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ECUADOR



SPANISH LANGUAGE COURSES IN QUITO

¿Cómo se dice en Español???

There is no better way to learn a language than to live it, eat it, breathe it and speak it in a Spanish-speaking community!! Learn Spanish on a fantastic structured course in the beautiful capital city of Ecuador, Quito. The Spanish language has become one of the largest in the world and the best way to learn is in a Spanish speaking country, as you'll have the language all around you!

Thank you for your interest in this Project. Below is a description of what you can do and expect. You can volunteer whether you're taking a gap year, on a career break, retired, or on a holiday with a purpose. No matter what your age or experience, we look forward to welcoming you to the team!

WHAT DO YOU GET?

SELF-DEVELOPMENT:

- New skills, more confidence, a greater understanding of a different culture, invaluable personal and professional development.
- The enormous satisfaction of learning a new language after you've completed the Spanish course!
- An entry on your CV or résumé that will put you head and shoulders above most others in the job market.

SAFETY AND SECURITY

- Your safety is our top priority. We risk-assess all destination countries, projects, accommodation and more to ensure that they are stable and safe.
- We have experienced local staff with 24/7 back-up and support who are there to assist you and look after you, starting with an in-depth induction on your arrival.

AN ADVENTURE!

- An exciting, never-to-be-forgotten adventure into the fascinating culture of Ecuador, and best of all ... **an unforgettable experience!**

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Prices: From £695 excluding flights. See our [Full Price List Online](#)

Duration: From 1 week to 4 weeks subject to visa requirements.

Start Dates: Availability all year round – you choose your start and finish dates.

You should ideally arrive at the weekend, between 8.00 a.m. and 7.00 p.m.

Requirements: Minimum age 17 (if unaccompanied). No other requirements, just enthusiasm and energy!

What's Included:

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| ▶ Arranging your Programme, | ▶ Full pre-departure support and assistance, |
| ▶ Payment Protection insurance | ▶ Accommodation |
| ▶ 24-hr emergency support. | ▶ Transfer to your accommodation |
| ▶ Meeting you at the nearest airport | ▶ Local in-country team support and backup |
| ▶ Certificate of Completion | ▶ Course fees and some materials |

What Not Included: Flights, Insurance, Cost of Visas (if a visa is required), Food (unless living with a host family, when food is provided Monday to Friday), Return transfer to airport.

SUMMARY

PROJECT OVERVIEW

COURSE CONTENT

Nowadays studying Spanish is both a trend and a necessity. More than 21 countries have it as their official language and it's the native language of over 370 million people! At the language school we work with, you'll really learn how to speak Spanish. We understand that students want to understand and make themselves understood in a cultural context - of course grammar is necessary for this, but you'll have fun while you learn!

All the teachers at the school have taught Spanish for 8 or more years and between them they have developed a great many resources to make the lessons lively and fun.

The classes are highly focused on the development of communication skills (speaking, listening, reading and writing.) They've won several Quality certifications, for the high standards they have at the school.

The school also periodically organise interesting and enjoyable activities in order to introduce the Ecuadorian and Latin culture to their students - most recently they've been cooking Ecuadorian dishes in classes! It's a great, fun way to learn!

You'll have the choice between group lessons, or private lessons:

GROUP LESSONS:

- You'll study for 20 hours a week, 4 hours a day
- There will be a maximum of 6 students per group

PRIVATE LESSONS:

- You can choose how many hours of lessons you'd like a week - from 2 to 40!
- One-to-One tuition



“Overall I had an incredible nine weeks in Ecuador. I am really pleased with the improvement in my Spanish. The teachers at the Spanish School were great and I really benefitted from being surrounded with Spanish speakers who were reluctant to speak English.

Lucy Carmichael

ACCOMMODATION

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You'll either stay in a house with other volunteers, in a privately run hostel, or with a host family depending on your preferences/availability. Staying with a host family or in the hostel does mean a small supplementary fee - please see the prices page for details of this.

The house is located in a tourist area, 'La Mariscal', near to where all Spanish lessons are held and where there is plenty of nightlife, restaurants and internet cafes. The house has 7 rooms and accommodates 13. There is a large, fully equipped kitchen, a TV room with a DVD player, wireless internet, 2 safety boxes and a garden with hammocks and a BBQ area. All bathrooms have hot water and there is a cleaning lady 5 days a week.

The hostel is located in the same area, just a 5 minute walk from the house. The cosy backpackers hostel has double rooms with private bathrooms and a small restaurant.



FOOD

Food is not included in this project (unless you choose to live with a host family, when food is provided on Mondays to Fridays).

Accommodation with host families means that you get to eat, sleep, work, socialise and generally live like an Ecuadorian! Many of our volunteers remain friends with their host families long after they leave Ecuador and in some cases they return to the country later especially to visit their family.

Whichever accommodation you choose, you're sure to enjoy a great stay in Quito!

WHY TRAVELLERS WORLDWIDE?

- Over 20 years' experience of sending thousands of participants overseas, plus the largest variety of flexible projects that are value for money!
- Accredited projects helps appeal to future employers
- Excellent support!
- Your own dedicated Project Co-ordinator to answer all questions before, during and after your trip of a lifetime!
- Detailed information on your project and country and suggestions, safety guide, tips and checklists, via our EXTRANET, available from anywhere, 24/7.
- 24/7 emergency helpline for you and your family
- Free pick up from the nearest airport.

“The trip was an amazing time and has made me eager to want to travel again in the future with Travellers.”

