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### II. Team of Teachers

Could there be a better way to learn Spanish than by studying the language in a native setting? ¡Sí, señor! A teaching team of University-educated native speakers is what is needed to take the language learning experience to a whole new level.

### III. Spanish School Locations

We have well-established Spanish schools in Quito and Otavalo, plus a unique Traveling Spanish School model, which will have our students learning alongside native Amazonian tribes or endangered sea creatures.

### IV. Spanish Courses

At Ailola Spanish School we offer group, private and combi courses and different courses for special purposes as well.

### V. Traveling Classrooms

We want our students to discover every corner of Ecuador, our great little country! That's why our Spanish schools in Ecuador takes you everywhere, from the Galapagos Islands to the Amazon Basin.

### VI. Volunteering

At Ailola Quito we're proud to be able to match our students with amazing volunteering opportunities right across Ecuador. They can lend a hand to people and environments in need, simultaneously improving their language skills.

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## I. Who we are?

Established in 1988, Ailola Quito is a leading Spanish language school in Ecuador designed especially for the needs of foreign students. Ailola Quito has a well-earned reputation for academic excellence in teaching Spanish to foreigners of all ages. We take great pride in our teachers: they are university-educated and have many years of experience.

Our mission is to fulfill all language dreams. That's why our assessment methods are based on the *Common European Framework of Reference for Languages*, or CEFR. We offer courses for all levels - from complete beginner (A0) to very advanced level (C2).

Furthermore at Ailola Quito we believe the best Spanish school in Ecuador is one that goes beyond the confines of its 4 walls! That's why you'll find us all over the place, from the jungles of the Amazon to the beaches of Galapagos, from historic Quito to traditional Otavalo.

### Our Milestones

- 1988** – The school opens in Quito, as one of the first Spanish schools in Ecuador of its type
- 1992** – Ailola Quito begins offering students the chance to volunteer in social and environmental projects all over Ecuador
- 1994** – The school opens its second Spanish school in Ecuador, in the indigenous town of Otavalo
- 1998** – Ailola Quito introduce classes in the Amazon jungle to its list of programs
- 1998** – The school begins its Traveling Classroom program
- 1999** – Ailola Quito expands its network of Spanish schools in Ecuador to the Galapagos Islands
- 2002** – The school begins offering classes on a traditional Ecuadorian hacienda
- 2004** – Ailola Quito starts working with indigenous communities in Otavalo and the Amazon
- 2004** – The Spanish school in Ecuador becomes recognized by the national government an Educative Foundation, an important recognition that allows it to expand farther across Ecuador
- 2006** – Ailola Quito begins a partnership with an animal rescue center in the Amazon and an orphan and abandoned children's organization to help out and offer more volunteer places to students
- 2008** – The school is recognized by the AECEE – the Association of Spanish Schools in Ecuador
- 2011** – Ailola Quito's Traveling Classroom extends across to the Galapagos Islands, with the "Secret of Evolution" itinerary
- 2013** – School moved to new building in the historic city center of Quito

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## II. Team of Teachers

What makes a great Spanish school team in Ecuador? We believe it's our staff of University-educated native-speakers! With years of professional and life experience, our teachers are University graduates specializing in Spanish language studies and/or Latin American literature. As we generally hire local Ecuadorian teachers, Ailola Quito can also guarantee you won't just learn Spanish, but the broader social and cultural picture around you! ¡Sí, señores! We know Ecuador like the palm of our hands!

### Eugenio Cordóva, School Director



Eugenio knows what it means to achieve results in Spanish. In fact, the final grade he achieved in his Spanish Language degree was 9.98/10 – his University's best score in over 20 years! In 1988, Eugenio founded our Spanish school in Quito, after noticing the city's potential as a destination for foreign students wanting to learn Spanish. Eugenio – aside from just a pioneer in local language teaching – has become a sort of institution in Quito! Personable, friendly and dedicated to his students and staff, you'll find him in Quito or zigzagging all over Ecuador, traveling with his students and managing the school's language programs.

