

Terracentro Spanish Center - Quito, Ecuador, Spanish Course:

# Travelling Classroom

If you want to learn and practice Spanish while you are travelling in Ecuador this is the best option for you!

Terracentro offers the Travelling Classroom program with duration of 3 to 6 weeks in order to visit different sites in Ecuador. You can start with one week of Spanish lesson in our School in Quito and then continue Spanish with more lessons in our partner Schools in Ecuador.

You can choose the following itinerary:

- First week: Quito ( 20 hours program)
- Second week: Hosteria Papagayo in the middle of the Ecuadorian Highlands ( 12 hours program)
- Third week: Hosteria Rose Cottage or Pucara Loma Katty Lionel close to Otavalo (13 hours program)
- Fourth week : Baños ( 20 hours program)
- Fifth week: Montañita beach ( 20 hours program)
- Sixth week –Cuenca ( 20 hours program)

This program is flexible you can choose to either start or finish in Quito and to book the number of weeks of your preference.

Terracentro is in charge of all the program and will arrange with all the Spanish teachers in the different locations the correct evaluation and feedback in your personalized program to make it continuous and useful for your trips in Ecuador. The schools follow the same Spanish program and methodology so this will make the students to get a lot of progress at the end of the Travelling Classroom.

## First Week

In the first week in Quito, the students will start with the basics with our Spanish Program in Terracentro Spanish School, Quito. If the students have previous knowledge of the language they will take a placement test during the first lesson.

### **The schedule:**

Monday – Friday , 9:00-13:00

A cultural lesson on Friday is optional if the students want to explore the city and practice conversational Spanish with the teacher.

It is also possible to stay with a local family in Quito to practice Spanish from the very first week!

In Quito, the School Director will help with all the arrangements and reservations for the rest of the itineraries in Ecuador.

## Second Week – Hosteria Papagayo

Learn Spanish outside the school in one of the most beautiful and relaxing places in the Ecuadorian Highlands “ Hosteria Papagayo”. Hosteria Papagayo is a 180-year old farm that offers beautiful views of the nearby volcanoes and organizes excursions for hiking, climbing, riding and more activities. Located in The Interandino Valley, at the western highlands at 45 minutes from Quito.

Our students are going to be able to stay 5 days in Hosteria Papagayo , enjoy the hikings around and also study spanish in a nice atmosphere.

More [information about Machachi](#).

### **DAY 1.- COTOBIKES**

We will leave Quito heading south for 80 km on the Panamerican Highway, we reach the Cotopaxi National Park , later a hike to refugio Cotopaxi and lunch time. Finally we will go biking downhill the mountain in an incredible adventure until we return to Hosteria Papagayo for dinner and rest.

### **DAY 2.-VISIT TO MINERAL WATER- BOTTLING PLANT + SPANISH LESSONS**

Breakfast. We will visit Guitig Mineral Water Plant which has an ice cold swimming pool. Lunch. Later at Hosteria Papagayo. Spanish lessons (3hours).Dinner.

### **DAY 3 .- HORSE RIDING + SPANISH LESSONS**

Breakfast .Horseriding for 2 hours. Lunch time. Spanish Lessons (3 hours).Dinner.

### **DAY 4 .- SPANISH LESSONS + HIKING**

Breakfast. Spanish Lessons (4 hours). Lunch. Hiking to enjoy the incredible landscape of the Andes Volcanoes.Dinner.

### **DAY 5.-QUILOTOA**

Breakfast. Visit [Saquisilí indigenous Market](#).Drive to Quilotoa Loop. We will reach the crater lake of Laguna Quilotoa and hike around. Horse-Mule riding in the afternoon. Lunch. Later we return back to Quito.

## Third Week – Hosteria Ros Cottage or Pucara Loma Katty Lionel close to Otavalo

Both hosterias are perfect places for exploring Imbabura region’s attractions, very close to Otavalo with it’s famous indigenous market just a few kilometers away.

