Mi Querido Ecuador
11-Day Guided Language Immersion Program in Ecuador

Live, laugh and learn in Quito while attending morning Spanish classes at the Academia Guayasamín. In the afternoons, enjoy activities such as cooking, salsa dancing and trips to La Mitad del Mundo and Otavalo, South America’s largest handicraft market. Then spend evenings relaxing at home with a quiteño host family (2-3 students per family).

Features & Inclusions

- ROUND-TRIP AIRFARE
- OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS
- IN-COUNTRY TRANSPORTATION
- INSURANCE
- 24/7 EMERGENCY SUPPORT WHILE ABROAD

Trip Overview

11 DAYS
GUIDED WITH FAMILY STAY FROM $3,339

What Others Are Saying

“My family was so welcoming, and I learned so much being included in the small activities of their daily life. I miss them already!” — Katherine S., Brookfield, WI

“I loved how this trip seemed to open my son’s eyes to different cultures and gave him a sense of accomplishment with his use of his language skills.”
— Laura M., Granby, CO

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**Trip Itinerary**

**DAY 1 | Quito**
Arrive in Quito, transfer to your hotel.

**DAY 2 | Quito**
Explore Quito with a costumed character from the capital city’s colorful history. Visit sites such as Plaza de la Independencia, el Palacio Presidencial and la Basilica. After a day of exploring what UNESCO refers to as the most well preserved colonial city in Latin America, enjoy an Xperitas welcome dinner. **B D**

**DAYS 3-6 | Family Stay / Academia Guayasamín**
On day 3, you’ll begin classes at the esteemed Academia Guayasamín and begin a six-night family stay with your Ecuadorian hosts. In addition to Spanish instruction, you’ll be treated to visits to a local fruit market, Museo Guayasamín and la Capilla del Hombre. Spend an afternoon practicing your language skills while participating in a volunteer activity, and try your hand at a new skill during salsa dancing and cooking classes. Enjoy the afternoons and evenings with your host family. **B L D**

**DAY 7 | Family Stay / Mitad del Mundo**
Take a ride up the Teleférico skylift for a panoramic view of Quito. Then, stop at the Mitad del Mundo, or the center of the world, whose monument was once thought to be the geographic location of the equator. Experience the oddities of standing on the actual equator line during your visit to the intriguing Intiñan Museum and top everything off with a chocolate tour. **B L D**

**DAY 8 | Family Stay / Otavalo**
Board the bus for an exciting day outside of Quito. Your day begins in Otavalo, the site of the most famous handicraft market in South America. First, visit a local workshop to learn about this community’s traditional way of weaving. After browsing the stalls of the bustling market, head to Cotacachi, where you’ll listen to the rhythms of traditional Andean instruments played by a local family of musicians. On your way back to Quito, stop to take in the tranquil beauty of la Cascada de Peguche. **B L D**

**DAY 9 | Mindo**
Bid farewell to your familia quiteña. For a full day of adventure, head south to Mindo. There you will visit a tropical butterfly garden, tube down the lazy river, and experience the cloud forest firsthand as you zip line through the treetops. In the evening, listen to the sounds of Mindo’s nocturnal wildlife during a hike that is also known as the frog concert! **B L D**

**DAY 10 | Mindo**
Enjoy a farewell lunch with your fellow travelers. Transfer to the airport for your evening flight home to the U.S. **B L**

**DAY 11 | Return**
Arrive home in the U.S. with lifelong memories! **B**

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Xperitas is a nonprofit educational organization dedicated to promoting global citizenship through authentic immersion experiences. We have more than 40 years of experience organizing programs that embody true language and cultural immersion, inspire personal connections with diverse individuals and communities worldwide and provide transformational experiences for our participants.

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The order of this itinerary, and all itinerary items, are subject to change based on unforeseen circumstances that may arise prior to or during international travel.