### Angelica Castro, Spanish Teacher

Angelica, aside from being a super teacher, she also enjoys exchanging knowledge with her foreign students about their countries and her very own, Ecuador! Angelica is a team player and also very committed to her family! She's been with Ailola Quito for over 15 years

### Jeanina Cáceres, Spanish Teacher

Jeanina is one of our newest staff members. That said, she's still got 10 years under her belt, having started at Ailola Quito in 2003. Jeanina studied architecture and enjoys cultural traditions and customs. She is considered one of our quieter members of staff, and is extremely friendly.

### Milton Arroyo, Spanish Teacher

Milton is the kind of guy that likes to mix humour with teaching, something we've picked up in the almost 15 years he's worked with us. Milton enjoys working on verbs and often takes intermediate classes, where his personality and teaching skills shine.

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### **Tania Urresta, Spanish Teacher**

Tania is one of our longest serving teachers, having been with us since 1994. She has a knack for quietly spotting weak points in students Spanish and finding fun, innovative and successful ways of working on them. Tania often travels with students on our *Traveling Classroom* programs to the Amazon and Galapagos, but teaches regularly in Quito.

### **Tito Hernan Muñoz, Spanish Teacher**

Tito's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary with us is almost around the corner, as one of our longest serving members of staff. Tito holds degrees in Education and Journalism, and is one of our *Traveling Classroom* teachers. Well-read, he enjoys Latin American art and history.

### **Vanessa Chala, Spanish Teacher**

Vanessa has been with Ailola Quito since 1998. She holds a Social Science degree, while her hobbies include cooking, football, dancing and reading. In all of this, what Vanessa most enjoys is traveling; in fact, she's connoisseur of the Galapagos Islands! Vanessa is a hard working, kind and well-humored member of our staff.

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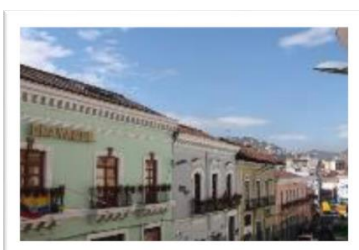
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#### Learn Spanish in Quito

There aren't many that start with Q – *quaint, quiet, quirky!* Could *Quito* be an adjective all of itself? We think so. This captivating capital city boasts history, romance and the cultural energy of an entire continent, not to mention our language school!

#### Location

Behind historic plazas, near famous churches and between beautiful cobblestone alleyways, our students will learn Spanish in Quito at one of the best locations in Ecuador.



#### School fact sheet

- Founded in: 1988, one of the first Spanish schools of its type
- Distance to city center: You'll learn Spanish in Quito in the city center!
- Free internet access/WiFi: Yes!
- Number of computers: 2
- Facilities for handicapped: We deliver private classes at homestay locations, due to accessibility issues in the historic center
- Number of classrooms: 14
- Maximum class size: 6 students
- Low season: December and May
- Volunteering opportunities: Yes!
- Conversation sessions: Yes, and they're free!

#### Top-5 things to see and do

- Discover the Historic Center – In 1978 Quito was named the first ever world heritage-listed site on earth. The city's *Centro Histórico* was what caught the eye of UNESCO.
- Rent a bike – Since 2004, Quito boasts Ecuador's most extensive system of bicycle paths. Best of all, every second Sunday these areas are closed off for bike users.
- Ride the *telefériQo* – Quito's swank new sky tram will take you 1.5 miles into the sky past Pinchincha Volcano to Cruz Loma, where you'll overlook Quito.
- Eat like a local – We won't insist on making you try *cuy* (grilled guinea pig), but tasting other mouth-watering local dishes is a must!
- Dance in La Mariscal – Aside from coming to us Monday to Friday to study Spanish, you'll likely want to go out and have fun, Ecuadorian-style.

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#### Learn Spanish on the Galapagos Islands

Just off the Ecuadorian mainland, 800-pound tortoises roam lazily about heavenly islands beaches. Are you ready to join them? At Ailola Quito we can find you a spot on the sand and so much more, with one of our premium Spanish courses.

