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Nowhere else on earth will you find so much natural diversity – and all the fun that accompanies it - in such a small country.

Ecuador is in fact the second-smallest country in South America, lying between the equator and the Pacific Ocean, but its range of offerings is no less than astounding. In one day's drive, you can journey from the Amazon Basin across glaciated Andean volcanoes, down through tropical cloud forest and arrive at a seaside village on the Pacific coast.

Traditionally, the impoverished have resided in rural areas but with rapid urbanisation over the last 30 years, the urban population in poverty has risen by 2% per annum. In total, around 25% of Ecuadorians live in poverty. Some of the characteristics of poverty are low educational achievement, poor nutrition, informal sector employment, and rented, low-grade housing.

Life outside of the project

Volunteers and interns on these placements have a variety of activities to choose from. Those who prefer city amenities can look forward to museums and galleries, great restaurants, spas and a vibrant nightlife. More outdoor-types will be thrilled by the diversity of amazing beaches, mountains and natural parks, and all the sports that accompany them. And for those looking to really experience Ecuador can spend some time in the Amazon rainforest or exploring the world-famous Galapagos islands.



Weather

Average temperature: 21°C

Seasons vary depending on the geography and some say that you will experience 4 seasons in one day in Ecuador!

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Whale and Dolphin Conservation Internship in Ecuador

Utilise cameras for whale identification and info collection, helping monitor populations of whales and dolphins to determine the impacts of environmental change.

Integrated Music, Dance and Art Therapy for Children with Special Needs

Volunteer and use your creative skills on this integrated therapy project for children with disabilities and learning difficulties.

Education Outreach for Child Workers in the Markets in Ecuador

Volunteer in Quito and help with the education of children who work upwards of ten hours a day in the markets, streets and countryside of Ecuador to support their families.

Agro-Forestry and Environmental Conservation in the Mindo Cloud Forest

Contribute to conservation and restoration initiatives in the Choco Bioregion, while supporting and strengthening sustainable family development programs through ecotourism.

Social Justice Internship in Ecuador

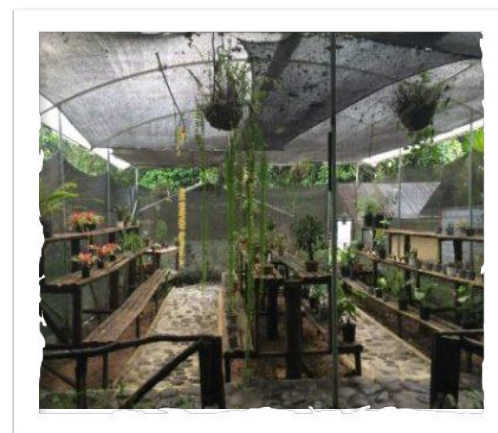
Make an impact on social justice issues faced by the Ecuadorian community. You'll intern with a local organization and help combat the real social justice issues they are facing.

Psychology and Social Work Internship in Ecuador

Take part in a Psychology and Social Work Internship in Ecuador, allowing you to develop your skills and gain experience abroad

NGO Management Internship in Ecuador

Gain experience working in an NGO international management setting, develop your Spanish language skills all the while immersing yourself in Ecuadorian culture.



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Support the Survivors of Gender Based Violence and Human Trafficking in Quito

Support human rights and girls' empowerment in Quito.

Veterinary Internship in Ecuador

Based in the Amazon Rainforest, you will intern at a center that is used for wildlife rescue, rehabilitation and release.

Fair Trade Internship in Ecuador

Intern with a local team to help generate income for local communities, gain direct experience working in an ethical industry while experiencing life in a diverse country.

Amazon Rainforest Wildlife Rescue and Release in Ecuador

In partnership with a local indigenous family that lives in the Amazon rainforest, this center rehabilitates wild animals from the jungle that were victims of abuse and animal trafficking.

Sustainable Economic and Community Development in Ecuador

Volunteer in Ecuador on an economic and community development initiative to help families preserve their values, culture and environment and create sustainable livelihoods.

Medical Spanish Language Course in Ecuador

This the perfect program for medical students and professionals who want to improve their Medical Spanish vocabulary.

Learn Spanish in Ecuador

By learning Spanish in Ecuador you will be immersed in the language as well as experiencing the country's wonderful culture.



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Rural Public Health Volunteering in Ecuador

If you are interested in community development with a health focus then this rural public health volunteering placement is perfect for you. Please note that this program can also be done as an internship.

Summer Ecuador Study Abroad and Intern – Environmental Science and Conservation Track

Combine study abroad and intern this fall or spring in Ecuador.

Summer Ecuador Study and Intern – Spanish & Latin American Studies Track

Combine study abroad and service-learning this fall or spring in Ecuador.

Ecuador Study and Intern Semester- Latin American Studies Track

Combine study abroad and service-learning this fall or spring in Ecuador

Ecuador Study Abroad and Intern – Environmental Science and Conservation Track

The Study and Intern Abroad program in Ecuador will take you further in your language-learning journey and add another dimension to your resume. This experience combines living and studying abroad with an internship abroad, allowing you to grow both as a student and a global citizen.



What are the benefits of Kaya Placements?

- International work experience
- Meaningful placements
- Global perspectives
- Cultural Immersion
- Structured and supported

Don't see anything that interests you? Our Placement Advisors are here to help. **Inquire here** and let our Placement Advisors know what you're looking for so we can help find the best placement for you!