

ECUADOR FAQ'S

What mission partner will our team be working with?

IberoAmerican Ministries (IAM) has been around for over three decades and has a focus on church planting. IAM works with a team of missionaries and national pastors to establish a movement of reproducing churches. They currently have planted churches in Chile, Ecuador, Peru, and are in the process of sending out teams to North Africa, Iraq, Afghanistan, and other places in the Middle East. One of these churches that has been a fruit of this ministry is in El Recreo, Ecuador.

What is the population of Ecuador?

Ecuador has a population of over 15 million people with 1.8 million living in the capital city of Quito. The largest city is Guayaquil with a population of over 2.5 million. The prominent religion of Ecuador is Roman Catholicism (95%). The official language is Spanish, but other languages are often spoken in the indigenous tribes.

What documents do I need to get into Ecuador?

Each person needs a US passport, and it must be valid at least SIX months beyond your stay in Ecuador. A visa is **NOT** required for American citizens.

Do I need to get any vaccinations or immunizations to travel to Ecuador?

Recommended by the Center for Disease Control (CDC)

- Up to date Tetanus, Hepatitis A & B
- Optional—Diarrhea medicine (Travelers' diarrhea is the most common travel-related ailment. The best prevention is adequate intake of fluids and using food precautions (not eating from local vendors, etc.).

What is the weather like in Ecuador?

There are really only two seasons of weather patterns in Ecuador – the dry season and the rainy season. During June and July it will be the dry season where it will be mild with overcast skies. While it may be warm during the day, the evenings can cool off and may require a jacket.

Where will I be staying?

The team will stay at the IAM churches. Guys and gals are separated in different rooms or different floor levels. Team members will sleep on the floor so it's recommended that you bring a small, self-inflating air mattress.

What is the food like in Ecuador?

Meals will be prepared by local cooks, usually volunteers from the churches where we serve. Chicken and rice is the principal staple, but you will experience several traditional dishes. The team will be provided with filtered/bottled water for drinking throughout the trip.

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What happens if I experience a medical emergency while I'm in Ecuador?

In the event of a serious illness or medical emergency, there are clinics and international hospitals.

How can my family keep up with me while I'm in Ecuador?

Family members and friends may track the journey through the Engage website.

What kind of things will I do in Ecuador?

Engage will partner with IberoAmerican Ministries and the leaders at their Ecuadorian churches. Joining the CIY Engage team will be a group of Christian youth from Chile (from another IAM church who are also on a mission trip). Together, you will be involved in outreach and evangelism through street ministry, sports ministry, and children's ministry. You will teach Bible lessons to kids in various locations where lots of kids come and hear the Gospel. In addition, you may travel to remote villages and areas, helping with a variety of projects.



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