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# Volunteer Programs in Quito, Ecuador

## City Information



### Quito

the capital of Ecuador, has a population of approximately one and half million people. The city rises 2,850 meters (9,350 feet) above sea level, with an annual average temperature of 13C/55F. The dry season in Quito is May to October, and brief daily showers occur November through April. Nights are crisply cool, requiring a sweater or jacket, but the daytime temperatures, year round, rarely vary from the upper 60s to the low 70s F.

In addition to its gorgeous landscapes, surrounded by hills and several snowcapped volcanoes, Quito is well known for having a treasure of colonial buildings, paintings, sculptures and carvings. From Quito you can easily explore places such as the indigenous market in Otavalo, one of the largest on the continent. Another side trip might be to the hot springs gurgling from the base of a nearby volcano. Beaches are close, and the surf is great. Night life is very active, with salsa clubs and fine

restaurants. The crime rate of Ecuador is lower than that of the United States. Quito is also a metropolitan city that offers almost unlimited opportunities for recreation, relaxation and learning.

## You could volunteer in

√ Students will need to select 2 choices for the volunteer

- Translator
- Teaching English
- Orphanages or Nursing Homes
- Street Shelter
- Medical Volunteer

## The Program

**Spanish Tutorial and Volunteer** This program is 20 hours per week. The Tutor Program is held for 4 or 7 hours daily and consists of individual instruction with well-qualified teachers. It is ideal for those who want to be totally immersed and to learn faster in less time. This is the program that most students prefer. The student's schedule is generally from 08.30 to 12.30 and from 13.30(1:30PM) to 16.30(4:30PM).

The program is designed to combine grammar with conversation, reading and writing practice. Furthermore, the school's books and teaching material will introduce students to the history, geography and culture of Ecuador.

The school uses a system that is fun, self-paced and ideally requires four to six weeks for students to develop basic communication skills. If the student has studied Spanish before he/she will start with an examination (written and oral) to evaluate at which level to commence study.

The focus is on spoken Spanish and is organized into seven levels with the vocabulary of about 500 new words in each one. Approximately 45 hours are needed for each level and students are evaluated at the conclusion of every segment. Books are provided by the school, and teachers are rotated weekly to give students maximum exposure to a variety of spoken accents.

Students are assessed and receive instruction at their appropriate level. Depending on the student's ability they will spend class time in any of the following activities:

- Grammar
- Pronunciation and discussion
- Reading and writing skills
- Listening and comprehension
- Cultural awareness

The exclusive use of Spanish is absolutely required of all students at all times and class attendance is compulsory.

## Program Cost Includes

- Tutor 20 hours per week
- Homestay - Single Room
- 2 Meals Daily (breakfast and lunch)
- Arrival and Departure transfers.
- Placement Testing .
- Orientation.
- Class Materials.
- Laundry once per week
- 1-2 Organized Activities Weekly\*
- Certificate of Completion
- Pre-Departure Information
- Planning Guide

- Medical, Accident and Sickness Coverage \*\*
- Medivac Coverage
- Other Travel Coverage (repatriation, baggage, personal effects, accidental death and dismemberment etc.)
- 24 Hour Emergency Multilingual Hotline (call collect from anywhere in the world)

## Lodging

### Homestays

Another important component of this program is the opportunity to enjoy all the comforts and advantages of living with an Ecuadorian host family. These families are carefully chosen, and the student gets a private bedroom, 2 meals daily and laundry service.

Some of the families are located close to the school in the central part of Quito. Others are located a little further away, but public transportation is available and convenient. Students may request a family with special characteristics if they wish and should include this in their registration form.

Only one student is placed per host family. This helps to guarantee each student gets an uninterrupted opportunity to practice Spanish at home, and creates a total immersion environment. Additionally, the student gets to participate in the dynamics of an Ecuadorian family's life.

## The NRCSA Center

We specialize in teaching Spanish as a second language in a private tutorial environment to foreign students. Our location is in the commercial section of modern Quito. The area has many tourist attractions, and is surrounded by first class hotels, restaurants, cafes, banks, travel agencies, airline offices, libraries, universities, museums, craft shops, shopping centers and embassies.

The NRCSA Center in Quito, Ecuador was established and registered with the Ecuadorian Ministry of Education and Culture in 1982.

All instructors have advanced university degrees in Spanish Grammar and Literature or a related field. All have received special training and have a great deal of experience teaching Spanish to foreign students.

