



## Ecuador Group Quest

Located east of the famous and historical Galapagos Islands, Ecuador contains within its borders a variety of landscapes and cultures! As a volunteer you may work in one of the most beautiful capital cities of South America, Quito, or in another location that is also a perfect place to begin exploring Ecuador.

### Projects

#### Social Projects

There are many project options in Ecuador including working in an orphanage, day care, teaching, or doing construction. Individuals with psychology experience and background have the option to participate in a project requiring these skills. Please ask us for details.

#### Environmental Projects

Groups can work on an environmental project in the cloud forest of Nanegal. Please note that the sample itinerary is for social projects in Quito, and ask us for more information about environmental projects.

#### Healthcare

Doctors and nurses or Nursing and Medical students can work in local clinics, which are underserved.

#### Galapagos Project

Work in a community on a number of projects including reforestation and construction. Groups may also mentor children and participate in community activities such as gardening and environmental education.

#### Amazon Wildlife Project

Groups can work with rescuing Amazon wildlife that are either victims of trafficking. Learn to feed, house, and properly care for these animals. There is also an opportunity to rehabilitate and reintroduce them into their natural habitat.

#### Special Groups

Special groups are welcome and a custom itinerary can be made. For example, Business students can visit and learn about local businesses in connection with their volunteer work.

### Accommodations

Your group may live with host families or in a group house. Living with host families is a great way to experience the flavor and culture of local life while practicing your Spanish! The group house is a nice option for those who would like to have a common space for meetings or reflection. Depending on your group size, there may be others in the house at the same time.

### Standard Program Fee

The fee for the standard 10-day group Quest described on the itinerary below is \$1445 Quito/\$2495 Galapagos

Your price will differ if you choose to customize your Quest to meet the project, accommodation, and activity interests of your group. The price is based on accommodation with host families; if you choose group housing the price will be adjusted. One group leader travels for free when recruiting 10 participants.

Included in Standard Program Fee:

- Pre-departure training and support
- Orientation upon arrival
- Medical insurance
- Accommodations
- Excursions and cultural activities
- Customized itinerary
- 24/7 in-country support
- Round trip airport transfers
- Meals (some in Quito, all in Galapagos)
- Spanish Language Lessons (in Quito)
- Local cell phone for group leader during Quest
- Domestic flight Quito to Galapagos (Galapagos itinerary)

Not included in the Standard Program Fee: Airfare, Visa, Vaccinations



## Standard Group Itinerary Ecuador-Quito Social Projects

Date	Day	Particulars
Day 1	Friday	-Arrive in Quito airport and transfer to host family -Welcome dinner -Group orientation
Day 2	Saturday	-Tour city of Quito (or other location for environmental project) -Visit Mitad del Mundo and straddle the equator -Traditional Ecuadorian dinner
Day 3	Sunday	Excursion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Otavalo ( Indigenous market)</li> <li>• Mindo (cloud forest) for environmental project</li> </ul>
Day 4	Monday	-Volunteer work  -Attend lecture on pertinent topic, such as History of Ecuador, Indigenous Ethnic Groups, Public Health, Ecotourism)
Day 5	Tuesday	-Volunteer work -Cooking lesson
Day 6	Wednesday	-Volunteer work -Spanish lesson
Day 7	Thursday	-Volunteer work -Salsa lesson
Day 8	Friday	-Volunteer work -Farewell dinner with live indigenous music
Day 9	Saturday	-Transfer from accommodation to airport for departure



## Standard Group Itinerary

### Ecuador-Galapagos Project

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Day 2	Saturday	-Tour city of Quito -Visit Mitad del Mundo and straddle the equator -Traditional Ecuadorian dinner
Day 3	Sunday	-Flight from Quito to Galapagos
Day 4	Monday	- Volunteer work
Day 5	Tuesday	-Volunteer work
Day 6	Wednesday	-Volunteer work
Day 7	Thursday	-Volunteer work
Day 8	Friday	- Volunteer work
Day 9	Saturday	-Transfer from Galapagos to Quito -Farewell dinner
Day 10	Sunday	-Transfer to airport for departure

**Housing:** Volunteers live in cabins on the farm, sharing common areas with each other and cooking meals for themselves.