

SAMPLE

Ecuador 2009

Homestay/Study Program



ABOUT ANDEO - INTERNATIONAL HOMESTAYS

Don't just study a foreign language, live it! Portland-based, non-profit ANDEO (formerly International Summerstays) has specialized in homestay programs for students since 1981. We work with select partners in Ecuador to provide personalized, educational and high-quality homestay/study programs.



SPANISH PROGRAM IN ECUADOR

Live in the beautiful city of Quito while attending language classes and living with a welcoming host family. Spend your mornings improving your Spanish and learning about the Ecuadorian culture. In the afternoons, participate in activities such as salsa/meringue dance lessons and excursions to volcanoes and museums. On the weekends, you will take excursions to see sights, such as the volcano of Cuicocha and the Bellavista Reserve.

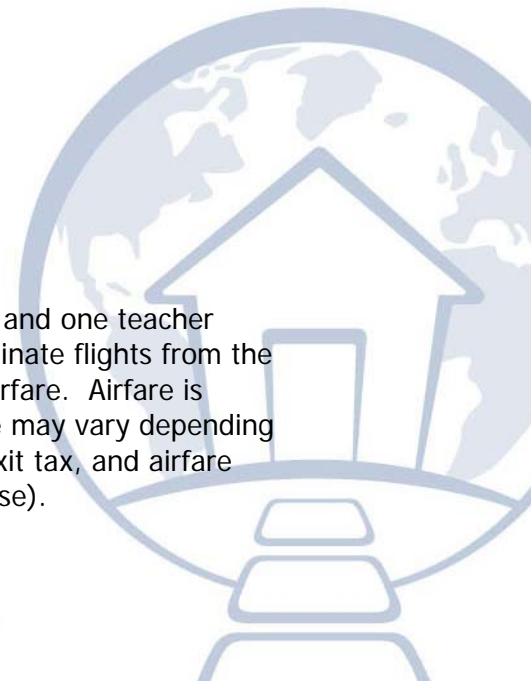
PROGRAM DATES: Two weeks / Three weeks, in summer 2009

***ESTIMATED PRICE:** Two weeks - \$1,700 / Three weeks - \$2,150

These prices include:

- Transportation in Ecuador
- Shared homestay placement in Quito with all meals
- Spanish language classes, 4 hours/day
- Weekday activities and excursions
- Community service activity
- Weekend excursions in and around Quito
- Pre-departure orientation materials
- Comprehensive medical and emergency return insurance
- Group trip delay insurance
- Airport exit tax
- Costs for one chaperone
- 24-hour emergency contact number and email updates while students are in Ecuador

*Estimated prices based on a minimum group size of ten students and one teacher chaperone. **These prices do not include airfare.** We will coordinate flights from the city of your choice to Quito. Contact us for a price that includes airfare. Airfare is estimated from \$975, depending on the departure city. Final price may vary depending on actual group size, additional activities and excursions, airport exit tax, and airfare (taxes and fuel surcharges are subject to change until final purchase).



PREREQUISITES:

This program is open to students who have studied Spanish for the equivalent of at least two years in high school and who meet the program requirements. Please see the Behavior Agreement.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

Complete the reservation form and return it to Andeo along with a \$300 deposit by the reservation form due date. This will reserve your place in the program contingent upon satisfactory completion of the application process. You will then receive a detailed application packet by email that will be due approximately 4 weeks later.

SAMPLE PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

November 15, 2008	\$300 (with reservation form)
January 15, 2009	\$1,100 (with completed application packet)
March 1, 2009	\$1,100
May 1, 2009	Final balance due

CANCELLATION POLICY:

If a student is not accepted for the program, all payments will be refunded in full. If a student cancels his/her application, the following policies apply:

Before completed application due date:	\$100 of \$300 deposit will be refunded
After completed application due date:	Full refund less \$300 deposit and any non-refundable costs incurred for the airline ticket and program.*

*Airline tickets must be purchased at least 90 days before departure and are non-refundable. If a student has followed the payment schedule and cancels after tickets have been purchased, he/she will receive the ticket. Refund and rebooking terms vary.

All cancellations must be received in writing at the ANDEO office by the cancellation date.

OTHER:

- You are responsible for paying for and obtaining your own passport.
- You will be asked to provide three written references, one from your Spanish teacher, one from another teacher or school administrator, and one from another adult (not an immediate family member).
- We recommend that you bring about \$100 per week spending money for meals in transit, snacks, personal items, and souvenirs.