#### Location

Amazing island locations, just 2 blocks from the sea, and in the heart of Puerto Ayora, Santa Cruz, or quiet natural settings on San Cristóbal



#### School fact sheet

- Founded in: 1999, one of the first Spanish programs of its type
- Distance to town centers: You'll study Spanish on the Galapagos Islands in the city center in Puerto Ayala, just two blocks from the sea, or in walking distance from everything at a guesthouse on San Cristóbal Island
- Free internet access/WiFi: Yes!
- Number of classrooms: On the terrace beside the swimming pool
- Maximum class size: 6 students
- High season: July to September, December to January
- Volunteering opportunities: Yes!
- Conversation sessions: Yes, and they're free!



#### Top-5 things to see and do

- See where Lonesome George once lived! – At the Charles Darwin Station near Puerto Ayora discover all there is to know about turtle breeding. It's here you'll get to meet the islands' rock stars – the Galapagos tortoises!
- Cruise the high seas! One of the best (and often only) ways to see the Galapagos Islands in their entirety is by signing up for a cruise around the islands.
- Spot *tortugas* at Tortuga Bay! Marine turtles and seabirds galore at Tortuga Bay! This serene spot on Santa Cruz island can be reached by walking down a one-mile path from Puerto Ayora.
- Snorkel, dive, swim! Darwin and Wolf Islands in the Galapagos archipelago are considered some of the best diving destinations on earth, with a breathtaking array of clear and well-preserved sites for divers.
- Lend a helping hand. Attention scientists, researchers, and all the average Joes of the world! For decades now, people from across the world have come to Ecuador, not just for the chance to learn Spanish on the Galapagos Islands, but to lend a helping hand in efforts to protect on of the world's most pristine natural environment.

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### III. Spanish School Locations

#### Learn Spanish in Otavalo

They've been called the most successful Amerindian community in Latin America. The *Otavaeños*, with their famous craft market and thriving local economy, are waiting for you 2 hours north of Quito for an experience like no other

#### Location

By choosing to learn Spanish in Otavalo, our students will be within feet of the world famous *Plaza de Ponchos*, where members of the local indigenous community come each week to sell crafts, clothing and so much more.



#### School fact sheet

- Founded in: 1994, as one of the first schools to offer visitors the chance to study Spanish in Otavalo
- Distance to town center: You'll learn Spanish in Otavalo in the heart of town
- Free internet access/WiFi: Yes!
- Number of computers: 2
- Number of classrooms: 7
- Maximum class size: 6 students
- Low season: December and May
- Volunteering opportunities: Yes!
- Conversation sessions: Yes, and they're free!

#### Top-5 things to see and do

- Visit the craft market – Time to put faces to names at the renowned Otavalo craft market. Here you'll find members of the local indigenous community in all their entrepreneurial glory, dressed in traditional outfits and selling the same!
- Rub for good luck – Locals believe the *lechero* tree on the outskirts of Otavalo contains magical healing powers.
- Visit a local textile factory – The decision to study Spanish in Otavalo means you'll get an insight into the workings of one of Ecuador's most successful entrepreneurial communities.
- Test the taste spuds – The Food Market in Otavalo is where you can put your money where your mouth is. While you won't spend much, we're certain you'll need to try new, delicious and traditional flavors, in a town where the large indigenous community serves itself just as much as the tourists that pass through.
- Witness living traditions – A short walk from Otavalo's town center is Peguche Waterfall, a popular natural attraction that acts as the site of an important traditional cleansing ceremony

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### III. Spanish School Locations

#### Learn Spanish in an Otavaeño Community

Want to immerse yourself in indigenous culture in Ecuador? At Ailola Quito we work with over 25 indigenous host families on the outskirts of Otavalo, offering students the chance to live and learn Spanish alongside a traditional Otavaeño community.

