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country of the four worlds



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REPUBLIC OF ECUADOR

Capital
Quito

Total area
(sq km)
**257,217 Sq
Km**

Population
**17.172.821
inhabitants**

Currency
**USD
Dollar**

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

Spanish

Kichwa and Shuar:
intercultural official
languages.

Spanish and English:
business languages

WEATHER

**Wide range of
microclimates in its
FOUR WORLDS**

**Coast
Galapagos
Andes
Amazon Region**

- Influenced by the Andes mountains
- Influenced by El Niño and Humboldt marine currents

TIME ZONE

- 5 GMT

Ecuador continental
(EASTERN TIME)

- 6 GMT

Galapagos Islands



Ecuador is a country in northwestern South America, bordered by Colombia on the north, Peru on the east and south, and the Pacific Ocean to the west.

Ecuador also includes the Galapagos Islands in the Pacific, about 1.000 kilometers west of the mainland.

The country is crossed by the equator (the country gets its name from the Spanish word for "equator")



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ALL YOU NEED IS ECUADOR TRAVEL



Geographic location
4
natural regions

○ Galapagos

○ Pacific Coast

2,237 km of coastline

○ Amazon Region

In just few hours, tourists may enjoy **warm beaches** at the coastline, cross through the **Andes Mountains** to see majestic **volcanoes**, and visit the **Amazon** region with over 120 thousand square kilometers of exuberant **vegetation**. Finally, through a **2h15 flight from Quito or Guayaquil** they can arrive to the Galapagos Islands, a **living paradise**.



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GREEN DESTINATION



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ADVENTURE



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GASTRONOMY



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ECUADOR and GALAPAGOS ISLANDS

Ecuador
has
it ALL
nearby

At the heart
of the planet
MIDDLE
of the World
Latitude 0°

UNESCO's
heritage
Quito,
Galapagos,
Cuenca

Culture	Adventure	Nature	Gastronomy
			

Sunny beaches all year long

GALAPAGOS

This world is considered as a paradise where animals live in a natural state.

Imagine yourself swimming with sharks, walking through giant turtles, sea wolfs, blue footed boobies or being amazed with unique world landscapes.

All of this is possible at the enchanted Galapagos Islands.

Here you can witness how the Evolution Theory by Charles Darwin was inspired and elaborated.





GALAPAGOS

In 1979, the archipelago was declared by the UNESCO as Natural Heritage of Humanity.

This archipelago and its immense marine reserve is known as **the unique 'living museum and showcase of evolution'**. Its geographical location at the confluence of 3 ocean currents makes it one of the richest marine ecosystems in the world.







Pacific Coast

This world of Ecuador has several ecosystems, among which you can find more than 2000 kilometres of coastline with beautiful beaches, tropical dry forests and green mangroves; as well as historic cities and towns.



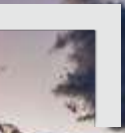
Pacific Coast

Its gastronomy is known for the **mixture of seafood** with tropical ingredients, such as coconut, plantain, peanuts, among others.

One of its main attractions is the **Spondylus Route**, where you can practise surfing, body boarding, kite surfing, sailing, paddle boarding, diving, kayaking, paragliding, hiking, bird watching, whale and dolphin watching among others.







ANDES

In this world of Ecuador, there are patrimonial cities from the colonial period, remains of the Inca civilization, the Avenue of the Volcanoes and a wonderful spring climate awaiting for you.

Quito and Cuenca were declared as World Cultural Heritage due to their amazing Christian Catholic temples which reflect the best of the baroque style.

From the coast of the Pacific to the summits of the Andes of Ecuador, enjoy the Tren Crucero - the best Luxury Train in South America.



ANDES

Most of its territory include elevations ranging from **1,500 meters above sea level** to **6,268 meters like the snow-capped Chimborazo**, the furthest point measured from the centre of the earth. You can feel the cold Andean weather and be closer to heaven in volcanoes such as: Cotopaxi, Cayambe or the Ruccu Pichincha.

