

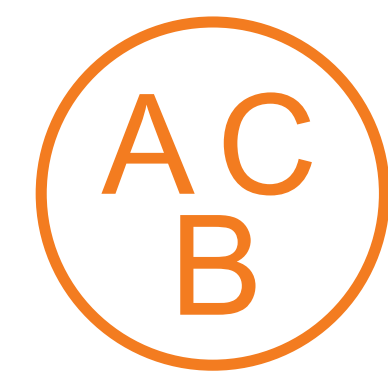
Ecuador & Galapagos Islands

Indigenous culture with European influences and a paradise for nature lovers, Ecuador and The Galapagos Islands welcome you at every turn. Ecuador's vibrant culture is as distinctive as the hand woven tapestries of its local artisans. Take time to explore her fascinating cities like Quito, Cuenca, and Guayaquil with expert guides. Stand in both the Northern and Southern Hemispheres simultaneously at the Equatorial Line Monument. Explore ancient ruins, shop for handmade crafts and leather goods, and taste flavorful Ecuadorian recipes. Delve into breathtaking nature from mountains, rivers, and the Amazon jungle, to thermal baths and ecological reserves – the outdoor adventures abound.

Venture on to the Galapagos Islands and see some of the world's most unusual species at Galapagos National Park such as giant tortoises, marine iguanas, and blue-footed boobies. A mega-diversity hotspot awaits you here in Ecuador with Central Holidays.



Area
(109,484 sq mi)



Official Language
Spanish



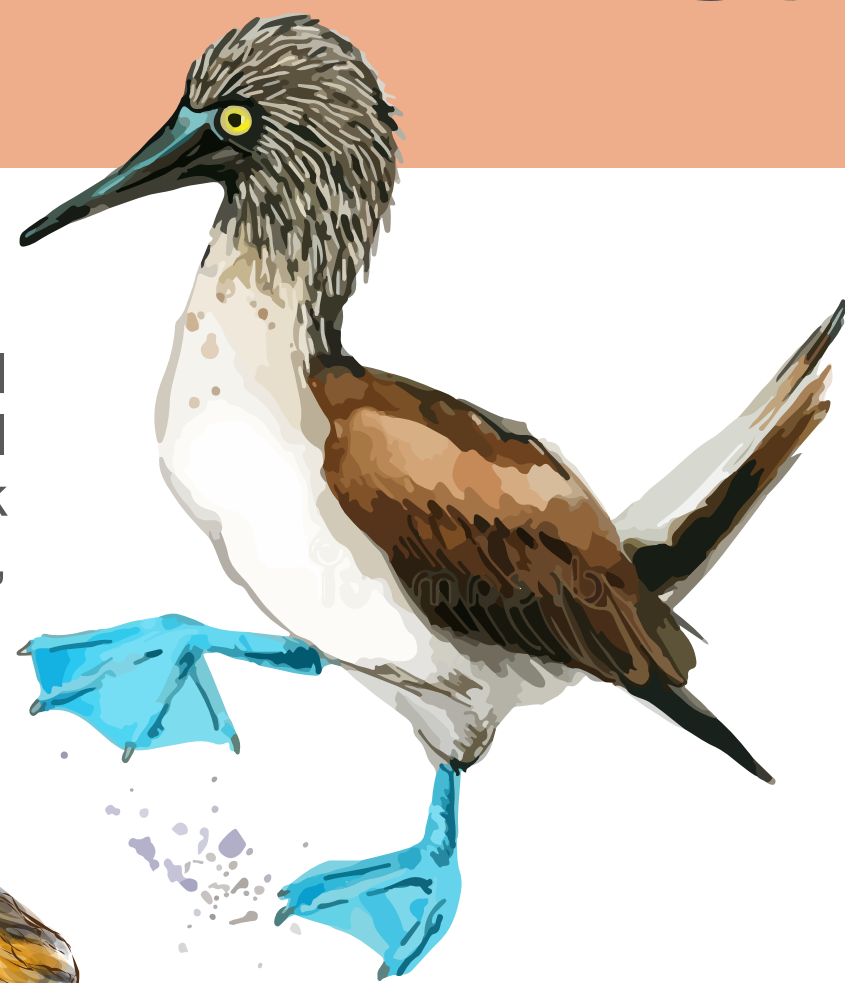
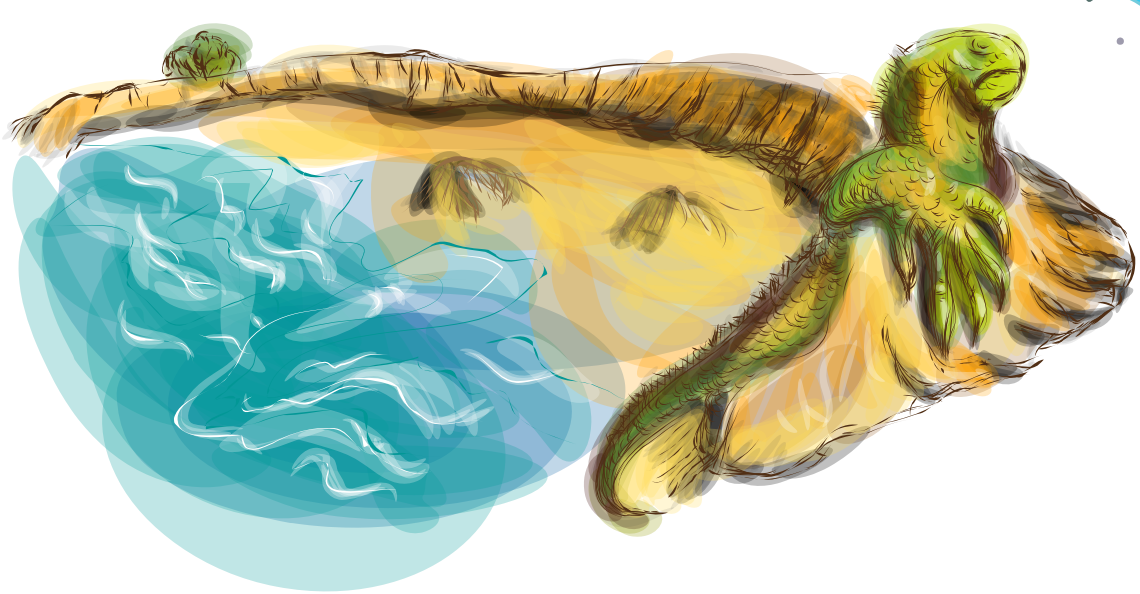
Currency
Dollar (USD)

