

Welcome to Quito, Ecuador!



2009 Dates: Begin any Monday!

2009 Prices:
\$1,200 for 4 weeks
\$3,525 for 12 weeks
Additional weeks: \$300

Quito

Experience the diverse cultures and ecology of Ecuador! Your program will be based in Quito, the vibrant capital of the country known as “the city of sun and sky”. Though the population is slightly over one million, Quito retains its small city atmosphere and offers a rich range of cultural activities. It is a fascinating blend of modern and traditional culture, with strong Spanish, indigenous, U.S.-American and European influences.

The Language Institute

The institute is located in a lovely residential area of Quito known as “La Carolina”, just one block from the stop for the *Ecovía* (ecological buses). The building is surrounded by gardens and includes a video room, cafeteria, dancing area and racquetball court.

The Classes

You can begin your studies any Monday of the year and stay for as many weeks as you like. Semester programs that include Hispanic Studies are also available! After completing a placement test on your first morning on campus, you will be placed in a class with students at your level. The curriculum includes conversation, written assignments, interactive activities and grammar lessons. Classes meet for 20 hours per week in small groups of no more than four students.

Cultural Activities

The institute offers weekly dancing lessons, cooking classes, lectures and city tours. Optional day activities include trips to National Parks, Indian markets and the Cloud Forest Reserve.

Special Option: Spanish and Community Service

Enrich your stay in Quito and give back to the community by participating in a local service project! The language institute has strong relationships with several organizations, offering you a choice of volunteering experiences. Support Ecuadorian students in improving their English, assist in a clinic that offers free treatment to local children, or help out at a biological station on the Galapagos Islands! Call for details and more options.

Accommodations

Deepen your understanding of the Spanish language and the culture of Ecuador by living with a local host family. Families are carefully selected and all homes are within easy walking or public transportation distance of the institute. Your host family provide two breakfast and a light dinner each day.



Frequently Asked Questions

What does the cost include? Application processing, pre-departure orientation materials, tuition, single homestay placement, cultural activities, classroom materials and on-site support in Quito are included in the cost. Your homestay includes laundry service and two meals per day, and your host family will meet you at the airport upon your arrival. Bring extra spending money for the optional field trips.

Can I study if I am a beginner? Yes, beginners can participate in this program.

When will I receive my host family placement information? You will receive host family details and contact information in the week prior to your class starting date.

Will there be an orientation session in Quito? Yes. On your first day of class, you will take a placement test and then go on a city tour with the local coordinator to get familiar with important places and services. After that, you are invited to attend a comprehensive orientation session covering all aspects of your programs.

Will I have access to email? Yes, students can use the wireless internet network on campus at no extra charge. If you don't want to bring your laptop, you can use the internet terminal. 30 minutes online will cost you \$0.50.

Will the institute be closed for any holidays? Yes. The dates are: January 1, May 1 and 24, August 10, November 2-3, December 6, 25, and 31.

Can I get credits for studying abroad? Yes! Whether you are a high school graduate, a university student working toward a degree, or a teacher looking for professional development, you can get credit for continuing your education abroad. Earn 5 to 10 credits by signing up for a variety of courses offered by We Study Abroad, an accredited college program linked with Seattle Central Community College. Please visit www.westudyabroad.com for more information.

Do I need travel insurance? We strongly recommend that you get travel insurance that includes a medical plan. Prices depend upon trip length and participant age. You can compare different policies online or by contacting your local travel agent.

Can I speak to people who have attended the program before? Definitely! Please contact our office and we can provide you with emails for students who have previously participated in this program.

How do I apply? To apply, complete an initial application and return it with a \$300 deposit. You can download an application at www.andeo.org. This deposit will be applied to the total program price. Upon receipt of your program registration and deposit, we will send you a detailed orientation packet. The balance of your program fees will be due 30 days before your program start date.

What is your cancellation policy? If you cancel your program more than 45 days prior to your start date, we will refund the amount you have paid toward your program fee except for the \$100 non-refundable deposit and any cancellation fees charged by the language institute. The cancellation fees vary from program to program, so please feel free to ask us about the fees that apply to yours. For cancellations made less than 45 days prior to your program start date, your \$300 deposit will be forfeited, and you will also be responsible for the cancellation fees charged by the institute. If Andeo cancels your program, you will receive a full refund.

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