### **DAY 1:**

8:00 -10:00 Quito- Otavalo (Rose Cottage pickup at Otavalo Bus station)

11:00 -13:00: Walk to Taxopamba waterfall

13:30- 14:30 Lunch Time

14:30-17:30 Spanish Lessons

18:30 Dinner



**DAY 2:**

8:00-9:00: Breakfast

8:00 – 14:00: Bike renting for full or half day for tour for visit to Peguche Falls, El Lechero, Lago San Pablo etc

14:30- 17:30 Spanish Lessons

18:30 Dinner

**DAY 3:**

8:00-9:00: Breakfast

8:00 – 14:00: Hiking Mojanda Lake & Fuya Fuya and/or Lake Cuicocha. Full day including transport, lunch & guide

14:30- 17:30 Spanish Lessons

18:30 Dinner

**DAY 4:**

07:30-8:00: Breakfast

8:00-10:30 Spanish lessons

10:30-15:00 horse riding

15:30-17:30 Spanish lessons

18:30: Dinner

**DAY 5:** ( We suggest to choose a Saturday for this activity)

8:00-9:00: Breakfast

9:00-12:00 Visit to Otavalo Market and animal market

12:30-13:30 Lunch

13:30- 15:30 Spanish lessons

16:00 Back to Quito

## Fourth Week

Baños has become a center of tourism to national and international visitors, it is an ideal place for ecotourism and extreme sports in nature. Tourists will enjoy natural landscapes along the route of the Cascades, where you can see beautiful landscapes. This beautiful town is also well known for its medicinal waters that spring from the interior of the earth, of volcanic origin, rich in minerals, which since ancient times Indians Spanish colonists and friars, came to refresh them, which gave rise to its name.

One of the main attractions of the city of Baños is the Tungurahua volcano is an attraction that can not help but admire the majesty of the mountain of 5016 m encouraged mountaineering enthusiasts of all countries to conquer its summit, Today the volcano is in an eruptive process.

Other attractions offered Baños de Agua Santa with thermal pools, visit the Falls Road, through which you can enjoy beautiful natural landscapes in which water is the undisputed star. More than 60 are the waterfalls can be visited, among which are that of Agnes Mary of Pailón del Diablo or the Manto de la Novia, which are three of the most visited in the area.

The Basilica de la Reina del Rosario de Agua Santa, no doubt for all the inhabitants of Baños, is the most important architectural infrastructure of the county, this work of art challenged the time and history as it was in 1944 when construction was finally completed . The Virgen de Agua Santa is attributed many miracles, his devotees have witnessed through hundreds of offerings that are inside the sanctuary.

Baños is also the only city in Ecuador suitable for practicing various adventure sports such as rafting, kayaking, canyoning, rock climbing, bungee jumping, horseback riding, nature walks and mountain biking.

Its many attractions and the warmth of its people make it one of the most visited cities in the country, delivering products and quality services.

**Your travelling classroom itinerary:**

- In this week the students will have normal lessons in our partner School In Baños during the mornings Monday –Friday.
- We recommend the students to stay at least two days in Baños before or after the lessons to visit the main attraction in Baños.

**Other Activities in Baños and its surroundings:**

- Bungee Jumping
- Chiva Night Tour: A chiva is open-sided party buses, which take tourists on a ride to see Volcán Tungurahua. Most of these chivas head up to the Bellavista viewpoint, where on clear nights the volcano's lava can be seen.
- Bike ride to Puyo
- El Pilon del Diablo, or Manto the la Novia waterfalls hikes

## **Fifth Week**

In this week Terracentro's Traveling Classroom will drive the students on an incredible adventure to Montañita Beach in the Ecuadorian Coast.

Montañita is located on the coast of Ecuador in the province of Santa Elena, en route from the sun, 1 hour Libertad-Salinas, Guayaquil and 4km 180km north of Manglaralto. Named because it is located in an inlet surrounded by hills and greenery at the foot of the sea. So bohemian, cultural and right perfect waves reaching up to 6 m, have become a resort in Ecuador.

Montañita Beach is considered the surfing capital of Ecuador, covers an area of 1400 meters and the waves are prized by surfers from around the world. Its climate is dry, average annual temperature is 25 degrees Celsius.

This beach is great for touring around the same and hard to reach places because it is surrounded by rock formations and lush vegetation.

Montañita is truly a cosmopolitan resort, as there is year-round influx of tourists from all over the world, attracted by the full range of entertainment and sports opportunities offered by this locality.

