



AMAZONIAN RESERVE PROJECTS

**FOUNDATION PROYECTO ECOLÓGICO CHIRIBOGA
ECUADOR**

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WELCOME TO ECUADOR AND WELCOME TO FOUNDATION PROYECTO ECOLÓGICO CHIRIBOGA

The Foundation Proyecto Ecologico Chiriboga welcomes you to the organization and to our associated projects.

We thank you for preferring us and for being part of our mission and this dream that drives us to fight every day for a better future for Ecuadorian society.

We are happy to have your support and presence and we offer our services.

We hope that your experience in Ecuador is pleasant and unforgettable and that the experience of volunteering means personal growth and openness of mind and heart towards new cultures, new schemes and new experiences.

The Foundation Proyecto Ecologico Chiriboga opens the doors to this wonderful country and hopes that your stay will become a beautiful memory for a lifetime.





ECUADOR

Its name comes from the Equatorial imaginary line that divides the Earth into two hemispheres: North and South. It has four regions: Coast, Highlands, Amazon and the Galapagos Islands.

It does not have defined seasons, however there is a rainy season and a dry season, depending on the región. The rainy season appears on the following months:

- ◆ Coast: from December to May. Media temperaturas between 25 and 30 °C, dry weather.
- ◆ Highlands: from November to April. Media temperaturas between 10 y 20°C.
- ◆ Amazonia: from January to September. Media temperature between 30 y 35°C, humid.

The capital city is Quito, it is located on the Highlands at 2800 meters above the sea level.

Ecuador is a country with a mix of indigenous and spanish cultures from the time of colonization, this influences its gastronomy, art, architecture, language, customs and traditions. It offers several landscapes, cultures and experiences.

Despite being a small country, it is rich in natural resources, which are degraded due to excesive explotation and poor protection.

The official language is Spanish, although some indigenous nationalities speak their own language; most of the population does not speak English.

Its population is mestizo and the majority has a médium low economic level.

The currency in Ecuador is the american dollar since 2000, that year the original currency dissapeared after a very hard crisis.

Ecuadorians use buses and taxis as common transportation, to move within cities and between them. The basic rate is \$0.25 to bus travel and \$1.50 for taxi, inside the city.

For more information about Ecuador and turism, visit the web page: <https://ecuador.travel/>

FOUNDATION PROYECTO ECOLÓGICO CHIRIBOGA

The Foundation Chiriboga is a non governmental, non profit organization; does not have any political, religious, or racial conflicts. It was legally constituted by ministerial agreement No. 47 from the Ministry of Environment of Ecuador, on March 19th, 1999.

Our main objective is to protect and preserve the environment, to promote de community development, which activities are related to the environmental field and devopment of local economy.

Furthermore to help people to realize the importance of reforestation and sustainable agriculture in the área; with the help of national and international volunteers and the participation of governmental institutions related to urban conglomeration, environment, life quality, equity relations between the population and its environment.

We feel responsible of protecting the remaining western Andean mountains forests, in the Pichincha province.



REFORESTATION IN THE RESERVE



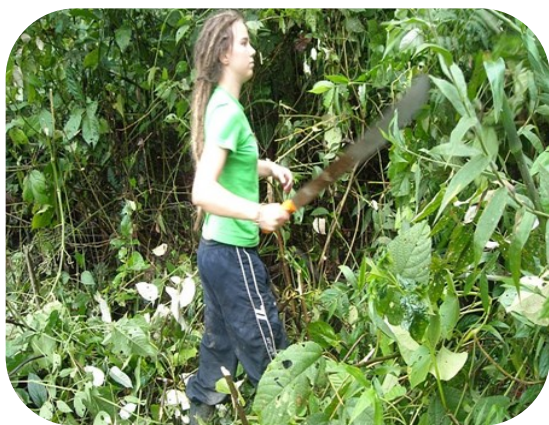
CONSTRUCTION IN THE RESERVE

GENERAL INFORMATION

This program is dedicated to true nature lovers who want to experience an eco-adventure and who would be willing to adapt to the modest accommodation offered in the project.