Enjoy a living culture, tours and visit magical towns where you can practice trekking, mountaineering, birdwatching and ecotourism, in natural protected areas.





AMAZON REGION

This world is Known as the **planet lungs**, the Amazon Region is a unique an exotic destination, ideal for ecotourism.

Its **120.000 Sq Km** of exuberant vegetation makes it one of the largest biodiverse reserves in the world. It has more than **13 indigenous communities** living in voluntary isolation.

These communities have their own languages, beliefs and traditions.

They live in harmonic and balanced relation between culture and nature.

A large, powerful waterfall cascading down a rocky cliff into a pool of water, surrounded by dense, lush green tropical forest. The scene is misty and atmospheric, with mountains visible in the background under a cloudy sky.

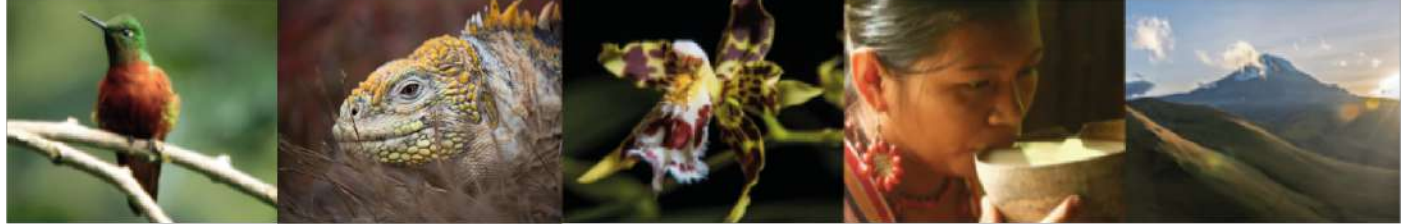
AMAZON REGION

The Ecuadorian Amazon is formed by tropical forests, crystalline rivers, waterfalls descending to the depths of the jungle, a place where there are unique species of flora and fauna.

It also offers several points for community tourism, where you can experience cultural manifestations of typical local people.

There you can find approximately **10% of all the world's known flora and fauna.**

THE MOST COMPACT AND MEGADIVERSE COUNTRY IN THE WORLD



1,695
Bird species

18%
Of the world's species

19%
Of territory are protected areas

First constitution in the world to legally recognize the rights of nature

3,000
Orchid species

18%
Of the world's orchid species

17
Indigenous nationalities

14
Indigenous languages

62
Volcanoes over 3,000 m.a.s.l (12,500 ft)

Chimborazo
(6,268 m.a.s.l.)
Closest point to the sun measured from the center of the earth

Galapagos Islands

Hot season, warm and rainy climate: Dec. through May.

Dry season, windy and dry climate: Jun. through Nov.

Temperatures range between 72°F / 22°C and 90°F / 32°C.

The eggs of the green sea turtles begin to hatch: April

Pacific Region

Rainy season: Dec. through May, mostly in the evening.

Dry season: Jun. through Nov.

Temperatures range between 73°F / 23°C and 91°F / 33°C.

Whale watching: Jun. to Sept.

Andes Region

Rainy and cool climate: November through April.

Dry climate: May through Oct.

Temperatures range between 55°F / 13°C and 64°F / 18°C.

Amazon Region

Rainy and humid season: January through September.

Dry season: Oct. through Dec.

Temperatures range between 73°F / 23°C and 96°F / 36°C.

Season of flooded lagoons: April to June

Q: WHAT CURRENCY IS USED IN ECUADOR?

A: The U.S. dollar

Q: WHAT TRAVELER'S CHECKS, CREDIT CARDS ARE ACCEPTED?

A: American Express and Visa traveler's checks can be cashed in banks and are accepted in some hotels and by tour operators. Accepted credit cards include Master Card, Visa, American Express, and Diners Club.

Q. WHAT TAXES CAN I EXPECT TO PAY IN ECUADOR?

A: 12% VAT and 10% service in most hotels and restaurants (a tip is normally added to this, depending on the service received). Airport Departure Taxes are included in the ticket.