#### Location

Just two hours from Quito, in the heart of Ecuador, Otavalo is hard to miss! We'll be heading a little farther afield than the town itself, where you'll find a whole other side to Otavalo.

#### School fact sheet



- Founded in: 2004, the year we began working with indigenous communities near Otavalo
- Distance to Quito: 2-2.5 hours approximately
- Telephone signal: Yes!
- Maximum class size: 4 students
- Low season: December and May
- Volunteering opportunities: Yes
- Conversation sessions: Yes, and they're free!

#### Top-5 things to see and do

- Learn about traditional Otavaeño life. Whether its organic gardening, cooking, local history or spiritual customs, the chance to study Spanish alongside an Otavaeño family is all about learning!
- Visit the craft and food markets with your family. Many see Otavalo's success in the town's indigenous craft market.
- Visit the *lechero* tree. On the outskirts of Otavalo, the mystical *lechero* tree awaits you! Locals around here consider the tree to hold magical healing powers, which pass through you when you rub its bark.
- Merge nature with tradition. An absolute must when you visit the Otavalo region, is the hike to the 60-foot high Peguche falls.
- Venture farther afield. Otavalo is one of the premiere tourist and adventure hotspots in the Sierra region of Ecuador. While you're here, make the most of the world around you! Beautiful Lake Cuicocha is not far away and don't forget to check out the quaint towns of Cotacachi and Machachi, plus captivating Cotapaxi National Park!

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### III. Spanish School Locations

#### Learn Spanish on a Hacienda

Jump back in time and into nature with a Spanish course on a traditional Ecuadorian *hacienda*! It's the chance to learn Spanish, take in the beautiful landscapes of our country, and work on an active organic farm all at the same time.

#### Location

Ailola Quito has everything covered to get you to your Spanish classes on the *hacienda*. In fact, we'll pick you up in Quito and deliver you right to the front door of your hacienda accommodation.

#### School fact sheet



- Founded in: 2002
- Distance to Quito: 1 hour
- Free internet access/WiFi: Yes!
- Telephone signal: Yes!
- Maximum class size: 6 students
- Low season: December and May
- Volunteering opportunities: Yes, with organizations in the vicinity of Quito and Otavalo
- Conversation sessions: Yes, and they're free!

#### Top-5 things to see and do

- Farm in the morning, study Spanish in the afternoon. Your learning experience at the *hacienda* goes beyond verb conjugations and good pronunciation in Spanish. Here you'll also learn about the development of organic fertilizer, crop sowing and plantation, plus harvest maintenance.
- Milk the cows. While no one will force you – especially not the cows – students who choose to study Spanish on the *hacienda* will have the opportunity to milk the cows on the property.
- Taste local flavors. It's not a real *hacienda* if it doesn't produce food to eat!
- Practice Spanish with farmers. Unlike other language courses, this opportunity to learn Spanish on a *hacienda* provides you real and instant experiences with the Spanish language.
- Experience the world around you. The *hacienda* is just one hour from Quito and another hour from Otavalo. However, not far from the *hacienda* you'll also find a world of travel opportunities, including pristine natural sites, quaint villages and loads of friendly locals to practice your Spanish with!

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#### Learn Spanish in Shuar Community

Once famous for practicing head shrinking on their dead enemies, today the Shuar community of the Amazon kindly invites you to stay a while. The chance to learn Spanish in a Shuar community, deep within the Amazon jungle, won't be the same as learning Spanish in a 5-star resort by the beach, or a at modern language school in the city. Nonetheless, the Shuar community we work with in the Amazon guarantees an authentic and warm stay.

#### Location

Much of the Amazon's charm has to do with its isolation. Which is why – to make things simpler for you – we'll send your teacher along for the ride. Together you'll travel to Pastaza province in Ecuador's *Oriente* or Amazon region, where the host Shuar community awaits you. *How?*

#### School fact sheet



- Founded in: 2004, the year we began working with the Shuar community near Puyo
- Distance to Quito: 8 hours approximately
- Telephone signal: Yes!
- Maximum class size: 6 students
- Low season: December and May
- Volunteering opportunities: Yes
- Conversation sessions: Yes, and they're free!