Abby Poar

“I would definitely recommend Travellers Volunteering to anybody that wants a challenge and is ready to get stuck in.”

Lizzie Faithfull

HOW YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE:

By joining a Travellers Program you enable us to keep donating money to worthwhile projects around the world; from clothing and feeding school children, building playgrounds or funding vital conservation research - your participation makes these donations possible. Donations to **Bridge the Gap Foundation**. This Foundation was set up by us to donate directly to particularly worthwhile and necessary projects for children and animals around the world, and partners with other NGO's to raise match-funding for worthy projects.

The price of this project is a reflection of the following costs:

- ✓ Accommodation
- ✓ Meeting you at the airport
- ✓ Transport to and from your project
- ✓ Local in-country team support and backup
- ✓ 24hr emergency helpline
- ✓ Full pre-departure support
- ✓ UK administration
- ✓ Marketing (brochures, website design and maintenance, attending careers fairs, advertising, website listings and presentations)
- ✓ Project Research/Site Inspection
- ✓ Staff Training/Equipment
- ✓ Course fees and some materials
- ✓ Donations to worthwhile project

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Got any questions? Please email us: info@travellersworldwide.com

Once you have applied for a placement, we'll contact you and send you our Welcome Pack. You'll also receive Log-on details and password for our Volunteer Extranet where you'll have access to all the documentation and information which we've put together to facilitate preparations for your adventure!

Your Project Co-ordinator for your country will liaise with you throughout the arrangements process, as well as while you're on your placement and on your return home. The documents you'll have access to also include a Country Factfile, Safety Guide and any manuals that may assist you on your particular programme (for example, Teaching Guide, Sports Manuals, Enrichment Suggestions for Animal Care, etc.). We do all we can to make your stay one that you'll never forget.

As with all our destinations, the culture and heritage is different to what you're used to ... which, although one of the most exciting aspects of travelling, should be borne in mind. Self-reliance and independence are highly appreciated in all our destinations and will help you to make the most of this wonderful opportunity! This is a truly awesome, elegant and beautiful country.



THINGS TO DO IN ECUADOR

LOCATION:

The project is based in the north of the city and is accessed by bus. Quito is very easy to get around. You can either use the buses, trolley buses or taxis, which are all very cheap and easily accessible.

QUITO:

Ecuador's capital, Quito, lies in the north of the country, some 15 miles from the equator and with the Andean Mountains and valleys as a backdrop. It's 10,000ft altitude keeps it cool, with spring like temperatures year round. It was declared a **UNESCO world heritage site** in the 1970's for its preserved historic **Latin quarter**. There is always something to do in Quito, whether you'd like to experience some culture or join in with the cosmopolitan, modern way of life. Cultural highlights include the old town, the cable car and the equator, along with a multitude of museums and monuments.

Modern highlights include a range of shopping malls, a zoo, an ice skating rink, and plenty of restaurants and bars serving wonderful cocktails and tasty food - you'll find anything from traditional Ecuadorian cuisine to Thai and Italian! The city also contains a thriving 'new town' popular with younger generations for its restaurants, shopping and nightlife. There are lots of restaurants and "Patio de Comidas" where you can pick up an excellent value lunch or dinner.



GALÁPAGOS ISLANDS:

The Galápagos Islands lie some 600 miles from the coastline of Ecuador. Formed by volcanic eruptions into the sea, they contain species found nowhere else on the planet and are one of the most significant sites in the world; most notably because this is where Charles Darwin's theories of evolution were inspired and shaped. This rocky and at first glance inhospitable terrain is home to giant tortoise, swimming iguanas and fearless blue footed boobies.

The marine reserve here is equally impressive, boasting encounters for divers and snorkelers with penguins, marine turtles, manta rays and sea lions, amongst others. Around 90% of the islands are protected areas, with visitor numbers restricted and some sites off limits altogether to ensure conservation.

You'll be based on the island of San Cristobal, which is about a 2 hour flight from the Ecuadorian mainland. It is the 5th largest of the Galapagos Islands and its' primary industries are fishing, tourism and arable farming. The town has restaurants, shops and hotels. It is also fast-becoming a surfing hotspot, with a good beach just a short walk from the volunteer accommodation.

THE AMAZON:

The Amazon is the world's largest remaining tropical rainforest, occupying about one third of Ecuador. To get some idea of its scale, first you need to know that Ecuador's share of the Amazon represents just 2% of the whole rainforest; most of it belonging to Brazil (60%) followed by Peru (13%). Important nevertheless as the Amazon in Ecuador remains relatively untouched, has good infrastructure to make for easy visitation and is home to numerous indigenous settlements which welcome outsiders.

THE ANDES:

One of the greatest mountain ranges in the world, they split Ecuador in two running from the north of the country down. Indigenous communities have cultivated the land in the Andean Highlands for thousands of years, selling their produce in bustling market towns. Catch a glimpse of the abundantly colourful markets, showcasing traditions of ancient civilizations and Inca descendants.

Mountaineers will love the peaks of the 'Avenue of Volcanoes', an area in the central highlands with a number of active volcanoes. Whilst each climb is different and most are incredibly challenging, the rewards along the way are numerous. Dense forest, waterfalls and spectacular views across the valleys below await the intrepid few. Other hot pursuits in this region include walking, rafting, biking or camping.

HOW TO BOOK

TWO EASY WAYS ...

Complete a [booking form](#) online.

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or
1-603-574-4935 (USA)



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We hope you'll join us!

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We're happy to help you plan your exciting adventure!

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