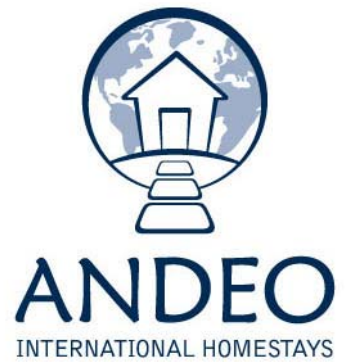
**Questions?**

Please call or email ANDEO International Homestays:
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Ecuador Itinerary

2 weeks in Summer 2009



Monday to Friday

8:30am-1:00pm, Spanish language classes

1:15, Lunch at school

Afternoon activity

WEEK ONE

Sunday Arrive in Quito and meet host families

Monday 8:30am Host families bring the students to school
9:00am City tour of Quito and learn how to use the bus public system (ecovia).
1:15pm Lunch at school
3:00pm General orientation and placement test.
5:00pm Return to host families for dinner

Tuesday Visit the Monument of the Middle of the World which divides the Northern and Southern Hemispheres. See how water spins, stand an egg on a nail, and learn how to lose pounds in seconds at Latitude 0. You will also learn about the diversity of indigenous groups and cultures at the Ethnographic Museum.

Wednesday Attend Jacchigua Folkloric Ballet and enjoy 90 dancers and musicians showing the culture of Ecuador through performance art. The performance shares the richness of popular culture as well as ancestral traditions and customs.

Thursday Dance lesson (salsa and meringue)

Friday Free afternoon with group

Saturday Overnight excursion to Imabara province. Spend your morning practicing the art of bargaining at one of the country's best known markets, the Otavalo Indian Market. You will eat lunch at the indigenous home of Antonio Quinotoa and have the opportunity to try "cuy". After lunch, hike to the sacred waterfall of Peguche and visit San Antonio de Ibarra. Relax after your day during dinner at a private Hacienda in Urcuqui before retiring to your hotel for the evening.

Sunday Explore Cuicocha lake & volcano, Cotacachi town (known for the quality of their leather goods), and lunch at San Pablo lake. Dinner will be with your host family.

WEEK TWO

Monday Free afternoon with group

Tuesday Excursion to Pichincha Volcano. You will take the cable car up the 15,360 foot active volcano to see a wonderful panoramic view of Quito and the surrounding valleys and 6 volcanoes. The region was named *Avenue of Volcanoes* by Alexander von Humboldt in 1802.

Wednesday Soccer or wallyball game between teachers and students

Thursday Visit children project in Quito and donate teaching materials

Friday Dance lesson (salsa and merengue)

Saturday Climb Cotopaxi Volcano, the highest active volcano in the world at 15,000 feet. Rest for lunch at the beautiful hacienda El Porvenir nestled in the middle of 4 volcanoes. After lunch take a canopy tour through the forest or dress up like a "chagra" (Andean cowboy) and go horseback riding.

Sunday Return to USA

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Ecuador Itinerary 3 weeks in Summer 2009



Monday to Friday

8:30am-1:00pm, Spanish language classes

1:15, Lunch at school

Afternoon activity

WEEK ONE

Sunday Arrive in Quito and meet host families

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Sunday Explore Cuicocha lake & volcano, Cotacachi town (known for the quality of their leather goods), and lunch at San Pablo lake. Dinner will be with your host family.

WEEK TWO

Monday Free afternoon with group

Tuesday Visit Casa de la Cultura Museum

Wednesday Attend Jacchigua Folkloric Ballet and enjoy 90 dancers and musicians showing the culture of Ecuador through performance art. The performance shares the richness of popular culture as well as ancestral traditions and customs.

Thursday Explore the fruit market in Quito

Friday Dance lesson (salsa and merengue)

Saturday Excursion to Limpiopungo Lake. You will take a canopy tour around the cliffs and forest with fantastic views of Cotopaxi, Sincholagua and Rumiñahui. Dinner will be with your host family.

Sunday Spend the day trekking and birdwatching. With over 263 recorded species of birds in the area, you are sure to see something new. After lunch in Tanadayapa, you will trek the Bellavista trail. Dinner will be with your host family.

WEEK THREE

Monday Free afternoon with group

Tuesday Soccer or wallyball game between teachers and students

Wednesday Visit to Guayasamin Museum and view one of the most beautiful collections of Ecuadorian modern art. Guayasamin was the son of an indigenous carpenter and his works portray the indigenous' cause with great passion. His work is divided into three categories: Huacaynam (the road of tears in Quechua), the age of wrath, and the age of tenderness. You can also see his personal collection of pre-Colombian and Colonial art as well as a studio selling his daughter's jewelry designs.

Thursday Dance lesson (salsa and merengue)

Friday Cooking lesson and farewell dinner party with families

Saturday Return to USA

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