Q. WILL I NEED AN ADAPTER FOR My APPLIANCES IN ECUADOR?

A: The voltage (110/120); plugs have two flat prongs.

Q: WILL I HAVE EASY INTERNET ACCESS?

A: Internet cafes can be found almost all over Ecuador (average rate: U.S. \$1/hour), and many hotels include Internet access in the price of accommodation.

Q: IS ECUADOR SAFE?

A: Ecuador is a safe country. It is recommended to carry a copy of your passport for all trips in Ecuador and to leave the original in your place of lodging. In big cities, it is necessary to take precautions as in any other city in the world.

Q: DO I NEED A VISA?

A: A visa is not required for Turkish citizens. A passport valid for at least six months is required. Tourism stays are allowed up to 90 days

DAY 1: Arrive in Quito and head out for trekking at nearby Pasocha – Cotopaxi Volcano, where you might see more than 100 species of birds as well as deer, foxes and perhaps a puma or two.

DAY 2: Take a day trip to Pululahua Geobotanical Reserve, which offers exceptional mountain biking experiences through the dense western cloud forest and into an active crater.

DAY 3: Fly to the legendary Galapagos Islands to begin an unforgettable, multi-day cruise. Clients may fly into Baltra or Puerto Baquerizo Moreno, and then be transferred to their ship.

DAY 4: The second day may include a visit to Punta Pitt and the white coral beach called Cerro Brujo, both on San Cristóbal island. Activities include snorkeling, swimming, kayaking and glass-bottom boat rides. The beach at Punta Pitt is home to sea lions, lizards and marine iguanas, while Cerro Brujo is an ideal place for bird watching.

DAY 5: A stop at Punta Suárez and Gardner Bay, both on Española Island, allow for even more exploration, water-based activities and photo opportunities, including shots of the waved albatross and red and green marine iguanas that exist only here.

DAY 6: The itinerary wraps up with a visit to the Charles Darwin Research Station, located in Baltra on Santa Cruz Island. A flight back to Quito or Guayaquil allows for one more night in Ecuador.

DAY 7: Last chance to enjoy Quito or Guayaquil, before the flight home.

ADVENTURE LOVERS



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TOURISM INFRASTRUCTURE

Ecuador has approximately 43.000 km. of roads and **10.000 km. of highways** which connect its four worlds, where friendly people welcome visitors.

Only in Ecuador you can have breakfast at the Pacific Coast, lunch in the Andes and dinner in the Amazon Region in the same day...



TOURISM POTENTIAL

Ecuador:
South America's and World's Top Green
Destination for 6 consecutive years
(2013 - 2018)



Quito:
South America Top Destination,
for 6 consecutive years.
(2013 – 2018)





TOURISM POTENTIAL

Guayaquil: South America
Business Travel Destination
and Leader Conferences
(2016-2018)





TOURISM POTENTIAL

Tren Crucero is “The most luxurious train in South America”
(World Travel Awards 2014-2018)