## Special Activities

**Cultural & Activities** We believe the best methodology for learning involves "external activities" to enhance the learning of the language and to expand the student's Spanish vocabulary. These activities include cultural events: visit to museums, art galleries, churches in colonial Quito, Indian markets and films.

**Social Events & Activities** Christmas holidays, carnivals, celebrations of student's and teacher's birthdays, recreational activities: soccer games, hiking, walking and more.



## Dates & Fees

### VOLUNTEER PROGRAM IN QUITO

[REGISTER](#)

**2005 Dates:** Spanish Tutorial and Volunteer program starts any Monday in 2005.

<b>2005 Fees:</b>	2 weeks:	\$ 975
	4 weeks:	\$ 1,920
	8 weeks:	\$ 3,820
	Additional weeks:	\$ 476

### Highlights

**The Volunteer Program** is for people interested in learning about sustainable solutions to poverty. All volunteers will work in partnership with local people in a variety of community-based projects. This unique program offers exciting hands-on work opportunities, meaningful cultural immersion, and enriching language program.

**HOW TO APPLY** Send your registration with your resume and an introduction letter describing yourself, your background in the Spanish language, and the type of internship you are interested in/why you are qualified for that type of position.

- [Click here to see more details of the program...](#)

# Volunteer Programs in Ecuador

## English Teacher

**Objectives:** To obtain international experience in Teaching English in Quito

**Location:** 15-20 minutes from our institute in Cusco

**Eligibility:** undergraduate degree or higher.

**Guidelines:** Positions on a space available basis. These are unpaid positions.

**Requirements:** Relevant experience in English teaching. Teacher certificate is a must. Lots of patience, energy, and creativity! (Patience and a willingness to be helpful in all areas of the project. Also, the volunteers have to be open minded to any situation and task)

**Minimum work commitment:** 4 weeks

**Level in the language:** High Intermediate level.

**Schedule:** Varies approximately 10-20 hours per week in the afternoon.

**Capacity:** There are limited number of positions every month.

**Other:** Please register at least 40 days prior to requested program start date.

**Note:** We don't know if positions are available until you apply.

## Medical Volunteer

**Objectives:** Observe the Medical Personnel in Hospitals & Clinics in Ecuador

**Location:** 15-20 minutes from our institute in Cusco

**Eligibility:** Open to medical students and medical personnel only.

**Guidelines:** Positions on a space available basis. These are unpaid positions.

**Requirements:** Lots of patience, energy, and creativity! (Patience and a willingness to be helpful in all areas of the project. open minded to any situation and task)

**Minimum work commitment:** 8 weeks

**Level in the language:** High Intermediate level.

**Schedule:** Varies approximately 10-20 hours per week in the afternoon.

**Capacity:** There are limited number of positions every month.

**Other:** Please register at least 40 days prior to requested program start date.

## Shelters and Homes for Street Children and Children of Prisoners

**Objectives:** International experience with street children & children of prisoners

**Location:** 15-20 minutes from our institute in Cusco

**Eligibility:** undergraduate degree or higher.

**Guidelines:** Positions on a space available basis. These are unpaid positions.

**Requirements:** Lots of patience, energy, and creativity! (Patience and a willingness to be helpful in all areas of the project. Also, the volunteers have to be open minded to any situation and task)

**Activities:** Help children with their homework, play with them, organize recreational and creative activities and assist in workshops.

**Minimum work commitment:** 4 weeks

**Level in the language:** High Intermediate level.

**Schedule:** Varies approximately 10-20 hours per week in the afternoon.

**Capacity:** There are limited number of positions every month.

**Other:** Please register at least 40 days prior to requested program start date.

## Translation/Interpreter

**Objectives:** To obtain international experience in Translation and Interpretation in Quito

**Location:** 15-20 minutes from our institute in Cusco

**Eligibility:** undergraduate, graduate students and adults with an undergraduate degree or higher.

**Guidelines:** Volunteer positions on a space available basis. These are unpaid positions.

**Requirements:** There are many oportunities for students looking for translating documents from Spanish to English or English to Spanish. Also, volunteer will have the opportunity to be an interpreter.

