



Rainforest Journey for Leaders



The [Pachamama Alliance](#) and [The Nebo Company](#) are collaborating to provide a unique experience to leaders. The journey is designed to begin with a group orientation and goal setting, continue with a 12-day journey into the rainforest and to the home of the Achuar, and wrap-up with group experiences that help each member of the group or leadership team to transfer their experiences back to their organization.

Each experience is customized to meet the goals of the participants. Options range from alternate accommodations to including a variety of locations and experiences selected for you to directly observe both the beauty of the rainforest and its utilization for resources used around the globe. Close observation of the social and environmental systems will provide insights into options for a sustainable future. A sample itinerary follows:

Pre-Journey: Nebo leaders Kate Ebner and Jan Kearce facilitate a session with travelers from previous journeys for everyone to meet, share stories, and ask questions. This is an opportunity for business leaders and teams to get to know each other, discuss their goals and begin to think about their upcoming experience as a way to further their leadership and organizational goals.



Day 1: Travel Day. Arrival in Quito, Ecuador. Stay at the hotel Casa Sol. Meet Pachamama Trip Leaders.

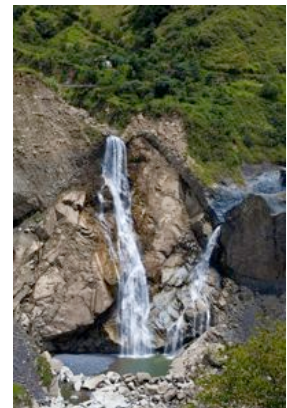
Day 2: Breakfast together at Casa Sol with introductory

meeting and drive in chartered bus to Otavalo stopping along the way at the equator and a bird rescue sanctuary. Check into beautiful Las Palmeras Inn. Explore the area, hike in Andes.



Day 3: Visit renowned indigenous artisan market seeing crafts and culture of the Otavalan Quichua people. Visit with a revered indigenous shaman for a healing and purification ceremony.

Day 4: A beautiful drive descending the Andes through the avenue of the volcanoes, stopping at sites of interest along the way. The journey completes with the waterfall-laden Pastaza river canyon, the gateway to the Amazon rainforest. Evening discussion circle about entering the rainforest at your hotel, El Jardin.

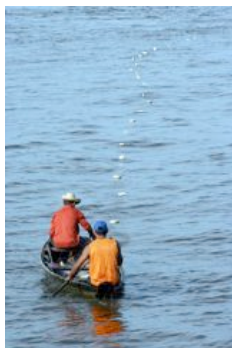


Day 5: Breakfast with Achuar leaders followed by a short drive to nearby airport for 45 minute flight deep into the Amazon rainforest to Achuar territory. You will be met by Achuar in a village and take a short canoe trip to the Kapawi Lodge. Settle in and experience the rainforest on a hike with our Achuar guide.



Day 6: Morning forest hike to learn about the use of medicinal plants and Achuar cosmo-vision followed by visit to local village. Receive a traditional Achuar greeting, with the sharing of the traditional beverage, chicha. Spend time in a conversation with the Achuar families to learn about the culture and customs. Swim in the river. Listen to Achuar myths. Sleep in a traditional Achuar home.

Day 7: Early morning dream sharing ceremony with Achuar. Spend time with community members learning and participating in daily activities. Some contemplative time with the rainforest in preparation for participating in an ancient shamanic ceremony that evening with an Achuar elder shaman. Sleep in the village.



Day 8: Morning visit to river for a swim, debrief meeting with the shaman. A cultural exchange (feel free to bring small instruments, songs and dances for sharing) followed by a traditional Achuar feast. Return to Kapawi for rest, journaling, etc. then time on the river for floating, swimming and/or fishing.

Day 9: Early morning bird watching. Depart Kapawi by motorized dugout and fly 45 minutes to the small town of Shell where we will be met by our bus to take us to the Hacienda Manteles. Integrate rainforest experiences. Evening group circle.



Day 10: Relax and soak in the natural beauty of the mystical Langanates National Park. Optional massages, hiking, horseback riding, time for reflection.

Day 11: Breakfast followed by our completion meeting, drive to Quito and return to Casa Sol. Celebration dinner together.

Day 12: Travel day. Return home or stay a few days. Travelers are encouraged to have a day or two on either side of the experience to acclimate, rest and integrate. Reservations for Quito hotel and airport transfer can be made easily at Casa Sol's website, www.lacasasol.com.



Post Rainforest Journey: Group call with Pachamama two weeks after the journey, coaching meetings (or calls) for each participant and opportunities for both individual and group reflection on our journey, its meaning in our lives and in our organizations, and action steps.

***Itinerary is customized to meet group goals.**

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