The best time to visit Ecuador

Seasons are split into cool and dry (June - November) and warm and wet (December - June), with the warmer season being the best time to visit Galápagos for warmer, calmer seas and good underwater

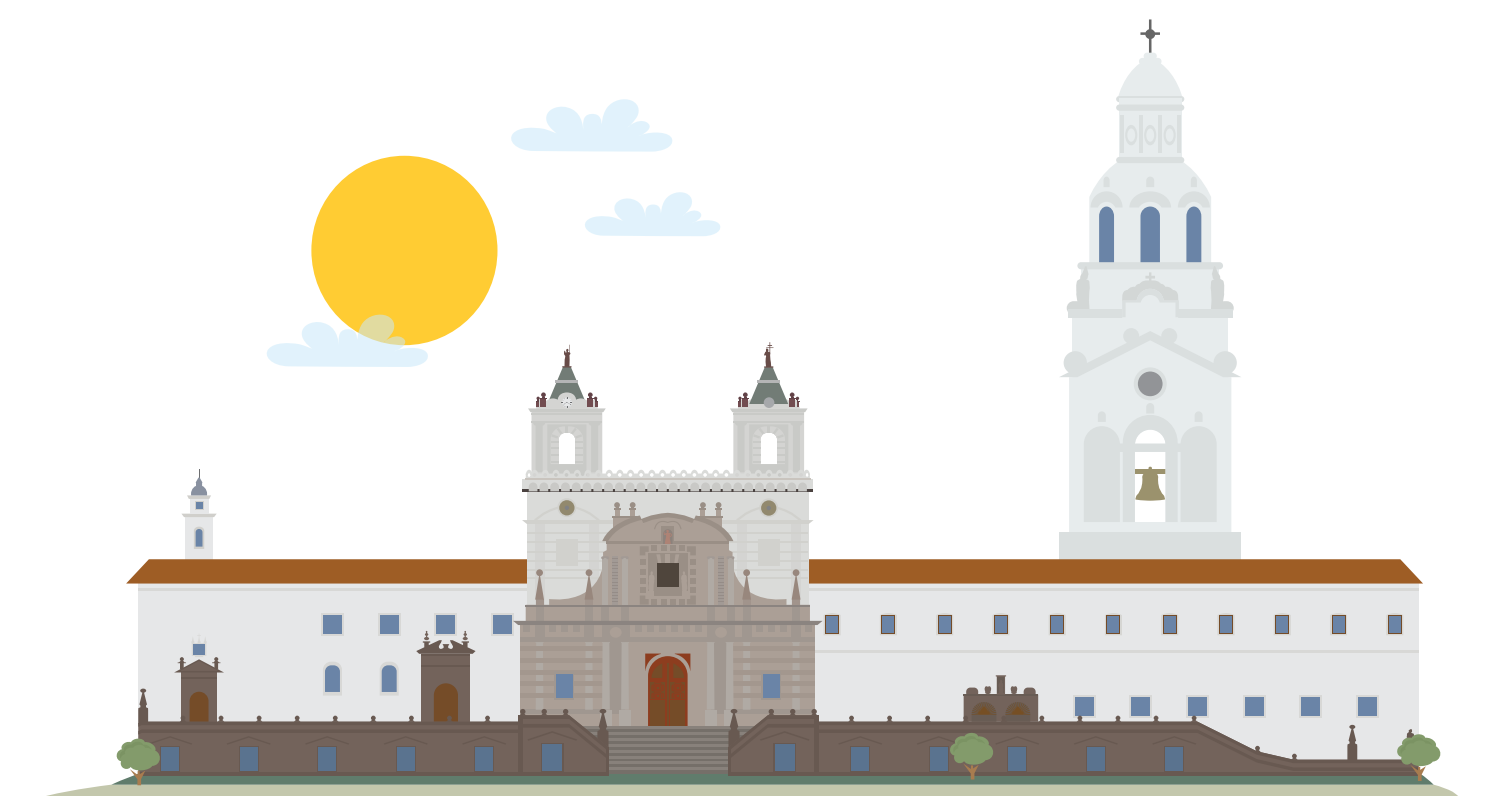
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Cuenca