#### Top-5 things to see and do

- Jungle journeys. There is the chance to venture deep into the Amazon jungle, where a local guide will share survival secrets and a whole lot about Shuar history!
- Visit the nearby waterfall. Not too far from your new home in jungle, a special waterfall awaits you. It's here where members of the local community come to draw energy from Mother Nature.
- Learn about traditional medicine and tobacco use. On your outings to the forest, you'll have a chance to plant medicinal plant species and learn more about local forms of medicine.
- Optional volunteering experiences. While our Shuar community program is ultimately a Spanish language program, students should feel free to participate in local volunteer opportunities if they want to.
- Experience local dance and music. On your final night in the Shuar community, the locals will light a bonfire and introduce you to traditional dance and music customs.

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#### Learn Spanish in an Amazon Eco-Lodge

Deep within the jungle, past volcanoes, behind ancient trees, floating somewhere in the clouds, an eco-lodge is waiting for you. Best of all, we'll take you there with one of our unique Spanish course programs in the Amazon jungle!

#### Location

*Far, far away*, the Amazon jungle might seem like an impossible destination to reach on your own. But you don't have to! At Ailola Quito we'll arrange transport for you to get from Quito to the Amazon, and you'll travel with your Spanish teacher the whole way!

#### School fact sheet



- Founded in: 1998
- Distance to Quito: approximately 9 hour driving, 30 minutes flying, plus 1 hour canoe ride up the river
- Telephone signal: Yes!
- Maximum class size: 6 students
- Low season: December and May
- Volunteering opportunities: Yes
- Conversation sessions: Yes, and they're free!

#### Top-5 things to see and do

- Get to know the forest. If we're sure of one thing it's that your stay in the Amazon will open your mind to the environment around you.
- Bird-watching or piranha fishing? Ecuador is considered *megadiverse* for its incredible variety of flora and fauna.
- Meet the *Quichuas del Oriente*. No visit to the Amazon jungle is complete without a chance to meet the locals!
- Make traditional baskets. Our Spanish courses are interactive, which is precisely why we offer you the chance to participate in hands-on activities in the Amazon, like traditional basket making classes using materials from the Amazon jungle.
- Visit a rescue center. Near the jungle eco-lodge is a local rescue center that cares for birds and animals which are native to the area.

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## IV. Spanish Courses

### Group Course

Our group courses take 20 hours per week with a maximum of 6 students per class and all with the same Spanish level. Best of all, our group Spanish courses in Ecuador run in the morning, so our students have the afternoon to go exploring!



- Time schedule: Monday - Friday, 8:30-12:30, 20 minute break at 11am.
- Lessons: 20 x 55 min.
- Participants: Min. 2 Max. 6
- Age: Min. 18 years
- Duration: Min. 1 week

### Private Courses

Private, individual, one-on-one. This is the perfect way to immerse in the Spanish language and local Ecuadorian culture - with 20, 25, 30 or 35 hours per week of personalized private Spanish lessons in Ecuador, Our students can choose the pace and content of the course with one of our superb University-educated local teachers.



- Time schedule: Monday - Friday, scheduled upon request
- Lessons: 20, 25, 30 or 35 x 55 min.
- Participants: 1 Person
- Age: Min. 18 years
- Duration: Min. 1 week

### Combi Courses

Spanish combination courses in Quito with group classes in the morning and private tuition in the afternoon.