It is a quiet place to rest and relax near the Shrine of Olón or shelter between the villages of fishermen from the sea. Ideal for surfers, who come every year attracted by its international championships.

This beach is wide and strong waves are favorable for the practices and skills of surfing. The surrounding buildings are of modern type, combined with local materials. It covers an area of 1400 meters.



Your travelling classroom itinerary:

-In this week the students will have normal lessons in our partner School in Montañita during the mornings Monday –Friday .

-We recommend the students to stay at least two days in Montañita before or after the lessons to visit the main attraction in this beautiful beach.

MarAzul Spanish School located in 'la punta', on the beautiful beach of Montanita, Ecuador offers you the opportunity to receive personalized Spanish lessons in a comfortable and easy going environment and at a time convenient for you. Your native Spanish-speaking trainer is qualified and will provide lessons and study materials according to your learning style. One-to-one, two-to-one and group learning options are available.

#### **Other Activities in Montañita and its surroundings:**

- Yoga Lessons
- Surf Lessons
- Isla de la Plata tour
- San Vicente Hot springs
- Machalilla National Park

## **Sixth Week**



The former Inca town of Cuenca (situated at about 2500 metres in the southern part of the Andes) was conquered by the Spanish in 1533 and founded in 1557. With a population of about 350 000 people it is Ecuador's third largest city. Cuenca is unarguably the centre of culture and art of Ecuador.

For its charming historical center, the churches, the small cobbled streets and colonial houses with noble facades, prim balustrades, wrought iron balconies and red tiled roofs, it was declared as World Heritage Site by the UNESCO in 1999.

The impressive churches in the old center are dating back to the 16th to 17th century and if you believe it, or not, this is the city of churches with 52 churches, one for every Sunday! Being in the historical center, you might get the impression that time has stood still.

Cuenca is an ideal place for all travellers. The inhabitants of Cuenca are more conservative and in this tranquil city traditions and customs are connected to modern life in a very harmonic way.

For everyone who is interested in history and culture Cuenca is the town to visit. Being a meeting point for many different cultures has had a strong influence on arts and traditions.

Cuenca boasts a huge variety of museums and art galleries and is the most important center of Artesania in Ecuador. There you can buy unique souvenirs of high quality, such as Panama Hats, leather jackets, ceramics, embroideries, gold jewellery and clothing, which are produced around Cuenca.

#### Your travelling classroom itinerary:

In this week the students will have normal lessons in our partner School in Cuenca during the mornings Monday –Friday.

**We recommend the students to stay at least two days in Cuenca before or after the lessons to visit the main attraction of the City and Surroundings:**

### **Things to do in Cuenca Ecuador: Outdoor Activities**

#### Hiking & Fishing

One of the top things to do in Cuenca Ecuador it's to explore the beautiful natural scenery while enjoying fun outdoor activities. One of the most popular places where you can explore the outdoors is at Cajas National Park (Nacional de Recreación Las Cajas), which is located 60 miles west of Cuenca Ecuador.

Apart from the many natural hiking trails, Cajas National Park covers a wide area that includes the lakes of Taitachuga and Osohuaycu where you can enjoy some fishing and water activities.





### Things to do in Cuenca Ecuador: Spanish Churches

If you are a history buff or simply want to marvel at some fine architecture, Cuenca's city center is home to a few churches from the Spanish colonial period such as:

- Iglesia del Sagrario (Old Church of Cuenca) built in the 16th century.
- Iglesia de la Inmaculada Concepción (New Church) built in the 19th century.

#### ***Monastery and Museum of La Concepcion (Monasterio and Museo de La Concepción)***

La Concepcion Monastery and Museum houses an exhibition that showcases 17th century tombs as well as other religious artifacts such as paintings and crosses.

### Things to do in Cuenca Ecuador: Half Day Trips

#### ***Town of Ingapirca***

A trip to the town of Ingapirca is easily one of the highlights of a trip to Cuenca Ecuador. In the outskirts of the town you can find the magnificent archeological site that is the Ingapirca Ruins. At the Ingapirca ruins you can see an amazing Inca wall and a circular temple which were constructed without the use of mortar.



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