Our mission is to preserve the biodiversity and the natural resources with the local inhabitants for the benefit of the current and future generations.

The volunteers will have the opportunity to learn about the jungle during their stay.



LOCATION DETAILS

LOCATION: It is located in the Province of Morona Santiago, in a tShuar community of the parish of Macuma

TEMPERATURE: This part of the country has average temperature of 22°C.

PUBLIC SERVICES: There is not current water, nor electricity and nor communications, Internet can found in Macas 2 hours from the Project. Water is collected from a natural spring.

TROPICAL DISEASES: The Project is not located in a malaria area, anyway you can protect yourself from any tropical diseases, please take vaccines for yellow fever and tetanus.

HOW IS THE FEE USED? 85% of the fee covers accommodation and food for the volunteer and 15% covers part of the salaries of two workers at the Reserve of the Proyecto Chiriboga, phones, internet and energy of the office and the Reserve, the rest of the expenses are covered thanks of our extra work in other activities.

DETAILS OF THE PROJECT

TYPE: Permanent . From two weeks onwards

DATES TO APPLY: All year long., from January 2nd to December 22nd of every year.

AGE: Older than 18.

LANGUAGE: Spanish is necessary. English.

WORK: agroforestry, community work, assistance in the school

ACCOMMODATION: In the project.

SCHEDULE: Monday to Friday. 08:30-12:30 and 14:30-16:30. Weekends off

Fee for four weeks: **500,00 American dollars, must be paid at your arrival before going to the project.**

Cost includes: Four weeks of accommodation in the project , including breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Cost does not include: Any kind of transportation, bottled water, extra food and beverages, calls and internet access.

Code to apply: ENVISMFPECH



ACTIVITIES FOR THE VOLUNTEER

- Reforestation and agriculture.
- Community work
- Construction of houses and latrines.
- Path cleaning
- Initiatives from the volunteers to the development of the community.
- During the school period (September to June) volunteers will assist with basic English classes.



WHAT WE EXPECT FROM THE VOLUNTEER

Good attitude

Open mind.

Collaborative spirit.

To be able to adapt to the environment .

Punctuality and initiative.

WE WAIT FOR
YOU!!

MORE INFORMATION

This is a very beautiful natural area, an ideal placement for volunteers who can adapt to live with very limited comfort. The food is natural including papayas, sugar cane, vegetables combined with noodles, fish and tortillas.

The volunteers will be staying in the project at the native's chozas (houses), its infrastructure is very simple; there are latrines near the houses.

The volunteers have the opportunity to learn about jungle thanks of the "Jungle school" taught by the Indian Coordinator who teaches his culture and traditions as a survival training.

Services: phone, hospital and internet are available two hours and 45 minutes away from the Project in the city of Macas. Everyday there are four buses.

IMPORTANT

The instructions for getting to the Project and the information of the host family will be given by the Foundation Chiriboga when you arrive.

If you have any allergies, illnesses or any special diet requirement, please anticipate it.

The Foundation offers cheap accommodation for the volunteers who stay extra days in the Foundation's house in Quito. The cost is 12.50 dollars each day, including breakfast and dinner in a clean and nice place.

If you need a taxi to pick you up from the airport, or to take you there we can arrange this service. You just need to ask for it in advance and the cost must be paid directly to the taxi driver.

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WHAT TO BRING TO SELVA Y VIDA

- Cap
- Sunglasses
- Long trousers for cold nights and to protect from insects.
- Insect repellent
- Sunblock
- Towel
- Warm clothes for winter season (December to Abril)
- Mountain shoes or rubber boots.
- Items for personal hygiene
- Rubber boots



SPECIAL REMARKS

CRIMINAL RECORDS: No criminal records required.

CULTURAL INFORMATION: We appreciate punctuality and responsibility, do not leave the project.

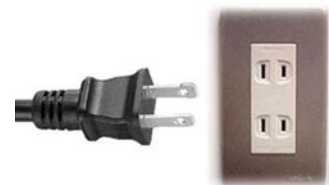
For work you need to wear rubber boots.