is a city in southern Ecuador's Andes mountains. It's known for its Tomebamba River waterfront and handicrafts including Panama hats. Its central plaza, Parque Calderón, is home to the blue-domed Catedral Nueva and the 16th-century Catedral Vieja.



Quito

The capital, is known for its largely intact Spanish colonial center, with decorated 16th and 17th century palaces and religious sites



Handmade

Ecuador is famous for handmade crafts and leather goods.



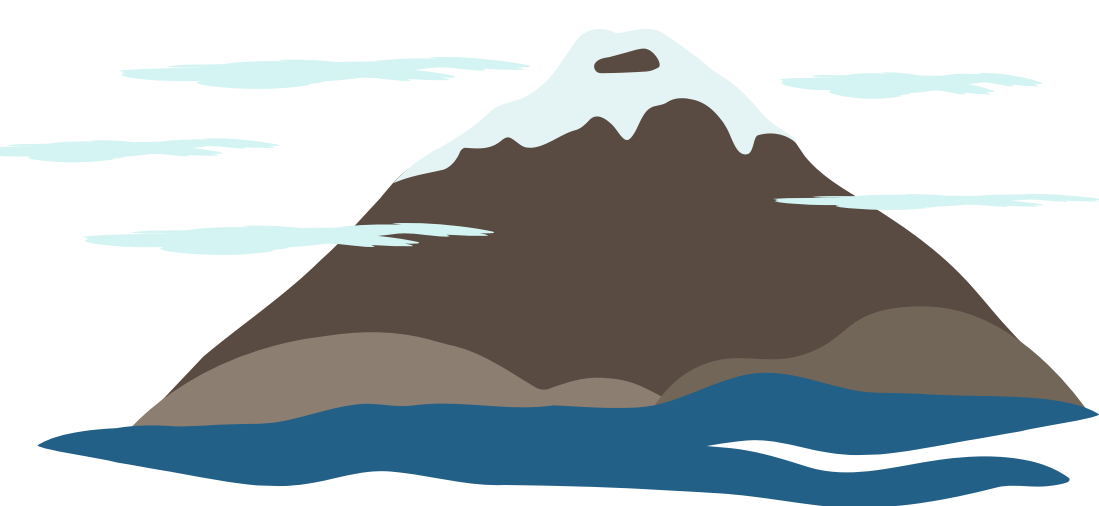
Guayaquil

is a port city in Ecuador, known as a gateway to Pacific beaches and the Galapagos Islands. Stretching along the Guayas River is the waterfront Simón Bolívar promenade, home to La Rotonda monument. In the north, Las Peñas is a neighborhood full of colorful houses.



Hand Woven

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Cotopaxi

Cotopaxi is an active stratovolcano in the Andes Mountains. It is the second highest summit in Ecuador, reaching a height of 5,897 m.



Clothes

The Ecuadorian woman's dress is the closest to the Incan costumes worn in the Andes. A white blouse, a blue skirt and a shawl is usually worn. Jewelry is very important, layers of necklaces of predominantly gold beads and red coral bracelets.

Natural

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