

KAPAWI ECO LODGE & RESERVE
Rates 2008

Rates per person - International Passengers

	3 Nights/4 Days	4 Nights/5 Days	7 Nights/8 Days
	Friday to Monday	Monday to Friday	Monday to Monday Friday
Single Exclusive	\$935	\$1,250	\$1,970
Single Share	\$670	\$895	\$1,405
Double	\$670	\$895	\$1,405
Triple	\$570	\$760	\$1,195
+ Service Charge	\$6	\$8	\$14

Not included:

Transportation Routes	Rates per person
Quito - Kapawi - Quito	US\$224.00
Domestic airport taxes	US\$ 3.00

Rates 2009

Rates per person - International Passengers

	3 Nights/4 Days	4 Nights/5 Days	7 Nights/8 Days
	Friday to Monday	Monday to Friday	Monday to Monday Friday
Single Exclusive	\$975	\$1,250	\$1,970
Single Share	\$695	\$895	\$1,395
Double	\$695	\$895	\$1,395
Triple	\$595	\$760	\$1,195
+ Service Charge	\$6	\$8	\$14

Transportation Routes	Rates per person (Suitable to change)
Quito - Kapawi - Quito	US\$238,00

Not included:

- Contribution to the Achuar Community (per passenger): US\$ 10.00 entry and US\$ 2.50 per night
- Fuel Surcharge US\$ 42,00 per passenger (subject to change)
- Any other National or International tax, soft beverages, alcoholic drinks and souvenirs
- Government taxes are not included.

Notes:

- Single Exclusive applies to passengers that require single accommodation.
- Single Share applies to passengers that are traveling alone, but are willing to share the cabin with another passenger from the same group or another reservation.
- Transportation to Kapawi net rate per passenger. Children under 12 years of age 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.
- For reservations with children under 7 years old we highly recommended to hire a private guide for the group.

Due to the type of weather found in a tropical rain forest some delays can be expected, our recommendation is for you to please consider adding an extra day to your itinerary after visiting Kapawi to make sure you meet your connecting flights to your next destination.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

The Kapawi Project began in 1993. The goal was to commence a new trend in eco-tourism, in partnership with the FINAE, by providing a monthly means of economic support and jobs to the Achuar located in Kapawi as well as in other communities. Starting 2008, 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!).

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, 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 more than 530 species.

Awards and International recognitions received by Kapawi:

- ⊕ 1998 – Tourism for tomorrow, British Airways
- ⊕ 2000 – Ecotourism Excellence Award, Conservation International
- ⊕ 2002 – Ecotourism Award, Skai International
- ⊕ 2004 - Conservation Category - Sustainable Tourism Award for Conservation (STAC) (Third place).

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 3 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 can be in the lodge or in tents.

MODERATE: Programs that include medium-distance hikes in the rain forest (up to 5 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, 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!

Groups are always lead by one Naturalist Guide and one Native guide. Some of the possible activities that can be done at Kapawi are:

- ⊕ **Hiking.-** Easy, moderate or difficult, a long the tropical rain forest visiting Achuar Communities.
- ⊕ **Bird watching.-** It can take 2 hours approximately, generally this activity starts early in the morning, at 6 a.m. approx. There have being seeing more than 530 bird species round the area.
- ⊕ **Kayaking & canoe trips.-** this activity can be done a long short rivers as the Capahuari or some lagoons near the lodge. The canoe trips can be taken along rivers as the Pastaza. Canoe trips are part of the regular activities in companion of the naturalist and local guides.
- ⊕ **Fishing.-** Catch and release prohibited.

- ⊕ **Camping.-** this activity depends on the guests decision. Part of our staff takes the food to the camping area, we will try to give our guests the same services as they were staying at the lodge. This activity should be require in advance.
- ⊕ **Achuar Community visits.-** This is one of our best activities offered in Kapawi, it is because of the significant cultural contribution to the Achuar people. We give our guests a briefing about the Achuar Culture, their ethics codes and some suggestions about how to behave during this activity.
- ⊕ **Self-guided path.-** it can take 45 min approximately round the lodge.
- ⊕ **Caiman watching.-** This activity is done during the nights because these reptiles are nocturnal animals.
- ⊕ **Night Hikes.-** A very nice activity because it offers the opportunity to see a different perspective of the Rain Forest.