- Time schedule: Monday - Friday, 8:30-12:30, 20 minute break at 11am, private lessons in the afternoon
- Lessons: 20 x 55 min. (Group) and 10 or 15 x 55 min. (Private)
- Participants: Min. 2 Max. 6 and only 1 Person during the private lessons
- Age: Min. 18 years
- Duration: Min. 1 week

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## IV. Spanish Courses – Further Details



All our group, private and combi courses include:







- Free placement test to find the ideal Spanish group course in Quito, Otavalo or elsewhere in Ecuador
- Free airport transfer to and from the airport to accommodation
- Orientation meeting on the first Monday of classes
- Language materials (textbooks, photocopies, notebook)
- Personalized assistance to help to find accommodation and volunteering projects in Quito, Otavalo and beyond
- Freedom to swap classroom locations across Ecuador (provided: a reasonable notice)
- Free weekly conversation classes to compliment the Spanish group course in Ecuador
- Free cooking classes every Wednesday
- Free twice weekly Salsa classes (Quito only)
- Free afterschool cultural activities
- Optional weekend trips to destinations like the Amazon, Papallacta Natural Hot Springs, Otavalo and more (not included in price)
- Ailola Quito Welcome Pack including maps, dining and nightlife guide, etc.
- Discounts on travel in Ecuador
- Discounts on weekend activities
- 24-hour emergency hotline
- Ailola Lingua Certificate upon completion for each participant

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## IV. Spanish Courses – Special Courses

### Business Spanish

Chasing fast-paced emerging markets? Wanting access to company’s Latin American clients? Spanish is a truly global language, spoken in over 20 countries and by over 400 million people. We can take our students straight to them, with a special Spanish program in Ecuador.

### Medical Spanish

Whether any medical wants to treat *Latino* patients in Texas, or work as a *médico* in Madrid, our special Spanish program in Ecuador will set him up with Medical Spanish classes like no other.

### Spanish for Professionals

Climb the career ladder and vacation at the same time? It’s possible with a special Spanish for Professionals course at Ailola Quito, focussing on Spanish skills for Tourism, Law, Journalism or the Environment.

### DELE Exam Preparation Course

At Ailola Quito we’ve got what is needed to achieve results in the world’s #1 Spanish level test, DELE. Our special Spanish courses in Ecuador can be customized for any exam level and needs.

### Travel Spanish

If our sought-after location in the historic center of Quito weren't enough, our single day Travel Spanish course even comes with a free guided tour of the city in the afternoon! Affordable and fun, it's a chance to get off on the best foot for Latin American adventures of a lifetime.

### University Groups

Our Spanish for Groups courses in Quito are ideal for high school and university Spanish groups, but can be customized to suit almost any type of team imaginable. The idea is that all members already know each other quite well, allowing our teachers to work on the team’s group dynamics to create unique experiences with the Spanish language through formal but fun classes, immersion opportunities and a broad selection of local cultural activities.

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## IV. Spanish Courses - Special Courses

### Onsite Corporate Spanish Training

Ecuador has recently become one of South America's most successful and stable marketplaces, luring businesses and foreign professionals from all over the world. Ailola Quito certainly didn't want to miss out on the fun! That's why we offer companies based in Quito our onsite Corporate Spanish Training programs, which are fully flexible, customized, results-driven courses aimed at taking your employees' Spanish levels to new heights in your chosen field. Best of all, our teaching staff of University-trained native speakers will come straight to you!

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## V. Traveling Classrooms

We want our students to discover every corner of Ecuador, our great little country! That's why our Spanish schools in Ecuador takes you everywhere, from the Galapagos Islands to the Amazon Basin.

### Experience Ecuador Tour – 16 Days



#### Highlights

- Visit Andean villages in among farmland and jagged mountains!
- Enjoy the breathtaking views of Volcán Tungurahua!
- Swim in the thermal pools of Baños!
- Buy handcrafts in Otavalo or leather goods in Cotacachi!
- Hike through Andean wilderness and Amazon jungle!

#### Start Days

- This tour begins on the third Monday of each month.

