



Ecuador

Age : 15 to 18



HIGH SCHOOL ABROAD

High school exchange in Ecuador

SCHOOL EXPERIENCE

Ecuador has a lot to offer to international students who wish to improve their Spanish skills. The smallest country in the Andean highlands offers a great combination of welcoming people, well preserved colonial architecture, beautiful volcanic landscapes, dense rainforest and magnificent shores of the Galapagos Islands.

Students are mainly placed in private schools and live with local Ecuadorian host families.

The Ecuadorian culture is extremely family oriented and students have the benefit of becoming a part of an Ecuadorian family, during their stay in the country and beyond.

International students are generally placed in co-ed schools; some single-sex schools are available.

They are placed all across Ecuador, but mainly in the Quito area. From Quito, students are only a few hours away from a hike through the Amazonian jungle, the snow swept slopes of a volcano, the sociable haggle with indigenous artesanos, or the welcoming dip on a tropical beach! The local coordinator organizes monthly activities to allow international students to discover the country!

SCHOOL SYSTEM

The first three-year cycle of an Ecuadorian secondary school follows a general curriculum. In the second cycle, students can specialize in one of several different curriculums. Exchange students usually choose Liberal Arts that include these subjects: Literature, English, Philosophy, Chemistry, Physics, Geopolitics, Socio-microeconomics, History, Mathematics, Orientation, and Psychology. Students wear a school uniform and remain in one classroom all day long; teachers rotate rooms. Students go to school in the morning (from 7am to 2pm) and do homework in the afternoon.

After school, students have lunch with the family, make their homework and usually join extracurricular activities, such as Spanish classes, gym, music etc. Ecuador offers a big variety of activities and transportation is not a limitation since they can easily use the public system. Most schools have Football/Soccer, Basketball and Volleyball.

The school year starts in September and ends in June.

Graduation is not possible.



Location : All over the country

Boarding : Full board

Accommodation : Host family

Length : Semester / Academic Year

Type : Public and Private



International students have the opportunity to participate in several fantastic excursions during their stay in Ecuador. The purpose of these outings is to explore the biodiversity and the rich culture of the Ecuadorian regions.

Students are highly regarded among other students who are anxious to establish lifelong friendships.

Application deadline : April 30th for arrival in September, September 30th for arrival in January. Late applications may be accepted, depending on availability and visa processing times.

Requirements : Students must be interviewed in their home country before being accepted on the program. Two years of Spanish study (minimum B grade average during the last two years) and good academic results (grades equivalent to C and higher during the last three years of study) are required.

PROGRAM	REF.	PRICE
Public and Private Semester	ZECS1/ZECS2	ON REQUEST
Public and Private Academic Year	ZECY1	ON REQUEST