Do not go inside a house if you are not invited by the family boss.

Please come prepared! We suggest you to read and learn about Ecuador, its culture, history and general data.

Please send us your flight information at least one week before your arrival.

The electricity in Ecuador has 120 v. The electrical outlets have to two flat, parallel prongs (type A). If you come from other countries, we suggest you to bring an adapter to charge your electronic devices.



HOW TO GET TO FOUNDATION CHIRIBOGA

If you want us to book a taxi to pick you up from the airport to the Foundation house, please let us know, you need to send us the full details of your arrival, the taxi ride must be paid by you.

In case you decide to get to the Foundation by your own, at the exit of the baggage hall of the airport there is the counter of the airport taxi company, request a taxi to go to the Foundation Proyecto Ecológico Chiriboga, they know our address, any way this is:

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Ciudadela San José - La Magdalena
Quito, Ecuador

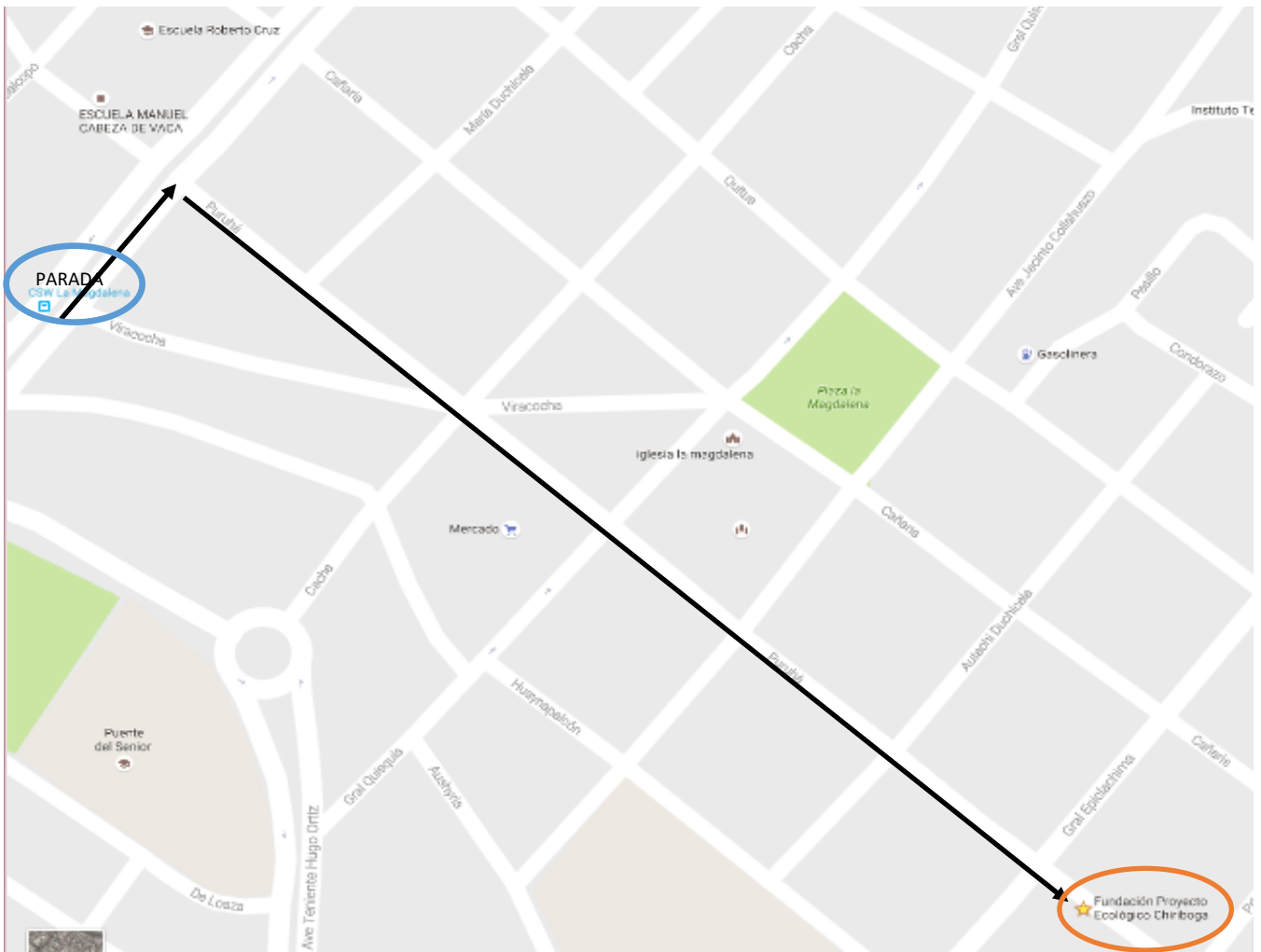
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BY BUS: If you don't have more than one backpack, if you want to save money and you can arrive to the airport before than 18:00 p.m., you can take the last bus that leaves at 7:00 p.m. to the QUITUMBE TERMINAL, the cost is \$ 3.00 dollars, when you get to the Terminal Quitumbe, take a taxi to get to the house, the cost is around 6 dollars.