#### What's included?

- 48 hours of Spanish Classes, including 36 hours of formal Spanish Classes and 12 hours of practice as you travel with the teacher
- Transportation the authentic way – by public bus alongside the teacher, locals and the odd chicken!
- 15-nights accommodation in hand-picked local hotels
- Included excursions, as indicated on the itinerary

#### Options

- Private or group tour (min. 2 travelers and max. 6 per Spanish teacher) – If the minimum number of travelers isn't reached, the private tour price applies!
- Single or double room

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## V. Traveling Classrooms

### Experience Ecuador Tour – 19 Days



#### Highlights

- Touch the sun near Ecuador's highest peak!
- Horse ride around beautiful Laguna Quilotoa!
- Take the *La Nariz del Diablo* mountain train!
- Get wet tubing down the River Napo in the Amazon Jungle!
- Explore historic caves in Tena!

#### Start Dates

- This tour begins on the third Monday of each month.

#### What's included?

- 60 hours of Spanish Classes, including 45 hours of formal Spanish Classes and 15 hours of practice while traveling with the teacher
- Transportation the authentic way – by public bus alongside the teacher, locals and the odd chicken!
- 18-nights accommodation in hand-picked local hotels
- Included excursions, as indicated on the itinerary

#### Options

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## V. Traveling Classrooms

### Andes-Amazon Jungle Tour – 7 Days



#### Highlights

- Swim below the Pailon del Diablo waterfall near Baños!
- Get wet tubing down the River Napo in the Amazon Jungle!
- Learn about famous Spanish *conquistadores* in Papallacta!
- Discover the Amazon on a canoe ride!
- Taste fresh Amazon trout!

#### Start Dates

- This tour is timed to meet the participants of the 2-week Andes-Amazon Tour when they reach Baños, their half way point. The 2-week tour departs on the first Monday of each month, meaning this tour will begin on the first or second Saturday of every month.

#### What's included?

- 20 hours of Spanish Classes, including 15 hours of formal Spanish Classes and 5 hours of practice while traveling with the teacher
- Transportation the authentic way – by public bus alongside the teacher, locals and the odd chicken!
- 6-nights accommodation in hand-picked local hotels
- Included excursions, as indicated on the itinerary

#### Options:

- Private or group tour (min. 2 travelers and max. 6 per Spanish teacher) – If the minimum number of travelers isn't reached, the private tour price applies!
- Single or double room

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## V. Traveling Classrooms

### Andes-Amazon Jungle Tour – 12 Days



#### Highlights

- Meet an ingenious community in Otavalo!
- Hike around Andean volcanoes and Amazonian jungles!
- Get wet tubing down the River Napo in the Amazon Jungle!
- Ride a river cable car and bungee jump!
- Discover the Amazon on a canoe ride!

#### Start Dates

- This tour begins on the first Monday of each month. It may include the arrival of *Andes-Amazon 1-week tour* students to Baños on the first Saturday of the tour, only when have not exceeded our maximum tour capacity of 6 students.

#### What's included?

- 40 hours of Spanish Classes, including 30 hours of formal Spanish Classes and 10 hours of practice as you travel with your teacher
- Transportation the authentic way – by public bus alongside your teacher, locals and the odd chicken!
- 11-nights accommodation in hand-picked local hotels
- Included excursions, as indicated on the itinerary

#### Options

- Private or group tour (min. 2 travelers and max. 6 per Spanish teacher) – If the minimum number of travelers isn't reached, the private tour price applies!
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## V. Traveling Classrooms

### Walking Through the Andes Tour – 12 Days



#### Highlights

- Meet an ingenious indigenous community in Otavalo!
- Visit the most important Incan site in Ecuador, *Ingapirca!*
- Horse ride around beautiful Laguna Quilotoa
- Discover the ancient Temple of the Sun ruins!
- Explore the cobblestoned streets of Cuenca!

#### Start Dates

- This tour starts on the third Monday of every month.

