

STUDY ABROAD IN ECUADOR

Summer Study Abroad in Ecuador 2023

19 Days / 18 Nights
July 10th -28th

July 10th ARRIVE IN QUITO

Arrival in Quito. Pickup from the Quito airport and transfer to the hotel.



July 11th: QUITO CITY TOUR + MIDDLE OF THE WORLD (THE EQUATOR LINE) VISIT

In the morning we'll visit the colonial area of Quito downtown. Quito is the capital of Ecuador and the first city in America to be named a "World Heritage Site".

After lunch we'll visit the "Middle of the World City" where is located the monument that divides the Northern Hemisphere from the Southern Hemisphere, built during the XVII century when a French expedition defined the precise location of the equatorial line.



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July 12th: QUITO – COTOPAXI VOLCANO VISIT – RIOBAMBA CITY

Breakfast at the hotel. Check out.

We will drive along the Pan-American Highway known as “The Volcanoes Avenue” towards one of the world’s highest active Volcanoes: The **Cotopaxi** volcano (19,350 ft.). A third order road lead us to Limpiopungo lake, a glacial Andean lake located at 12,467 ft. Overnight in Riobamba



July 13th: RIOBAMBA-INGAPIRCA (available wed-sun)-CUENCA MEET HOST FAMILIES

Breakfast at the hotel.

Today’s journey takes us to the south of Ecuador, where we visit the most important archeological Cañari-Inca complex in the country: **INGAPIRCA**, which means “Wall of the Inca.” The complex has gardens, terraces, temples and a “castle.”

After lunch we’ll continue the trip to Cuenca.
Meet host families



July 14th: Survival Spanish Classes & Classes with De Anza faculty

08:30am-09:30am Survival Spanish Classes that help participants communicate with host families and in town

10:00am -1:00pm De Anza Faculty teach classes

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July 15th Saturday: CUENCA CITY TOUR + FREE TIME IN THE CITY

Cuenca is known for its natural beauty and colonial charm. Churches, plazas, balconies and beautiful architecture abound among the rich traditions and infinite contrasts of the Ecuadorian Sierra. Cuenca was named a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1999.

Formerly the Northern Capital of the Inca Empire, Cuenca is steeped in history and is also a center of handicrafts and artisan work. On the tour we'll visit such sites as El Barranco (the cliff), where houses seem to hang above the banks of the Tomebamba river.

Also we visit the blue-domed New Cathedral. The "Flower Market" and the point view of Turi. Overnight in Cuenca.



July 16th Sunday: CUENCA FREE TIME

July 17th -20th Survival Spanish Classes & Classes with De Anza faculty

08:30am-09:30am Survival Spanish Classes that help participants communicate with host families and in town

10:00am -1:00pm De Anza Faculty teach classes

Lecture on Ecuador's ecosystems and Cajas National Park

Lecture: Ecuadorian Culture

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July 21st CAJAS NATIONAL PARK FULL DAY VISIT

We will explore and hike the magical landscape of the Cajas National Park which contains more than 230 lagoons of glacial origin. With a surface area of 285.4 km² the park offers different visit sites from 10,200 to 13,000 feet above sea level.

There are several endemic species of plants and animals. We will hike through the famous quinoa forests and if we are lucky we will see different birds such as: hummingbirds, Andean gulls, ducks, etc.



July 22nd: CUENCA-GUAYAQUIL TRANSPORTATION

Breakfast at the hotel.

We will take the road towards to Guayaquil city. Prepare ourselves for an amazing journey through different ecosystems, the transition of landscapes is spectacular from the foothills of the Ecuadorian Andes at its highest point at 4167 meters (13,670 feet) above sea level, observing a beautiful landscape of mountains and lagoons until the coastal plains.

The adventure includes a visit to a local family where we'll observe some tropical fruit crops such as bananas, coffee and the cultivation of the famous Ecuadorian Cacao. We will be able to taste the fresh cacao beans, and of course to make our own chocolate. Lunch at local family house.

Overnight in Guayaquil city.





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July 23rd: GUAYAQUIL - GALAPAGOS ISLANDS FLIGHT

Departure from Guayaquil– Baltra Is. Galapagos/ (90 minutes' flight) & Charles Darwin Station Visit

Arrival Baltra Island (Galapagos) The group will be led by the CEDEI coordinator and Local tour guide and cross the Itabaca channel, that takes us to Santa Cruz Island. Transfer to the hotel in Puerto Ayora. Lunch.

