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### **Native artcraft found on the amazon rainforest**

Most may take an **Amazon Rainforest Tour** to see the landscape, some to study the wildlife, some for the sake of a good vacation, and others to see it all and learned all, including the local handicraft. The Amazonian forest has many wonders yet to be discovered.

If you're traveling with your family or friends, you can visit the interpretation Centre and learn their ways, the Yasuní Kichwa Ec lodge offers to tourist all the accommodations along with local art crafts everywhere you look.

### **The Canasta**

This handicraft is weaved by men with lianas and used by women. It's big enough to carry different sized goods like yucca, platano, and firewood, since this is main use it has to be tough. For men and women alike, they have the Shigra, which is made out of fibre. Mostly is used to keep animal obtained in fishing and hunting.

### **The Callana**

Any kind of artcraft founded here is made by the natives, you can learn from them or take one of the finished works home to show off to your friends back home. The callana is one of them it's a sort of plate, painted with green leaves to avoid clay to spread out.

### **The Mochahuas**

The association of craftswomen from the community make their products based on local seeds and fibres collected in the forest; which is where they find the necessary components to make the mochahuas. To do so, they need

very white sand that is later mixed with red and black sand. This particular hued sand is found in a ravine nearby.

The mocahuas are painted with natural paints. They're placed on firewood after being shaped and then with some beeswax rubbed on them until they're all shiny, ready to be used.

This original artcrafts can be seen at the Interpretation Centre as well as in the Yasuní Ecolodge. Without a doubt the **Amazon Rainforest Tours** are something to look forward, they can astonish even the most sceptics, the Yasuní Natural Park alone should be reason enough to inflame the spark of curiosity hiding away inside all of us.

*Article for the Yasuní Ecolodge*

<http://www.yasunicolodge.travel/en/>

## Leagues of Water

You cannot really tell how immense the sea is when you are looking at it from the beach, you know it is huge, it is right there in front of you, expanding for miles and you know that when you go to it you cannot just keep on walking inside it since eventually you will find your feet no longer touch the soft sand at the bottom, and despite the fact that you realize on some level all of this by simply looking longingly into this big mass of bluish-greenish water, you don't catch upon the fact of how far it goes... not until you go above it or simply to a gazebo and from there, *you are amazed*.

This happened to me, not long ago. I was sharing a nice day with my family at the beach, we love being there, at any beach in any part of world, name it we will be there because we come from a place where the sea runs in our systems, we long for it. But back to the point, it was time for us to go after spending hours bathing at the beach and sleeping under an umbrella with the sound of the ocean right next to us, lulling us into this spectacular relaxed state, I hope you know which one, is a perfect state of mind. We knew there was something up in the mountain, we could see it from the beach, and the entire we were there we were wondering, *what is up there?* We literally asked ourselves that very question, we could see cars going up and down that hill, little dots moving in the distance. So the time came, we got in our car and decided to go up there, we passed hotels and residential buildings, and still we went up, more and more, until we reached this wonderful place in the mountains, a gazebo to call it by some name, and it was breath-taking to see the sea from that particular spot, to feel the wind in your face, your summer dress lifting up with every current of air or lapping at your legs, we could see the island shaped like a turtle, the fishing ships below us, way below....

*See the full article on: [wesaidgotravel.com](http://wesaidgotravel.com)*

[Leagues of Water](#) (Venezuela)

## Travel to the Amazon Rainforest and meet their natives

**Amazon Rainforest Travels** are the highest in demand, since it has become such an important part of our lives to protect the land, today, it is not that complicated to go into some of the deepest part of the forests and discover what hides under the foliage, including the natives.

Once you are registered on an Ecolodge, which were built to preserve the land and are administrated by the locals, you can rest assured you will be able to get to know their culture, history and many fascinating attributes of the land around the Yasuní Kichwa Ecolodge. Men and women these days take on the responsibilities and decisions necessary to maintain the community, assemblies take place and so the Kichwa meet and discuss the pressing matters, whereas before only men were able to attend these.

## The Mingas Organization

This social organization is where people from the community spend their time, accomplishing a common goal for the good of all. When they first forged this arrangement helped them to achieve their main purposes and plans for the community.

Nowadays, since tourism became a great part of their lives, they don't the time any longer. However, in most cases people are hired to do work that requires the community. Some within the community retail how before time was a precious thing, they used to play any kind of sport and also share among themselves on community activities. Some of these activities had been proposed to be resumed.

## The Kichwa Añangu Community

While on an **Amazon Rainforest Travel** you can have the opportunity to meet the Kichwa Añangu, who are the one managing the Yasuní Kichwa

Ecolodge. The Kichwas discovered the advantages of responsible ecotourism as a good alternative for local development. It has allowed them to improve their quality of life, protect nature, all while preserving their traditions.

Having developed the touristic activities creates jobs, which help those of lesser class including them into the working system, allowing them to maintain their homes. Also, the amount of possible jobs prevents the locals from having to travel to the city looking for work.

