



7-DAY CLASS II-III ITINERARY (TENA) \$795 Plus Equipment Rental (if needed) October-November 2018

This year we are offering a Class II-III winter trip for **beginner/intermediate paddlers** to the Napo Valley (Tena). What could be better than a week of Class II-III in a tropical paradise? On these trips we generally utilize local taxis (4-door trucks) for the shuttles and stay in a modest hostel. If your group wishes to stay in a more upscale hostel or hotel, we can arrange that for an added cost.

These are small-group (4 to 6, maybe 8 people max) trips for people that **bring their own equipment** down with them. A few inflatable kayaks and kayaks may be available locally to rent at additional cost. One or more of our cataraft packages may also be available for rent. You can purchase one of our “International Travel” cataraft packages to bring down as well. Contact Neil if you are willing to transport one of his catarafts down in exchange for a reduced rental price.

SAMPLE ITINERARY

*Please note that itineraries are subject to change due to water levels and the ability level of the group.

Day 1: Arrive to Quito airport. Most flights arrive at night and we recommend staying in one of the hotels in Tababela; We can recommend the Hotel El Viajero or Hotel Las Mercedes. You will need to book your own hotel and should also arrange an airport pick up through your hotel. If you arrive early and want to check out the city of Quito, you will need to make your way to Tababela for pick-up.

Day 2: A pre-arranged taxi will pick you up around 9 am (exact time to be confirmed) and you'll be transported over the 13,000 foot Papallacta Pass and drop down into the Amazon Basin, passing through Baeza; check out the Class V Rio Papallacta and Class IV+ Rio Quijos on the way. The driver will continue into Archidona and for our afternoon run we will paddle the Middle Misahualli (Class II). This gives us a chance to get to know one another and assess the group's paddling abilities. We'll stay at Hostal Zumag Sisa in Tena with our friendly hosts Pablo and Marcia. The hostel is within walking distance of downtown so there is ample opportunity to experience everyday Ecuadorian life. **B, L, D**

Day 3: Big water pool drop on the Rio Jatunyacu (Class III) is on the menu for today's adventure. We should be back in town in time to explore the nature preserve and walk the Sendero de Mision before happy hour and a pizza party at Marchelo's Italian restaurant, overlooking the river. Another night at Zumag Sisa. **B, L, D**

Day 4: Today we are off to the Rio Arajuno. This is a mellow jungle float past Kichwa villages and some amazing jungle lodges. On the way back to Tena we will take a side trip to the historic town of Puerto Misahualli where you can take photos of the monkeys, shop for some local handicrafts or enjoy a cold cervesa in one of the bars around the park. Grab some cheap "grub" from one of the parkside grills - just ask for a skewer of chontacuro (palm beetle larvae). Another night at Zumag Sisa. **B, L, D**

Day 5: Today we go a bit further afield to the Rio Anzu. This is a medium volume pool drop river that starts off with a couple Class III-ish rapids and then mellows. On the way back to Tena we may take a side trip near Puerto Misahualli where we can hike to a waterfall or visit the giant Ceiba tree. Group BBQ at Hostel Zumag Sisa. With luck, Pablo will whip up a fresh batch of Jugo del Diablo (Devil Juice!) for those of you that enjoy a strong alcoholic beverage. Another night at Zumag Sisa. **B, L, D**

Day 6: Depending on the groups paddling abilities and water levels, we may head to Mondayacu where the locals will come running to chase the trucks down to the trailhead in order to carry our gear into the lower Jondachi River. This is one of the premiere Class III/III+ jungle runs in the area. This run is very remote and has beautiful waterfalls spilling into the river, not to mention great rapids. Another run on the Jatanyacu, Anzu, or Misahualli is the alternate. **B, L, D**

Day 7: After a relaxing morning, we head back to Quito, with a stop at the Papallacta Hot Springs on the way (have your swimsuit handy!). Most flights to the USA on domestic airlines leave Quito around midnight. If you have a late flight out that night, you will have quite a few hours to kill. We can drop you off at a hotel near the airport for a flight out the next day; however, you'll need to book the hotel yourself and arrange transport to the airport. **B, L**

All This for \$795 (plus gear rental if you don't bring your own)

Includes:

- Transport from Tababela to Tena and Tena to Quito
- Local shuttles to and from rivers
- Lodging in Tena
- Food while in Tena as indicated on the itinerary
B - Breakfast, L - Lunch, D - Dinner
- Safety kayaker on the more difficult runs
- Porters on the Rio Jondachi

Trip does not include:

- Flights to/from Ecuador
- Lodging/meals before and after the trip
- Meals not indicated in the itinerary
- Alcohol

- Gratuities for the safety kayakers
- Entrance fees to Papallacta
- Rental of equipment or personal gear
 - Cataraft \$400
 - Inflatable Kayak \$300
 - Kayak \$300