Note: Children under 7 years of age are not permitted at the lodge.

TRANSPORTATION PROCEDURES

The regular route to Kapawi is: Quito – Shell – Kapawi. Depending on the number of people, we use different aircrafts like: Beech craft 1900 (19 seats) or Embraer 120 (30 seats), both aircrafts are property of SAEREO. We also use the Dash-8 (37 seats) or Fokker 28 (60 seats), both property of ICARO. It is important to know that there are restrictions depending on the weather conditions at the Airport in Quito that can change the number of people allowed on the flights.

We also use commercial flights from Quito-Macas or Quito-Coca. In any of these routes we use small aircrafts to match the different specifications of the landing strip of Kapawi or Wachirpas communities. In this case we use a combination of an Islander (9 seats), or Cessna 206 (5 seats) or a Helio (5 seats) or Piper (5 seats), or Cessna172 (3 seats).

Below please find a brief description of the route we have been operating:

QUITO – SHELL - KAPAWI

It is important to know that at the moment CEKSA is using only ICARO aircrafts.

Between 07h00 to 11h00 (depending on the flight departure time) the passengers should be at the Quito Airport (National Departures or private terminal depending on the company that we are using) where our representative will give them the boarding passes and the final information of the transportation to the lodge. This flight is 35min to Shell. If it a clear day you can see the splendor of the avenue of the volcanoes. In Shell the passengers will be assisted by our Representative, Mrs. Vanessa Ochoa, who will inform you about the details for the final flight to Kapawi.

In Shell normally the waiting time is about 1 to 3 hours, depending on the number of flights that are scheduled according to the number of people flying to Kapawi.

The final flight takes about 50 minutes ands lands on the Kapawi or Wachirpas Community airstrip where our guides and local staff will be waiting to receive our guests and help them to carry their luggage and take them to the canoe. Then, passengers will have a short hike of 10 minutes, followed by a canoe ride of 15 to 30 minutes approximately upstream on the Pastaza river and the Kapawari river. In Kapawi Ecolodge guests will be received and be provided with an introductory speech by the resident manager on duty.

Depending on the number of passengers and weather conditions flights could be delayed in any of the different locations. It is important to know that the decisions are made by the pilots according to the safety regulations of the DAC www.dgac.gov.ec.

KAPAWI – SHELL - QUITO



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Between 08h00 to 15h00, the passengers are transported to the Kapawi or Wachirpas Community where they will take the flight to Shell (The stopover is due to the change in airplanes).

Note 1: The departure times could be modified because of climatic or operational conditions. It is very important for us to know in advance the name of the hotel where our guests are staying before their Kapawi excursion; our representatives will contact them in order to confirm that passengers have received the information about their trip to Kapawi. At the return of the excursion the person who handles the passengers transfers in Quito between the airport to the hotel will contact our representative who will inform guest's hotels of the confirmed arrival time from Kapawi. Please remember your excursion to Kapawi begins at the airport, CEKSA does not provide transfer service but we always can recommend travel agencies which can provide you this service.

Note 2: In exceptional cases, usually due to weather conditions, we will operate the return route Quito - Shell and Shell – Quito by land.

The route Shell-Kapawi-Shell is always by air, because that is the only way to get to Kapawi Lodge.

WAITING TIMES: It is important to remember that the weather all over Amazon Region is unpredictable. In case of a delayed flight due to operational or climatic conditions and the passengers cannot take the flight at the programmed time, we will offer them the following activities:

*At Shell, we offer guests certain activities during the waiting time: Visit to La Casa de la Balsa (where the passengers can see artisans working with balsa wood), Zoo Criadero Fátima (Amazon animals rescue center). A lunch or a snack will be given depending on the delay time. This activity will be offered for passengers going into or departing from Kapawi.

*If the weather conditions do not allow for take-off of the flight on the programmed day, we will offer accommodation at the Turingia Hotel or Hostal Jardin for our passengers in Puyo (both hotels are very comfortable and a 10 minute drive from Shell).