**Minimum work commitment:** 4 weeks

**Level in the language:** High Intermediate level.

**Schedule:** Varies approximately 10-20 hours per week in the afternoon.

**Capacity:** There are limited number of positions every month.

**Other:** Please register at least 40 days prior to requested program start date.

**Note:** We don't know if positions are available until you apply.

## Orphanages or Nursing Homes

**Objectives:** To obtain international experience with orphan children in Quito

**Location:** 15-20 minutes from our institute in Cusco

**Eligibility:** undergraduate, graduate students and adults with an undergraduate degree or higher.

**Guidelines:** Volunteer positions on a space available basis. These are unpaid positions.

**Requirements:** Lots of patience, energy, and creativity! (Patience and a willingness to be helpful in all areas of the project. Also, the volunteers have to be open minded to any situation and task) This project was design to help in an Orphanages or Nursing Homes.

**Activities:**  
Educational Workshops on values,  
Group Sports (basketball, volleyball, indoor soccer, etc.),

**Minimum work commitment:** 4 weeks

**Level in the language:** High Intermediate level.

**Schedule:** Varies approximately 10-20 hours per week in the afternoon.

**Capacity:** There are limited number of positions every month.

**Other:** Please register at least 40 days prior to requested program start date.

## At A Glance - Quito, Ecuador

### General

- No maximum age. Minimum age is 17 for Adult Programs (often waived if accompanied by an adult) and 14 for Summer Teen Program.
- Location: Downtown
- Size: varies considerably by season. The 'average' is under 25 foreign students.
- Medical: school refers students if needed (medical costs additional). See below for information regarding insurance.
- Arrival airport transfers are included if flights advised 30 days prior arrival.
- Vacations: no class make-up on National, Regional & local holidays.

### Classes

- Foreign language classes are taught entirely in the foreign language (immersion method).
- All levels are welcome (beginner to advanced) unless otherwise specified above.
- Levels: placement tests are used. If there is no full group at your level, smaller group or tutor may be given with fewer hours per week.
- Tutor means one-on-one class (private teacher). Shared tutor means two-on-one.
- Students/class is maximum people per class ... which may be exceeded by 1-2 persons due to level placement.
- School is popular with business and medical professionals seeking accelerated and special vocabulary classes.
- Texts and materials are over \$15 per level.
- Class-hour is 55 minutes (Most universities use a 50 minute hour).

### Lodging & Meals

- Accommodation address sent 7-14 days prior to start of session.
- Meals: See 'cost includes' above for which meals included. (2 meals means breakfast and
- In homestays, meal times and content will vary.
- Lodging ends day after last day of class. Begins Sunday prior to start of class.

### Cultural Program & Activities (Entrance fees/bus fares may be additional)

- Excursions average 1-2 weekly.
- Weekly cultural lectures or activities (included).

### Children

- Lodging/daycare available at additional cost.
- School favored by families traveling with children.

### Insurance - - for study dates prepaid through NRCSA.

- 24 Hour Emergency Multilingual Hotline (call collect from anywhere in the world)
- \$25,000 Emergency Medical Evacuation
- \$10,000 Accident or Sickness (\$100 deductible per claim)
- \$5,000 Emergency Reunion
- See policy for definitions and exclusions
- Increased insurance coverages available on request and at additional cost. Please inquire with NRCSA at least 3 weeks prior to departure.

# PREREGISTRATION FORM – NRCSA PROGRAMS

1. Complete & send to NRCSA, P.O. Box 1393, Milwaukee, WI 53201, USA • Tel. (414) 278-0631 • Fax (414) 271-8884 • Web: www.nrcca.com
2. Enclose a non-refundable deposit/registration fee of \$140 per person, per program, payable to NRCSA (\$40 registration fee & \$100 program deposit applied towards the program costs).
3. Register early. Add \$40 per person late enrollment fee if paying in full within 40 days of departure. Within 20 days, payments by certified check.
4. Credit Cards may be used for deposits (see "H" below). NRCSA street address for overnight deliveries is 207 East Buffalo Street, Suite 610, Milwaukee, WI 53202 USA. You are welcome to photocopy this form. Please send separate form for each school if taking multiple programs.

**A. Name(s)** \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
Please print  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
If student, school attending and year

Street: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. Home: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street address (not P.O. Box) where someone can sign for documents sent to you.

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. Work: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

In Emergency, notify: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name, Address, Phone)

**B. BACKGROUND:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Describe your background in the course you're taking abroad. Check your ability level:  Beginner  Post Beginner  
 Intermediate  Advanced

**C. LODGING:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Schools will try (cannot guarantee) to meet them. Special Diet (may be available) at additional cost.

**D. GOALS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E. INSURANCE:** Includes prepaid study dates. To extend coverage up to 30 days before/after study dates, add \$5/day or \$19/week and advise dates.

