

Ecuador Missionary Work

Help enrich the lives of local disabled children as you immerse yourself in traditional Ecuadorian life in the vibrant city of Quito

Ecuador is a pocket-sized slice of beautiful South America. Despite its diminutive size, it is bursting with vibrant culture, stretches of white sand beaches, mouth-watering foods, steamy jungles, epic mountain landscapes and exotic tropical wildlife.

Ecuador has a picture-perfect capital painted in pastel colours, alive with cafés, clubs, bars, churches and museums. Markets where friendly locals sell their wares are surrounded by the hustle and bustle of traditional street life. In contrast, the peaceful and serene Andes provide a home for indigenous mountain communities. This captivating country contains a culture that is expressed in an abundance of diverse musical forms and colourful festivals that will enliven your senses.

Make a real difference to the lives of underprivileged disabled children and teenagers in Quito as you provide essential daily care and help run fun recreational activities to enrich the lives of these local children. Help put smiles on these children's faces as you play and interact with them, both individually and in groups. This rewarding experience will undoubtedly leave you feeling humbled and in awe of the fantastic work being done by this Christian initiative!

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

- Help enrich the lives of local disabled children
- Immerse yourself in traditional Ecuadorian life
- Create lifelong memories

PROJECT REQUIRMENTS

- Minimum 18 years
- Intermediate level of Spanish required

FAST FACTS

Location	Quito, Ecuador
Activities	Activities dependent on experience Help with the general day to day running of the centre Provide private tutoring and homework support Work with children School maintenance
Transport	Airport pick-up
Accommodation	Homestay

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WHAT DOES THE PROJECT DO?

The Frontier-Ecuador Missionary Work programme works closely with a local Christian network to provide invaluable volunteer support to a local day-school which has been set up to care for disabled and underprivileged children between the ages of 5 and 20. The staff and volunteers at the centre are committed to providing a good quality of life for these children and helping to develop their future potential and opportunities. As such, staff provide daily care, medical attention, rehabilitation, after-school programmes and recreational activities, as well as vocational training for disabled teenagers. You will become part of this dedicated team who have the challenging yet rewarding task of caring and enriching these young peoples' lives. In your spare time you will also have the opportunity to engage with the wider Christian community.

WHAT WILL I BE DOING?

Your time at the school and the work you do will vary greatly depending on the needs of the children and your own experience and level of Spanish. Those with qualifications may assist with medical care, physical therapy, social work and teaching. Other activities could include assisting the children in their education, such as tutoring or helping with homework, and supporting staff to care for the children during enrichment activities and meal times. You may even have the opportunity to help run fun activities for the children, or even design some yourself which you can then lead. Make sure you know a couple of games which you can bring to the class before you arrive! You may also be asked to help out at the nearby home where many of the children stay, or lend a hand with any maintenance and office work, cooking or cleaning as and when required.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I ARRIVE?

You will fly into Quito where you will be met by a friendly Frontier representative, who will escort you to your accommodation, giving you time to settle in and adjust to your new surroundings. You will receive a full briefing before you begin your placement, which will get you excited to meet the children you'll be working with!

WHERE WILL I BE STAYING?

Throughout your placement you will stay with a friendly host family based in Quito, in either your own room or a shared room with one or two other same sex volunteers. Rooms will be basic, but they will be comfortable and clean. This is a fantastic way to really get to know the local people and your fellow volunteers, while experiencing true Ecuadorian culture and lifestyle.

WHAT WILL I BE EATING?

For the duration of your project you will receive two meals a day: breakfast and dinner. Your diet will

consist of a variety of nutritious and delicious local dishes, normally with a soup starter and a meat and rice platter as main. However, vegetarians will delight in the variety of rice and bean combinations that are also available!

COSTS

1 week	US\$ 595
2 weeks	US\$ 895
Extra week	US\$ 295

DEPARTURE DATES

Weekly. Please arrive on a Monday.

Monthly (please arrive Sunday in order to transfer to the project)

This project is not available on the following dates in 2019:

New Year: 1 January

Carnaval: 4-5 March

Good Friday: 19 April

Labor Day: 1 May

Battle of Pichincha: 24 May

Independence Day: 10 August

Guayaquil Independence Day: 12 October

Day of the Dead: 1 November

Cuenca Independence Day: 03 November

Christmas: 25 December - 01 January

DURATION

1 week +

WHAT'S INCLUDED

Before you go

- Pre-departure support
- Travel & medical advice & documentation
- Equipment advice
- Discounted medical kit
- Free Frontier t-shirt

In-country

- Accommodation
- Food

- Airport pick-up
- Local orientation
- Project training
- In-country emergency support
- 24-hour international HQ backup

AIRPORT INFORMATION

Nearest airport(s): Quito (UIO)

CONTACT INFORMATION

Call us on 020 7613 2422 (UK) / 1 949 336 8178 (US)

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