The Kichwa Community has taken the responsibility of caretakers of the land, through the ecolodges: Napo and Yasuní, with all the excess of money from them getting reinvested in productive, social, cultural, organizational and conservation projects. This is what makes life on the National Park such an attractive tourist point, since you will be able to learn their ways directly from the natives.

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<http://www.yasunicolodge.travel/en/>

## 5 reasons to enrol on online Spanish courses and travel to Spain

Spanish has become in recent years an important language to learn, due to the many countries and cultures you can travel to. When you travel to Europe or you do research on Europe, you find that Spain it's one of the main countries you must do a stop in; experience first handed the local culture, taste the local cuisine, watch a festival or simply take a general tour through the main cities.

### 1) New Language

Learning a new language it's always good, enlisting on **Online Spanish Courses** will help you when visiting any Spanish speaking country, such as: Spain, Argentina, Venezuela, Ecuador, Chile or Mexico. Any of these that you choose has Spanish as its mother tongue and if you go backpacking through them you have to have some understanding of their language, this way you make sure to have a once in a lifetime experience. Meaning, you will get to interact with the native and be able to find places on your own and not get lost in the middle of a big city or a small town.

### 2) Traveling to Spain

If you are traveling to Spain you need to call to book places, sometimes make an itinerary; most of the establishments have employees that speak English but what if they don't or it could happen that when you arrive on the site and there is no one to translate or guide you properly, you need to be prepare for any kind of situation. If something happens along the way then it's good that you learned Spanish beforehand because now you can communicate with citizens, they will be complete strangers but at least you will know how to transmit your questions.

3) Spanish Islands

Spain has multiple islands that you might have heard of; Canary Islands, Balearic Islands, Ibiza, Majorca, among others. If you are interested on taking a trip to one of these, it would be wise to learn Spanish or Catalan but since Catalan is a language quite difficult to comprehend, learning Spanish it's the most viable option because it will also be useful to you on another country.

It's recommended knowing the mother tongue of the country which you will be traveling to and **Online Spanish Courses** can assist you in that area.

4) Spanish Cinema

The cinematography world on Spain has grown in the past two decades, reaching a larger population of fanatics of the art of motion-picture. Artists or art students who hope to become recognized in more than one country can make their travel arrangements or search for an exchange program at their school. In order for them to visit a Spanish speaking nation their level of the language should be high, it will probably be a required skill. Before you book your fly to any city on Spain, search for Spanish courses online that will help you ensure a spot or an audition on Spain.

5) Spanish Architecture

Students of architecture can always find inspiration for the projects in other cultures; the Spanish Architecture goes from beautiful to outstanding up into modern, you can find yourself in a totally different world once you enter one of these structures. If you want to travel and visit the country you could enrol on **Online Spanish Courses**, which offer you courses that can help you in your travels. Some important structures found on Spain are: Great Mosque of Córdoba, La Giralda, Auditorio de Tenerife "Adán Martín", Castro de Baroña (a Celtic settlement), Palace of the conquest, Centro Niemeyer, City of Arts and Sciences.

Traveling and making plans for an exchange always comes with little adversities such as booking inns or locating family houses that will accept exchange students, while you are in this part of the process its better if you already have some basic understanding of the language, in case you have to make calls and arrange dates or communicate concerns in Spanish; later you will of course continue with the online Spanish course you chose, the one you liked best or the one it was more suitable to your needs. Remember to browse and do extensive research on the best places to go to while on Spain, this will definitely guarantee your stay on the country will be a satisfactory experience.

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<http://www.online-spanish-courses.net/5-reasons-to-enrol-on-online-spanish-courses-and-travel-to-spain/>

## Learn about the NIE application form in Spain

Find out the main aspects of the **NIE number in Spain**, if you are traveling to Spain and you are in the dreaded stage of paperwork, we recommend you hire a lawyer who can help with this matters; like with any other legal issue the NIE it is as important, furthermore you will find exactly what is this number and how to gain one.

### What is the NIE?

The **NIE number in Spain**, it is nothing more than an identification number, one you will need to move around the country. NIE stands for Número de Identificación de Extranjero in Spanish, which translate to Foreign Identification Number, this number is unique and personal. While you are in Spain and you are suddenly, performing a professional or economical transaction, you will be asked this particular identification in order for you to carry on with your business.

### How to obtain a NIE?

About the **NIE application form**, there are several websites with experts willing to help you with any complication you might find in your way. Some of the more pressing questions, you may need to answer to file for the NIE are:

- Full Name
- Passport Number
- Marital Status
- Reasons why the NIE number is been requested

From the about you should probably worry the most about the Passport Number, make sure that the expiration date on your passport doesn't interfere with the time, you will be spending in the country, it could a bit of a conundrum if you end up sacked from Spain or any other country, because your passport expired, think about the time you will waste if this shall ever happen.

You can visit websites associated with this one, which will help you understand more about the NIE number along with the requirements, also you might find contact numbers for lawyers specialized in this matters. It is always best to ask for assistance from those who had been dealing with this kind of legal topics, for quite some time. When you're done, you will be able to visit, the greatest cities of Spain, like: Madrid, Alicante, and Barcelona.

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<http://www.legal-advice-spain.net/learn-about-the-nie-application-form-in-spain/>