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HOTEL SERVICES

Energy: The lodge is powered by solar energy. Sixty four solar panels of 75 watts each cover 60% of all the lodge's energy needs. Every room has 3 lamps: 1 in the bathroom and 2 in the bedroom. We kindly request you to conserve energy by using no more than three lamps at a time.

Water: The tap water is filtered through charcoal filters and purified with ozone. Bottled drinking water is available in your room.

Solar showers provide 5 gallons of hot water each day, remember this system work only with the sun light, if you observe a cloudy day we will not be able to provide you hot water. For your convenience we recommend that you take showers at the end of the day.

Rain: An umbrella is provided in each room that you can use to go to different areas of the lodge.

Night: No artificial illumination exists along the boardwalks since it could modify the behaviour of nocturnal animals. You should carry a flashlight with you at all times.

Swimming: Swimming can be safely done in lakes and calm rivers. Nevertheless, as the water level goes down in the dry season, this activity is not always available.



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Bar: A very well supplied bar is opened until 10:00 p.m.



Meals: A variety of international and traditional cuisine is offered to our guests.

Breakfast: Starting at 5:00 a.m., a light breakfast is provided to birdwatchers (available upon request) . A full breakfast is available from 6:30 a.m.

Lunch: Is provided in the dining room from 1:00 p.m. Boxed lunches are provided to visitors taking full-day trips.

Dinner: Is served from 7:30 p.m.

Library: Our library is open all day long. Paperbacks, magazines and books are available.

Boutique: A small boutique that stocks essential items you may have forgotten (film, toothbrushes, toothpaste, sunscreen, insect repellent, hats etc.), as well as handicrafts and souvenirs.

Soap: All soaps used in the lodge are biodegradable. Please do not use non-biodegradable soaps.

Trash: Trash is sorted into four classes: biodegradable, paper, non-biodegradable (metal, plastics, glass, etc.) and batteries in the central area of the lodge. Please deposit garbage in the appropriate trash containers which you will find in your room.

Satellite Communication: We have available the satellite phone that can be use 24 hours a day, the 7 days of the week, this service is available for use of all guests who visit lodge for international calls, the cost is \$2,30 + 12% IVA per minute.

WHAT TO BRING

Because of the size of the aircraft it is imperative to limit your luggage to a basic minimum weight; the maximum allowed is **25 pounds** (11 kilograms) per passenger including hand luggage, in case of excess baggage the airline will charge you 1.40 usd per each extra pound. We strongly suggest traveling with backpacks instead of suitcases.

PLEASE TAKE A PHOTOCOPY OF YOUR PASSPORT, AS IT WILL BE REQUIRED AT THE AIRPORT. YOUR ORIGINAL PASSPORT WILL BE ALSO REQUIRED.

LUGGAGE: One large backpack or one duffel bag. One small daypack.

CLOTHING: 3 lightweight -cotton or other fast drying material- long pants. Avoid blue jeans. 4 or 5 long-sleeved cotton shirts. 1 pair of knee-high cotton socks for each day in the rainforest.

Underwear (avoid synthetics). Shorts. 1 light wind-breaker. 1 light sweater or jacket. Brim hat. 1 water-proof poncho (available in the lodge) or a water-proof parka. Bathing suit. Sunglasses with a strap.

FOOTGEAR: 1 pair of comfortable walking shoes. 1 pair of thongs or Tevas. 1 pair of rubber boots (available in the lodge).

MEDICINE: Extra eye glasses/contact lenses. Sunblock lotion (at least protection 8).

Insect repellent. Toilet kit. Personal first aid kit. Antimalaria pills. Tampons or sanitary napkins.

EQUIPMENT: Plastic water bottle. Flashlight (headlamps models are better). Alkaline batteries.

Self sealing plastic bags. Dry bags (available in the lodge). Swiss Army knife.

Reading material (available in the lodge). Small note-book and pencil. Personal sewing kit. Snacks: chocolates, candies, etc.

CAMERAS AND BINOCULARS: Camera gear. High speed films or fine-grain, high resolution and relatively slow color transparency (this last one to be used with electronic flash. Binoculars.