**Check Preferences.**

- Single  Share Twin  Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Yes Smoking  No Smoking  Either  
 Yes Pets  No Pets  Either  
 Yes Children  No Children  Either

**PREFER:**  Homestay Involvement  Freedom to Come/Go

**ARE YOU?**  Quiet  Outgoing  Frequent Traveler

**OBJECTIVES:**  Enrichment  Academic Credit  Job Related

**HOBBIES:**  Reading  Music  Cooking  Jogging  Sports

<b>F. PROGRAM INFORMATION</b>	School/Center
Program Name (use title from Dates & Fees)	City/Country
Date: Start Program	Date: Start Lodging (most start day before)
No. of hours day/week	No. of weeks attending
Disabilities/Allergies/Health Problems	2nd Choice Program
How did you learn about NRCSA?	Social Security Number
Options (see program for choices)	
<b>Your Signature</b> (if you are under age 18, both parents must also sign)	

**INSURANCE INCLUDED for PRE-PAID STUDY DATES**

**ACCIDENT / MEDICAL INSURANCE UP TO \$10,000**  
**EMERGENCY MEDICAL EVACUATION UP TO \$25,000**  
**EMERGENCY REUNION UP TO \$5,000**  
**REPATRIATION UP TO \$7,500**  
**LIFE INSURANCE \$5,000**  
**24 HOUR EMERGENCY WORLDWIDE-  
 MULTI-LINGUAL TELEPHONE ASSISTANCE**

**H. CREDIT CARDS:**

For program deposit only (**not final payment**) check:  
 VISA  Mastercard  American Express Amount Charged \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
Card Number (13 or more numbers) Exp Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE (as on card) PRINT name (as on card)

**CHANGE FEES** of at least \$35 apply for each change you make. Some "changes" may result in cancellation fees.

**CANCELLATIONS** are effective the day received in writing by NRCSA in Milwaukee. All payments less \$140 per program fully refundable up to 60 days prior to departure. For cancellations within 60 days of departure, \$250 per person is not refundable; within 40 days of departure, less 50% of program cost or \$300 per person (whichever is greater); within 14 days of departure, 100% of program cost is non refundable. Airline cancellation penalties, if any, are in addition to those outlined above. Cancellation penalties are per person, per program. Medical, baggage (above that included) and cancellation insurance is strongly recommended. Attach a note if you have a medical condition or Rx which the school/center should know about.

**CONDITIONS:** Each institution listed herein is independent of the National Registration Center for Study Abroad (hereinafter referred to as NRCSA, controls, and will periodically make changes in the program. Classes may fill, be changed, or dropped by the sponsoring academic institutions. NRCSA is a division of Mibar Ltd. and is not responsible for these changes or other actions beyond its control such as strikes, postal delays or loss, mechanical breakdowns, weather, government actions, delay or acts/omissions of suppliers. NRCSA may make changes or substitutions or cancel any program. In the event of entire program cancellation by NRCSA, liability is limited to refunding all monies paid to NRCSA for said program. Passengers electing not to use portions of a program shall not be entitled to a refund. No agent or representative of NRCSA shall have the right to alter the provisions listed herein. Costs based on tariffs and exchange rates effective the date of printing of this material, and are subject to change. Additional costs resulting from such change will be paid by the participant. Registrations are valid when accepted by NRCSA in Milwaukee. The passage contract used by the airline, when issued, is the sole agreement between it and you. Photographs of or statements by participants may be used by NRCSA. NRCSA, group leaders or foreign coordinators, at their discretion, may get medical assistance for participants, or place them in a hospital, or fly them back to the U.S. for medical treatment. All costs related to medical treatment or evacuation will be paid by the participant. As visitors you are expected to adhere to foreign rules and customs. If the foreign staff feels you are not adhering to these rules and customs, your participation in the program shall terminate immediately without refund whatsoever. A "homestay" is defined as living with a local person(s) in the foreign country and may not be multi generational, multinational, etc. It is the responsibility of the participant to have required proof of citizenship and visa(s) if applicable - check with the consulate of the country(s) you will be visiting.

**INFORMATION USE:** Information provided to NRCSA will be shared with participating organizations to facilitate your registration.

**NOTE:** Classes canceled in honor of local holidays are not made up. Foreign Language schools use placement tests. If there is no group at your level, smaller group or tutor classes may be substituted with fewer hours per week. Classes are conducted entirely in the target language. See **Fast Facts Guide** for more information.