

## Ecuador Trip Details

### TRIP CHECKLIST

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- ☐ Confirm your passport is valid for 6 months after your arrival date
- ☐ Purchase travel insurance with [Travel Insurance Select](#) or other travel insurance provider
- ☐ Meet with your doctor to receive advice about vaccinations
- ☐ Make your flight and hotel reservations in anticipation of your arrival in Quito
- ☐ Complete your trip registration and sign your release form on our website
- ☐ Final payment is due 60 days before your trip
- ☐ Watch our [pre trip safety talk](#)

### TRAVEL INSURANCE

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We highly recommend that you purchase travel insurance that includes, among other things, an evacuation benefit. Your trip insurance should cover the trip costs since there are no refunds once you've made your reservation. For travel insurance we recommend [Travel Insurance Select](#).

### THE RENDEZVOUS

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#### MEETING PLACE

[Holiday Inn Quito Airport](#)  
Quito, Ecuador

#### MEETING TIME

10 AM on your trip start  
date

### WHERE TO STAY IN QUITO, ECUADOR

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We recommend staying at the [Holiday Inn Quito Airport](#), conveniently located just a short shuttle ride from Quito Airport. Simply provide your arrival flight details and time to the hotel's front desk, and they will arrange a complimentary shuttle to pick you up from the airport and take you to the hotel.

We'll return to Quito around 3:00 PM on the last day and drop you off at the Holiday Inn. If your flight is the evening of the last day the Holiday Inn has short stay rooms available.



## CLOTHING

The Amazon rainforest can be warm and humid but can also be cool and rainy. You'll want to have clothes for both possibilities. Be sure to bring plenty of t-shirts and light layers.

It can get chilly on the water so you'll want a paddling jacket or dry top and paddling pants. If you're prone to getting cold you may consider bringing a wetsuit or light wetsuit pants. If your feet get cold easily, consider light neoprene booties that fit inside your river shoes.

A long sleeve lycra shirt and lycra pants are also nice to have for sun protection and mosquito protection on warm days.

### PRO TIPS

- Bring a light puffy jacket or hoody for the drive home after a cool day of paddling
- Light gloves may help your hands from getting blisters

## SHOES

On the river we prefer you have river shoes instead of river sandals. If you bring river sandals please bring high quality ones that have good grip on wet rocks. You'll also want to bring some casual shoes and sandals.

## RIVER GEAR

You'll need to bring some personal river specific gear. If you have questions about any of these items or need to use ours please let us know.

- **Personal Flotation Device (PFD):** Your PFD needs to be a USCG Type III or V and in good working order.
- **Helmet:** Your helmet must be designed for whitewater sports with the designation CE EN 1385.
- **Flip Line:** This is an approximately 10' section of rope or webbing with a carabiner designed for re-flipping your raft.
- **Throw Rope:** You'll need to carry a 50-80 foot throw rope or throw bag on your boat.
- **Day Bag:** A small day bag will help you keep your personal items dry while on the river.



