

Volunteer Abroad in Cuenca Ecuador: Volunteering Opportunities www.abroaderview.org

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It is a dream walking along its cobblestone streets among the historical architecture. The domes of its many churches take you back to the colonial era, among winding rivers. This is why it was declared a Cultural Heritage of Humanity in 1999.

Cuenca is known as the city with the greatest cultural production in the country.

The beautiful Cuencan handicrafts come in many different styles, like embroidered blouses, wool sweaters, detailed jewelry bathed in gold and silver and "ikat" textiles.

Travel to Cuenca is quite easy, TAME airlines offers 3 daily flights from Quito. There are also buses available from Quito; the ride is long about 10 hours and typically overnight schedules.

We offer orphanage, teaching and healthcare placements throughout Cuenca. With our volunteer program we allow you to discover the wonders of Ecuador, while doing meaningful community work.

This is a great opportunity to enhance your Spanish and knowledge, live with the locals and realize one person can make a difference.

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We offer the following programs in Cuenca:

Program Length : 1 to 24 weeks

Program Date: Flexible Start & End Date

Work Schedule: Monday-Friday, 8 hour per day

Accommodations: Local guesthouse or homestay

Meals: Yes, 3 meals a day

Requirements: 18 years + , Basic Spanish knowledge, an able body and caring spirit.

Social Projects:

You can help children of scarce economic resources who come from poor homes and rural coastal communities. In many cases they have been abandoned by their parents. You can help them improve their living conditions, through support of the special center for children care. We offer volunteer placements in

local day care centers, nurseries, SOS children's villages, community centers and centers for street children. Volunteers assist the local staff with the basic needs such as feeding, bathing and clothing, helping with homework, playing sports, as well arranges games and day trips with the kids. Teaching basic English, as well as manual labor (sweeping, painting, and gardening) may be involved. Basic in Spanish is required, as well as a positive and flexible attitude.

Education/Vocational Projects:

These projects consist of helping children and young adults that live in poor communities. Teaching English is an educational program designed to help children of poor families obtain their principal right to an education, which would otherwise be difficult to obtain. We also need volunteers in the areas of art, music, ceramics, handcrafts, culinary and sports. We have placements available in primary and secondary level classes.

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Healthcare Projects:

Volunteers are needed to work in community health centers, rural hospitals, maternity wards, centers of family planning, and other specific areas of medicine. Needed are those professional or medical students specializing in cardiology, pediatrics, gynecology, dermatology, physiotherapists, nutritionists, and dental care. . Intermediate Spanish is required, as well as a positive and flexible attitude.

Language & Cultural Immersion:

Delve into a new language! We provide you the chance to fully immerse into Ecuadorian culture and learn Spanish.

Spanish is taught on a one on one student teacher ratio or up to three students per group, focusing in conversation practice, grammar, readings and the vocabulary according to the student level and needs. The program is based in 20 hours per week, 4 hours per day from Monday through Friday. Students at all levels are welcome. The school is located in the center of town. You choose morning or afternoon classes. The remainder of your day you will volunteer at a local orphanage or school helping children learn English. The total immersion is 1 to 4 weeks, program includes:

- * Home stay with Ecuadorian Family includes private bedroom and bathroom
- * 3 meals a day
- * Cultural weekend activities (cooking classes, dance lessons, & more)
- * Airport arrival and departure transfers
- * Orientation and sightseeing day
- * Local project director available 24/7 hr
- * Volunteering opportunities within the community

Program Includes:

Accommodation with a local host family. All meals daily. Volunteers should arrive in Quito, where they will be met by our local Project Coordinators. They will provide program orientation briefing, city tour with lunch, and roundtrip bus tickets for your trip to the rural location. Volunteers travel independently to projects located outside of Quito. After arrival, the representative will introduce you to the host family and administrator of your volunteer program. Half day (4 hours) Spanish language lessons provided. The Project Coordinator in Quito is available 24/7 in case of emergency, health-related or otherwise. They can

assist in arranging sightseeing excursion before, during or after the volunteer program.

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- * Salinas South Coast

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