

Art Gallery and Museum Volunteers

Highlights

- The opportunity to work in Quito's most famous art galleries.
- Gaining valuable work experience.
- Living and volunteering in one of South America's most exciting capital cities!

About The Project

Volunteers will be located in one of Ecuador's most celebrated art galleries. The gallery is home a compelling collection of art including pre-Colombian pieces and colonial carvings, with the main draw being the work of Oswaldo Guayasamin – Ecuador's best known contemporary artist. This project is perfect for volunteers who have a love of history, art and culture. It would also be a fantastic opportunity for students studying art or those interested in working in this field.

Volunteer Role

There are various areas in which volunteers can get involved, including the museum of contemporary art, the museum of colonial art, restoration workshops and silk-screening work shops. As a volunteer, you will help with guided tours of the galleries and museums in English and/or Spanish.

Location

The project is located in Ecuador's capital city – Quito. It is a fifteen minute walk from the Academia.

Lying at 2,800 meters above sea level, and about 15 miles south of the equator, Quito is a city of sun and sky surrounded by mountains, with three snow-capped volcanoes in view on a clear day. Its climate has been described by many as eternal spring, due to its high altitude and its location close to the equator. It has a daily average temperature of about 70°F / 16°C.

Quito has plenty to offer in terms of culture and entertainment. The city is brimming with bars, restaurants and clubs, as well as cinemas, shops, museums, art galleries and markets. Nearby there are local attractions such as the 'TeleferiQo' cable car, providing stunning views of the city, and the 'Middle of the World Museum' where you can stand with one foot on the southern hemisphere and one foot on the northern! The area of Quito known as the 'old town' is also a must with incredible colonial architecture. If you enjoy shopping then you'll be pleased to hear that Quito is Ecuador's most important marketing center for the country's artisan products, lying very close to some of the major production areas and indigenous markets!

As the capital city, Quito has good communication and transport links to the rest of the country, as well as other parts of South America. Its location makes it ideal for access to Ecuador's beaches, mountains, cloud forests and of course the Amazon and the Galapagos!

Accommodation

You will stay either at the student residence or with a host family. Host family accommodation includes a private room, breakfast, dinner and laundry service. Singles, married couples and parents with children can all be accommodated. It is also possible to stay at the student residence located within the school grounds itself. Here you will self cater - there is a large supermarket very nearby and a fully equipped kitchen at the residency.

Requirements

Volunteers must be able to commit to at least 4 weeks at the project in order to allow time to build up trusting relationships with the children, teenagers and staff.

All volunteers must hold at least a low intermediate level of spoken Spanish. If your Spanish is at a lower level, you must join our Spanish language school prior to commencing your volunteer work. This is vital in order to allow you to build up a good rapport with the children, teenagers and staff.

When choosing to volunteer in a developing country such as Ecuador, it is important to remain flexible as the needs of the project are constantly evolving. This is what makes volunteering so rewarding – the fact that you are on hand to lend your support when and where it is needed. By choosing Academia Latinoamericana de Espanol you will have a comprehensive safety network behind you as we are here to help throughout the duration of your entire stay!

On this project, it is important to remember that the children and teenagers have experienced very difficult backgrounds. The children have not been used to a lot of attention and care, and whilst some will crave time with you, it may take time and patience to build up a trusting relationship with others.

Feedback

“I’m studying art at university so this was an incredible opportunity for me. It was so interesting learning about a Ecuadorian art and having the privilege to pass my knowledge on to visitors as I guided them round.”

Emilie Bayle, France

Programme Fee Includes

- Accommodation
- 2 meals per day if staying with a host family
- Project Support
- A donation directly to the project
- Orientation and city tour
- Pre-departure information
- Laundry service if staying with a host family
- 24 hour emergency support

Programme Fee Does Not Include

- International flights
- Transportation from your accommodation to the project
- Meals if staying at the student residence
- Laundry service if staying at the student residence
- Visas
- Travel Insurance
- Inoculations
- Excursions over and above the itinerary

After Your Project – Travel Ideas

We are fully equipped to help you with making weekend travel arrangements, and onwards travel arrangements following your time in Quito. We work with the best tour companies to offer safe, reliable and competitively priced trips. Some of the most popular trips include:

- Otavalo – a famous Saturday market offering a dazzling array of textiles, crafts and jewellery just a couple of hours from Quito.
- Papallacta - 8 natural hot springs in which to soak away the day! A great day trip from Quito.
- Cotopaxi – you can choose to hike this immense volcano, or take a more moderate tour to see it!
- Banos – great for trekking, mountain biking, rafting and taking a dip in the hot baths! This makes for a nice weekend break from Quito.
- Mindo Cloud Forest – swing in a hammocks, spot exotic birds and animals, bathe in waterfalls, float down the river in inner tubes, trek and horseback ride! All this and near enough to Quito to make it a great weekend excursion.
- The Amazon – A fantastic option for those looking to travel after their volunteer project. Stay in rustic jungle lodges, swim with pink river dolphins, search for anacondas and swing in hammocks!
- The Galapagos! Ecuador's true gem! Experience for yourself the exact places Charles Darwin got his inspiration! Take a cruise around the beautiful islands and spot seals, turtles, sharks, albatross, blue and red footed boobies, iguanas and more as you trek, swim, snorkel and explore! An unforgettable way to end your time in Ecuador!

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