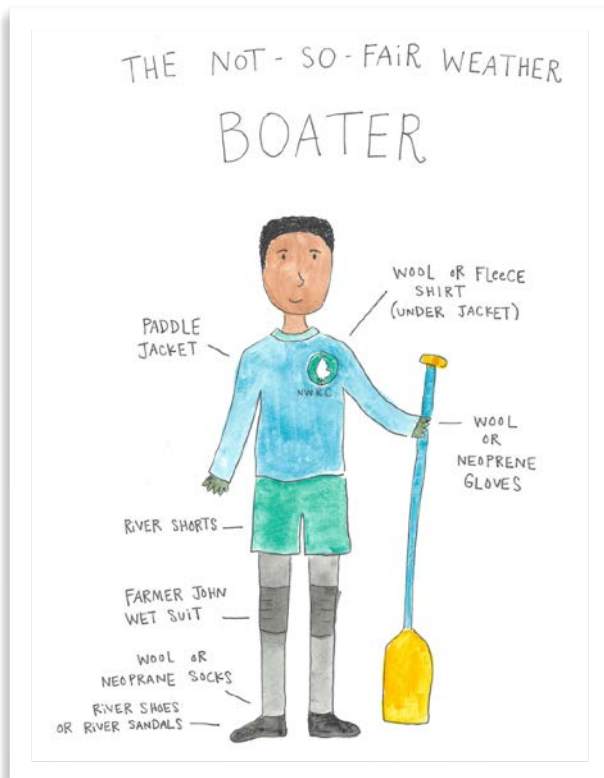


## RIVER CLOTHING/GEAR

- ☐ PFD (USCG Type III or V)\*
- ☐ Helmet\*
- ☐ River Shoes or River Sandals
- ☐ Flip Line
- ☐ Throw Rope (optional)
- ☐ Small Day Bag
- ☐ Splash Jacket or Dry Top
- ☐ Splash Pants
- ☐ 1-2 Pair of River Shorts
- ☐ 2 Wool or Polypro Shirts
- ☐ Water Bottle with Locking Carabiner

## DAILY CLOTHING/GEAR

- ☐ 2 Pair of Light Pants
- ☐ 2 Long Sleeve Shirts
- ☐ 4 T-shirts
- ☐ Light Puffy Jacket or Hoody
- ☐ Light Rain Jacket
- ☐ Hiking Shoes
- ☐ Casual Shoes
- ☐ Sandals
- ☐ Socks and Underwear



## MISCELLANEOUS

- ☐ Daypack
- ☐ Sunscreen
- ☐ Insect Repellent
- ☐ Sun Hat or Visor
- ☐ Sunglasses with Strap
- ☐ Headlamp & Spare Batteries
- ☐ Personal Medications / First Aid Kit
- ☐ Toiletries
- ☐ Hand Sanitizer
- ☐ "Schnacks" (Snacks to Share)

## OPTIONAL

- ☐ Wetsuit
- ☐ Lycra Pants
- ☐ Lycra Shirt
- ☐ Neoprene Socks
- ☐ Gloves for Rowing
- ☐ Water Filter

\*Available upon request

## PARTICIPANT RESPONSIBILITIES

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— All participants will be required to follow the safety policies and procedures of Northwest Rafting Company and its guides, as well as all other policies and procedures. NWRC reserves the right, in their sole discretion, to deny participation to any participant who engages in conduct that is considered by the guides to be unsafe, that risks the safety of other participants or guides, or that is inappropriate. All participants will be required to sign an agreement to assume all risks, a release of liability/agreement not to sue, and an agreement to indemnify in favor of Northwest Rafting Company.

## ACCOMMODATIONS

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— We'll be staying at the Pacha Eco Lodge, nestled above the Rio Misahuallí. This eco-friendly retreat offers glamping cabins with king beds, shared bathrooms, and internet access, providing a comfortable and immersive jungle experience.

Upgraded rooms with private bathrooms may be available.

## MEALS AND ALCOHOL

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— NWRC provides all meals from lunch on the first day to lunch on the last day. We'll generally have breakfasts and dinners at the Pacha Ecolodge and lunches on the river. Dietary restrictions and allergies can be accommodated with advance notice. Alcoholic beverages are available at the lodge for an additional charge.

## "SCHNACKS"

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— Sharing makes the trip a bit more social. We'll provide ample snacks, but it's always nice to bring something from home to share with the rest of the group during the trip. Feel free to share your favorite candy, trail mix, or bars with the rest of the group!

## NWRC INSTRUCTORS

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— Our instructors have a deep appreciation for the rivers we run, and want you to enjoy your trip with them. They are happy to help you if you are an inexperienced traveler or have questions about the river.

NWRC instructors are accomplished in outdoor skills and extensively trained in first aid and CPR. They have put in time learning and developing our whitewater rowing curriculum. In addition, they are mature, interesting people we think you'll enjoy.

## GRATUITIES

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— We are often asked if tipping is appropriate. Tips are certainly appreciated by your guides and are usually around 10% to 15% of the trip cost. Tips can be given to the trip leader who will distribute them between the guides and drivers.

Whether and how much you tip should depend on your satisfaction with the trip, your feelings about tipping, and your financial means