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This is an essential item, even if you are not a birdwatcher. The best ones are the waterproof models with high light transmission. An excellent size: 10 X 40.
Films.

SOME SUGGESTIONS: Remember that we are guests of a very different culture. Some of their traditions may appear quite odd to us, but it does not mean that we are in a position to criticize them. Please, follow the rules imposed by the Achuar communities and respectfully try to learn about this extraordinary culture.

Be careful with photographs or video recordings. Ask your Achuar guide first if it is possible to take photographs or to make video recordings in Achuar communities. Avoid close up shots, and never remunerate people with money for a photograph.

The Achuar are very pleased when you buy their handicrafts. They have a fixed price which is similar in each community. You can also exchange some of your personal items (flashlights, batteries, etc.) for handicrafts if the Achuar are interested in doing so.

THE ACHUAR and KAPAWI VISITORS BEHAVIOR REQUEST

In Order to reduce social impact and the reserve where Kapawi is located, we encourage our passengers to respect the following requests made by the Achuar natives:

- Though Achuar culture and traditions may appear odd, please do not criticize them. Follow the Achuar community rules and learn about their extraordinary culture.
- No photography is permitted in any of the communities, Neither of Achuar people nor of their houses.
- Achuars are very pleased when you buy their handicrafts. They have a fixed price which is similar in each community.
- Please do not buy handicrafts made of feathers, animal skins or insects.
- Avoid any physical contact with members of the communities.
- Please do not give money, presents, or sweets to the local kids. If you have educational material (pens, note books, colored pencils, etc.) that you would like to donate, please hand them to the resident manager.
- Please do not enter to an Achuar house without an invitation.
- Achuars are very jealous. If you are a man, you should never look directly at a woman's face.
- Remember that Achuar house has a sexual division. Please, do not go to the ekent or female area.
- Nijiamanch, the manioc beer, is always offered. If you do not like it, you should at least pretend to drink it. Refusing could be considered as an insult.
- Do not go out alone. The chances of getting lost are very high. The only exception is the self guided trail.
- It is essential to wear rubber boots during the hikes.
- Keep at least one set of dry clothes in the lodge.
- Fishing is allowed.
- Please, do not take any animals or plants out of the area.
- Do not leave any trash in the forest.
- Please do not use audio gears without personal earphones.

- The harvesting of species animals and vegetables is prohibited in the area of Kapawi Ecolodge & Reserve, this is part of the territory of the Achuar Nationality who jealously defend the intellectual property on the resources of their forest.
- It is prohibited to feed the wild animals.
- It is prohibited the introduction of foreign animals or foreign plant species to the humid tropical forest, for the protection of the native species.
- Under no circumstance it is not allowed the consumption, sale or traffic of products or species in danger of extraction or proceeding of not sustainable practices.

CANCELLATION POLICIES

IMPORTANT: Please read this information carefully before checking-in to Kapawi. After the check-in process, CEKSA understands all terms and conditions are accepted. Our port of embark is Quito. If the passenger did arrangements with CANODROS S.A. to departure from a different city other than Quito, then the applicable policies will be valid in the other city, Otherwise CANODROS will not be responsible for any expenses incurred.

PASSENGERS UNABLE TO LEAVE KAPAWI DUE TO WEATHER-RELATED CANCELLATIONS

1. If the passenger is unable to leave the lodge due to weather-related cancellations, CEKSA S.A. will fully cover lodging and meals as well as guided programs during the extra day (s) the guest remains in the Kapawi Lodge. CEKSA will NOT cover any expenses of bar and/or boutique in the Kapawi Lodge, neither hotels, tourism programs, sea cruises, lodges or similar facilities, events, air or bus tickets, nor penalties due to full or partial cancellations of this services.

PASSENGERS UNABLE TO DEPARTURE TO KAPAWI DUE TO WEATHER-RELATED CANCELLATIONS

2. If the passenger can not enter to Kapawi, and stays one night in Quito, a one night refund will be made. This refund will be done over the travel agency that registered the reservation. Direct refunds to passengers are not possible unless the passenger has purchased the excursion directly to CEKSA S.A. If the passenger accepts the refund he/she automatically agrees to make his/her own arrangements while in Quito, including lodging, food or transfers. CEKSA will provide free assistance for reservations if needed.
or:
3. He/she has the option of accepting the services of CEKSA, which will accommodate the passenger in a four-star hotel, while providing menu meals. In this case, the passenger agrees to resign the refund offered in paragraph (2.) CEKSA will not cover drinks (unless included in the set menu), telephone calls, tipping or any other expenses besides the ones offered in this paragraph.