TOURISM POTENTIAL

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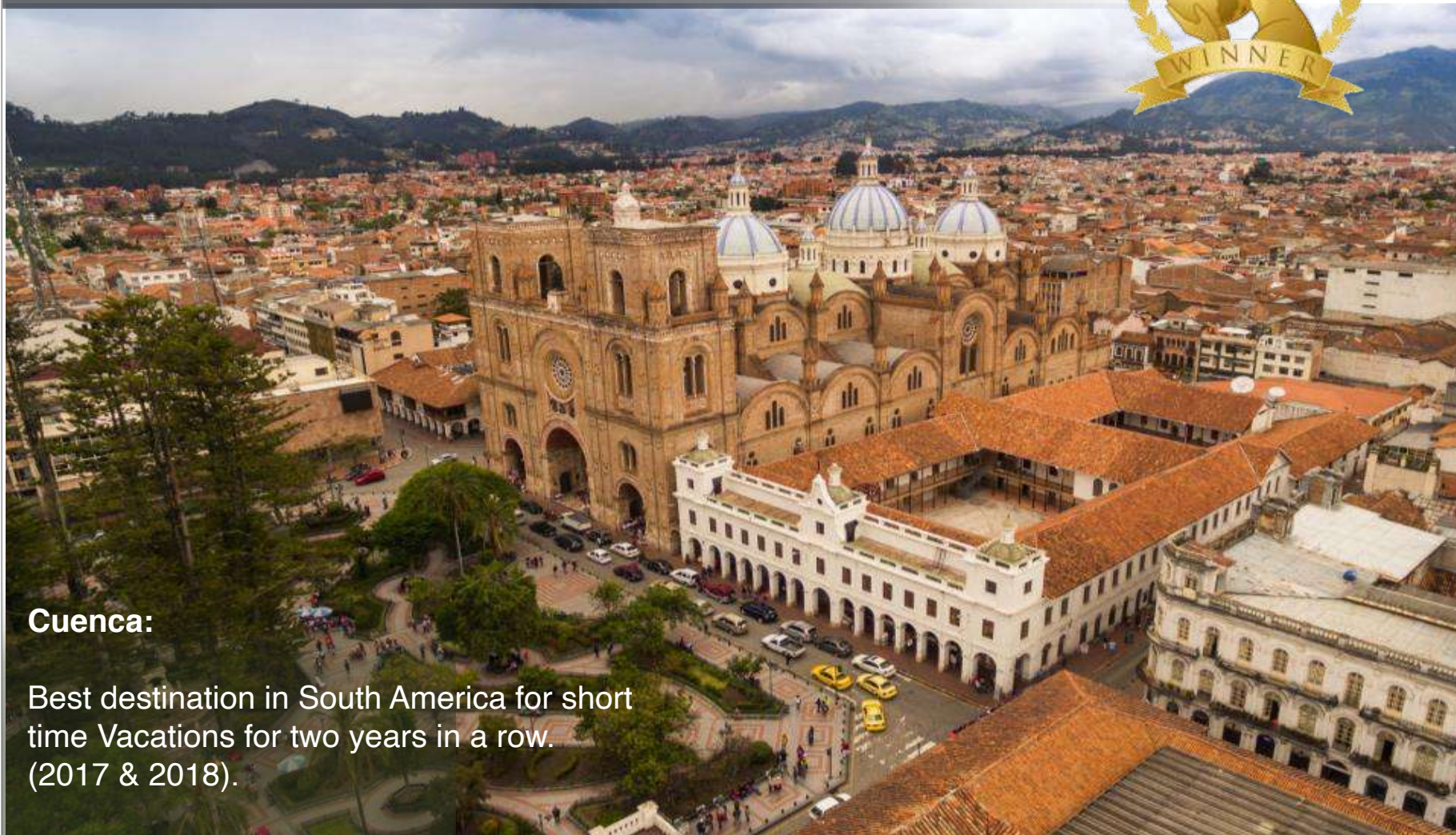
International Airport Mariscal Sucre

Leading airport in South America for five years in a row. (2014 - 2018).





TOURISM POTENTIAL



Cuenca:

Best destination in South America for short time Vacations for two years in a row. (2017 & 2018).

World's TOP countries for RETIREMENT



International Living Magazine media specializes in destinations to live outside the US.

For 10 consecutive years between 2008 and 2018, it recognized Ecuador as one of the best countries in the world to retire.

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- **1 st.** World place: **2009 – 2013, 2015**
 - **2 nd.** World place: **2008, 2014, 2016**
 - **3 rd.** World place: **2017**
 - **4 th** World place: **2018**



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over **200**
awards
Related to
TOURISM
in
12 years

AWARDS



Between 2007 and 2018, Ecuador won more than 214 awards and recognitions.



Quito was recognized as a “**Top 10 Luxury Destination**” in Latin America, by **CTRIP** in 2018.



Ecuador is one of the **most affordable destinations** for 2019, according to Lonely Planet.



Santa Cruz Island at the Galapagos, was recognized as part of the **100 SUSTAINABLE DESTINATION**, by **Green Destinations** in 2017.



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