the upper basin of the Napo River.
11:30 pm- 2:00 pm: Lunch on site and visit museum.
2:00 pm-2:30 pm: Travel to Tamia Yura.
2:30pm-6:30 pm: in the afternoon we will travel to Tamia Yura (http://tamiavura.atwebpages.com/main-en.html) a community based ecotourism project that runs a botanical garden where we will learn about the different uses of many species of plants of the Amazon. Our local guide will take us around the forest explaining about medicinal plants as well as plants used for construction & handicrafts.
6:30 pm: Return to hostel lodging in Tena. Laundry service available at the hostel.
7:00 pm: Dinner

DAY 20: Saturday July 20. Tena, Amazon (Meals included: B, L & D)
7:00 am-8:00 am: Breakfast
8:00 am-10:00 am: Lecture (Stefano Varese)
10:00 am-4:00 pm: Today there is an optional river rafting activity, cost not included on the program. Open day to explore Tena on your own, you can visit the Parque Amazonico, la Isla situated on the center of town, There are many different kinds of birds, butterflies, insects and other animals; some, such as the boa constrictors and turtles are caged, while others, including monkeys and tapirs, are free to roam.

Lodging in the Hostel in Tena. Laundry service available at the hostel.
7:00 pm: Dinner

DAY 21: Sunday July 21. Travel to Waorani Territory (Meals included B, L & D)
6:30 am-7:30 am: Breakfast
7:30 am-12:30 pm: We will travel to the amazon city of Coca by bus in order to reach the Auca road, to get into Huaorani Territory. Lunch in Coca

After lunch we will travel by bus to reach the Auca road, to get into Waorani Territory. The Auca road, which refers to the kichwa word for “savage” was built in the 1970’s on Waorani territory for Texaco Oil exploration. Our last “civilized” stop is a very small bridge over the shiripuno river. You will leave your heavy luggage on the bus (Your luggage will be taken back to your lodging in Quito) and travel with just a small backpack.

4:00 pm arrival to the Shiripuno river. Lodging at hotel.

DAYS 22 & 23: Monday July 22 & Tuesday 23. Waorani Territory (Meals included B, L & D)

July 22. 8:30am-12:30 pm. You will travel downstream the shiripuno river using motorized canoes to reach our campsite. The waorani community of Queriono. Lunch and accommodation.

Lodging inside wooden houses with moskito nets and sleeping mats, shared bathrooms.

The Waorani, also known as the Waos, are native Amerindians from the Amazonian Region of Ecuador who have marked differences from other ethnic groups from Ecuador. They comprise almost 4,000 inhabitants and speak Waoterero, a linguistic isolate that is not known to be related to any other language. Their ancestral lands are threatened by oil exploration and illegal logging practices. In the past, Waorani were able to protect their culture and lands from both indigenous enemies and settlers.

In our stay we will interact with them and we will learn about their lifestyle.

DAY 24: Wednesday July 24. Waorani territory to Tena (Meals included B & L)
6:00 am-7:00 am: Breakfast
7:00 am-11 am: we will leave Waorani territory by canoe and go back to the Shiripuno bridge where the bus will be waiting to transfer you back to Tena. Lunch in Coca. After lunch you will travel to Tena.
9:00 pm: Dinner (pay on own)
DAY 25: Thursday July 25. Sarayaku Kichwa Territory (Meals included B, L & D)
See these videos on line:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ma1QSntuilQ
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gzro0X4vCYU
See this website: http://sarayaku.org/
6:00 am-7:00 am: Breakfast
7:30-8:30 am: We will travel to the Amazon city of Puyo by bus in order to reach the Bobonaza road, and get into Sarayaku Territory.
10:00 am: Arrival at the port of Latasas.
10:30 am: Departure by canoe bound for Sarayaku.
1:00 pm: A box lunch will be served on the banks of the Bobonaza River. Continuing the journey, we will enjoy the flora and fauna along the Bobonaza River with its beaches and backwaters.
4:30 pm: Arrival to Sarayaku. Welcome and accommodation. Dinner and time to rest.
7:00 pm: In the evening, the staff will prepare a fresh dinner for you.

DAY 26: Friday July 26. Sarayaku, Kichwa Territory (Meals included B, L & D)
6:00-7:30 am: Breakfast
8:00 am-1:00 pm: Walk through the jungle, visit the wayuri palm areas, a plant used for housing & construction, during the tour you can enjoy a series of plants, orchids, giant trees, as well as a great biodiversity of birds and butterflies. The guides will share all their skills and wisdom about life in the jungle.
Then we will arrive to the Hill of the Monkey where the Sisa Ñampí (Flower Path) Center is located. A conservation and preservation project of Sarayaku’s natural ecosystem.
1:00-3:00 pm: Lunch and rest. From the mountain, we’ll observe Sarayaku Center and the Green Sea of the forest, a beautiful scenic decorum. Then return home.
3:00-5:00 pm: Lecture (Stefano and guest Lecturer)
6:00 pm: Dinner
7:30 pm: Video: La Frontera de Flores, and/or a discussion with a political leader about the vision of various life projects in Sarayaku.

DAY 27: Saturday July 27. Sarayaku, Kichwa Territory (Meals included B, L & D)
6:30 am-8:00 am: Breakfast
8:30 am-4:00 pm: Canoe Trip: today we will travel towards the Sarayakillo and Bobonaza River. Visit the sacred tree of Uchuputo Ruya, there is an option to do some fishing and take a refreshing natural bath. There will be a picnic lunch.
4:00 pm: Traditional games and free afternoon.
6:00 pm: Dinner

DAY 28: Sunday July 28. Sarayaku Kichwa Territory (Meals included: B, L & D)
7:30 am-8:30 am: Breakfast.
9:00 am-12:30 am: canoe ride and forest hike. We’ll visit to the community, the central square, the House of Assembly, the only Catholic church from the time of the Spaniards. This time we can have an exchange dialogue with the Tayak Apu - President of Sarayaku, or with some other community leader. We will visit some families to purchase handicrafts and souvenirs.
12:30-2:00 pm: Lunch.
Free afternoon
6:00 pm: Dinner

DAY 29: Monday July 29. Sarayaku Kichwa Territory to Quito (Meals included: B & L)
7:00 am-8:00 am: Breakfast.
8:00 am-9.30 am: Return towards Puyo by aircraft. From the air you can enjoy a breathtaking panorama of the Amazon forest, the lung of the world. It will be an occasion to photograph the landscape, the people of Sarayaku, a wonderful and unforgettable panorama view.
10:30 am: Arrival at Shell-Puyo airport and transfer by bus to Quito. On the way you will stop at the Papallacta Hot Springs for a relaxing bath on these unique thermal waters.
7:00 pm: Estimated arrival to Quito
7:00 pm: Dinner (pay on own).

**DAY 30: Tuesday July 30. Quito (Meals included: B & D)**
7:00 am-8:00 am: breakfast
8:00 am- 10:00 am: informal sharing of projects and activity
10:30 am-4:30 pm: Free time. Lunch (Pay on own).
4:30 pm-6:30 pm: Course evaluation and closing
7:00 pm: We will board the bus that will take us to a downtown restaurant to celebrate the end of the program in Ecuador.
After dinner we'll return to the hostel.

**Day 31: Wednesday July 31. Quito (Meals included: B)**
7:00 am-8:00 am: Breakfast
End of the program, travel home to the U.S.