PASSENGERS WHO DEPARTURES QUITO TO KAPAWI OR KAPAWI TO QUITO, BUT DUE TO WEATHER-RELATED REASONS HAS TO LAND ON AN ALTERNATE AIRPORT.

4. If the passenger flying out of Kapawi has to land on an alternate airport, CEKSA will fully cover lodging and meals according on the policy described in paragraph (1.). CEKSA will decide if the way back to Quito is by plane or overland. CEKSA will not transport passengers to other cities.



5. If the passenger, on its way from Quito to Kapawi, has to stay in the town that harbors the alternate airport, CEKSA will offer the best available programs, snacks or meals (excluding alcoholic drinks), depending upon the length of the delay
6. If the passenger, on its way to Kapawi, has to overnight in the town that harbors the alternate airport, CEKSA will cover lodging and meals in the best available hotel in town (which may be basic in some cases). 50% of one night refund will be provided, based on the paid rate, over the travel agency that registered the reservation. Direct refunds to passengers are not possible unless the passenger has purchased the excursion directly to CEKSA S.A. In that case, please seek assistance from one of our representatives for further details.

IF THE PASSENGER, DUE TO WEATHER-RELATED REASONS, IS UNABLE TO TRAVEL TO KAPAWI AFTER ONE OVERNIGHT IN QUITO OR IN AN ALTERNATE AIRPORT AS DESCRIBED ABOVE.

7. If the passenger can not departure by 14h00 to Kapawi after having spent one night in Quito or in an alternate town, then the following options will be offered:
 - [To accept a 100% refund of the excursion, less the amount already refund according to paragraph (2.) or one night less, if expenses according to paragraph (3.) or (6.) have been incurred.
 - [To resign the offer described above and accept the next excursion available. By accepting this option the passenger accepts to take care of his/her own lodging, food, transportation etc. CEKSA will provide free assistance on reservations if needed.

RESPONSIBILITIES

1. The liability of CEKSA S.A. (the owner and operator of the Kapawi Ecological Reserve) and its sales agents is limited to the terms and conditions of the transportation and accommodations contract as set forth in the boarding documents given to all passengers. A sample is available on request. Passengers are urged to read these conditions and to note that acceptance of the transportation contract represents acceptance of the conditions therein.
2. CEKSA S.A. expressly disclaims any responsibility for personal injury or property damage arising out of the act of negligence of any person or company, other than itself, rendering any service.
3. CEKSA S.A. shall not be responsible for any damage or inconvenience caused by late air, car, train, or motor coach arrivals, cancellations or delays in departure or in return, nor for any loss or damage to baggage or any other article belonging to the passenger, occurring other than by reason of negligence on the part of CEKSA S.A. In the event of loss, damage or delay to the passenger's baggage, personal effects, or property arising from or caused by reason of any act of God or public enemies, arrest, restraints of princes, rulers of people, piracy, war, revolution, extortion, terrorist actions, or threats, hijacking, bombing, threatened or actual rebellion, insurrection, civil strife, fire, explosion, stranding, grounding, perils of the rivers, canals, theft, accident to or from machinery, boilers, or latent defects even though existing at departure or commencement of journeys, barratry, desertion or revolt of staff, strike, lockout, stoppage of labor from whatever cause, or for any reason, or labor disturbance, whether or not such strike, lockout, stoppage of labor, or labor disturbance results from a dispute between the Carrier and its employees or between other parties, whether or not the fault of the carrier, or from losses of any kind beyond the Carrier's control, whether or not like or similar character to the foregoing, CEKSA S.A. is not obligated to substitute another jungle lodge for any excursion and reserves



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the right to alter the advertised itinerary of the excursions, to delay any excursion or substitute or cancel scheduled days of arrival or departure.