#### What's included?


- 40 hours of Spanish Classes, including 30 hours of formal Spanish Classes and 10 hours of practice as you travel with your teacher
- Transportation the authentic way – by public bus alongside your teacher, locals and the odd chicken!
- 11-nights accommodation in hand-picked local hotels
- Included excursions, as indicated on the itinerary



#### Options



- Private or group tour (min. 2 travelers and max. 6 per Spanish teacher) – If the minimum number of travelers isn't reached, the private tour price applies!
- Single or double room



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## V. Traveling Classrooms

### The Secret of Evolution Tour – 15 Days



The world heritage-listed Galapagos Islands are so unreal you'd be forgiven for thinking they're part of a parallel universe! At Ailola Galapagos we'll take our students there, with a *Traveling Classroom* itinerary like no other. Spot Giant Tortoises, climb active volcanoes, swim, snorkel, surf, study Spanish – and learn the secrets of evolution today!

#### Highlights

- Hike to the active Sierra Negra volcano!
- Watch Giant Galapagos Tortoises in captivity!
- Surf and snorkel at amazing beaches!
- Visit the *Muro de las Lágrimas* penal colony!
- Discover the Galapagos Islands' unique flora and fauna!

#### Start Dates

- This tour starts every second Saturday of the month.

#### What's included?

- 40 hours of Spanish Classes, including 30 hours of formal Spanish Classes and 10 hours of practice as you travel with your teacher
- Transportation the authentic way – by public bus alongside your teacher, locals and the odd chicken!
- 14-nights accommodation in hand-picked local hotels
- Included excursions, as indicated on the itinerary
- Breakfast only on Santa Cruz Island

#### Options

- Private or group tour (min. 2 travelers and max. 6 per Spanish teacher) – If the minimum number of travelers isn't reached, the private tour price applies!
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## VI. Volunteering

At Ailola Quito we're proud to be able to match our students with amazing volunteering opportunities right across Ecuador. They'll lend a hand to people and environments in need, simultaneously improving their language skills.

### Benefits of volunteering in Ecuador:

- Immersion into local culture
- Lend a hand to people in need, or protect local environments
- Improve language skills
- Build up the CV with meaningful work experience
- Share the own culture with others
- Master the understanding of local customs
- Build new friendships

### Included services:

- Placement with a great partner organization
- Pre-trip welcome package
- Orientation meeting in Quito
- Access 24-hour emergency hotline
- Free afternoon activities
- Visa assistance
- Certificate to recognise your participation as a volunteer in Ecuador
- Personalized assistance to help you find accommodation in Quito and beyond

## Volunteering Projects

### Social volunteering projects



- Take care of poor children as they deal with the consequences of exposure to alcoholism, violence and prostitution, and family problems.
- Work at a half-way home for poor people who come to urban centers from all over Ecuador, in search of brighter horizons.
- Help former child street workers as they attempt to build a better life for themselves, off the streets and towards a better future.
- Interact with orphaned and abandoned children at kid's homes in Quito and other locations across Ecuador.

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## VI. Volunteering

### Educational volunteering projects



- In primary schools, work as an English assistant, or get your hands dirty in drawing and craft projects with the children.
- Go back to secondary school, but this time as an English assistant, or in mathematics, marketing, creative design, tech-drawing, psychology, scientific research, art or IT.
- At tech colleges or Universities in Ecuador, help students in your same study field (note: a minimum 6-months is required for these projects).

### Rural and indigenous volunteering projects



- Work on organic farms or at small-scale factories that produce milk, cheese, jam, yogurt and so on.
- Contribute to the development of eco-tourism projects in which revenues are diverted back into the local community for economic, educational and social development purposes.

### Environmental volunteering projects



- Participate in avant-garde environmental protection projects in several areas of Ecuador, including on the Galapagos Islands, in the Amazon rainforest, on the Ecuadorian coast, and in the Andes.
- Fight against deforestation and the introduction of foreign flora with environmental activists.
- Contribute to the expansion of botanical gardens.
- Participate in scientific research that leans on the medicinal benefits of the forever-expanding discoveries of flora in Ecuador.

### Wild animal rescue center projects



- Welcome and care for stray animals, including former pets and smuggled rare animals.
- Help care for injured animals, including protected native species.
- Feed sick animals in the care of animal rescue centers.
- Develop rescue center activities, and learn to prepare food and med

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