After lunch the group will visit the Charles Darwin Research Station, which is a biological research station operated by the Charles Darwin Foundation. The participants will be able to see the turtles in the corrals, as well as the giant cactus forests where several endemic land birds live. Return to the hotel. Dinner

July 24th: GALAPAGOS Bay Tour (Navigational tour and snorkel)

Breakfast at the hotel.

Tour bay, the participants will visit Canal del Amor, Playa de los Perros, Las Cracks and La Lobería, depending on the weather situation, the crew will choose the ideal place to practice snorkeling (mask and tube included). Return to the hotel. Free afternoon. Lunch and dinner included.

July 25th: GALAPAGOS: Tortuga Bay Beach – Highlands: Twin Craters, Ranch and Lava Tunnels

Breakfast at the hotel.

Tortuga Bay beach visit, the tour of the cobbled path will be done on foot, during the walk will observe different species of animals and plants such as lava lizards, finches, cacti, etc.

Tortuga Bay beach is a nesting place for turtles and marine iguanas, a paradisiacal white sand beach surrounded by mangroves. After walking through Playa Brava, we will arrive at Playa Mansa, where we can enjoy the sun and swim in its crystal clear waters.

There are Kayaks for rent (not included)

The group will return to Puerto Ayora for lunch.

Then we will go to the highlands of the Island, to the Primicias Ranch, Lava Tunnels, Twin Craters. At the ranch we can observe turtles in their natural habitat. The lava tunnels are a unique place since the lava flows have formed a large number of arches or tunnels, a walk like no other, then a stop is made at the Twin Craters: caused by a volcanic depression over the years, Scalesia plants, mosses and orchids predominate in this place. Return to the hotel. Dinner.

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July 26th: Garrapatero Beach

Breakfast at the hotel.

El Garrapatero beach is a beautiful virgin, white sand, turquoise water beach that welcomes visitors who want to enjoy a quiet day in contact with nature. Close to the beach there is a lagoon where flamingos, black-necked ducks leave. Also Galapagos finches and migratory birds. After some time to enjoy this paradisiacal beach,

The group return to the hotel. Free afternoon. Lunch and dinner included.

July 27th Baltra – Return to Quito

Transfer to the Baltra airport

Pick up at airport in Quito to transfer the group to the hotel

July 28th QUITO - FLIGHT TO HOME

Depending on the departure time of your flight to USA you are transferred to the airport!

Price per person in USA Dollar		
# of Students	Student fee	FACULTY special fee
20-29	\$ 3,050.00	2230
30-40	\$2,950.00	2230

Note: Faculty's accommodation is on single room

****Prices are subject to change due to conditions beyond the operator's control****

Program includes:

- Transfer in / out
- 05 Nights of lodging in Continental Ecuador in shared room (double / triple) in Quito, Riobamba, Guayaquil (Breakfast for each night of lodging)
- Tourist ground transportation during the tours – (30 students and more we offer 02 buses)
- Bilingual guide accompanying the group during all the tours as a support to the coordinator for being a large group. Except in the final stretch Cue - Gye - Galapagos.
- 09 days Host family stay

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- 09 hours Survival Spanish classes
- 09 days' use of class rooms at CEDEI campus
- **Air ticket Guayaquil - Galapagos - Quito**
- Galapagos Package 5 Days / 4 Nights includes: 04 nights lodging in double & triple tourist class rooms, breakfast for each night of lodging, tour to the places indicated in the program, bilingual guide, entrance to the National Park, transit card, Lobito Bus to and from Baltra, menu type meals from lunch on arrival day to breakfast on the last day.
 - Transfer Baltra – Puerto Ayora – Baltra
 - Galapagos National Park Entry Fee - \$100.00 US
 - Migratory Control Card - \$20.00 US
- 01 CEDEI coordinator accompanying the group on all Ecuador excursions. In Galapagos tour there will be 02 coordinators (for 20 – 29 students) and 3 coordinators for the 30-40 students. In Galapagos the group will be divided in small groups to do the activities

NOT INCLUDED:

Credits USD\$350

- International airline tickets
- Meals (Lunches and dinners not mentioned)
- In Galapagos wetsuit and fins
- Tips and personal expenses

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

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