If you arrive at the Quitumbe Terminal before 18:00 PM, you are able to speak Spanish, your luggage is not heavy, you can take a bus at the Quitumbe Terminal, you need to put 035 cents in the machine and change the platform and take the bus "El Corredor" (to the north way) ask for the La Magdalena Stop (you can ask the bus driver's assistant to let you know when you arrive). From the door of the bus stop, walk left towards Puruha Street, turn right and walk 5 blocks to Epiclachima Street, Cross the street, the house is the second one from the corner. See the map below.

If you need more information on how to get home, contact us.



COMMON PHRASES IN SPANISH

ENGLISH	ESPAÑOL
Hello	Hola
How are you?	Cómo estás?
I am fine.	Estoy bien.
Thank you.	Gracias
Please	Por favor
Excuse me	Disculpe
Good morning	Buenos días
Good afternoon	Buenas tardes
Good night	Buenas noches
Sorry	Perdón
Can you help me?	Puede ayudarme?
How much is it?	Cuánto cuesta?
Where is....?	Dónde es....?
Where can I find....?	Dónde puedo encontrar...?
What time is it?	Qué hora es?
Restroom	Baño
Taxi/ Bus	Taxi/Bus
Stop/station	Parada/ terminal
My name is...	Mi nombre es...
What is your name?	Cuál es tu nombre?
Lunch	Almuerzo
Breakfast	Desayuno
Dinner	Merienda
Yes/ no	Si/ no
I do not speak Spanish.	No hablo Español.
Food/Drinks	Comida/Bebidas
I want...	Yo quiero...
I need...	Yo necesito...

CONDUCT CODE

It is not allowed to have romances or sexual activities with local inhabitants, remember please that your reputation is our reputation and the reputation of your country in ours.

The volunteer cannot bring drugs of any kind or alcohol to the projects; it is not allowed the use of improper language and cannot smoke in front of the children.

If the volunteer would like to eat something different to what is offered at the project, the ingredients and preparation will be fully covered by the volunteer.

The volunteers will help with some project cleaning.

The volunteers will take care of the infrastructure, kitchen utensils, if they were broken or lost items by the volunteer, they must be replaced.

Any complaints against the local project or accommodation must be reported to the Foundation's Coordinator in order to look for any immediate solution.

The volunteers are responsible to keep their bedroom and belongings tidy.

Smoking inside the house is not allowed. Cigarette butts and ash must be properly disposed.

Volunteers must inform the Foundation in advance about their vegetarian diet or any food allergies.

Toilet paper or any feminine sanitary products must not be flushed in the latrine, please ask instructions to the Indian Coordinator.

The volunteers cannot invite their friends or relatives to spend some days with them in the project,

The total fee for your placement must be paid, maximum the third day of your arrival, before your travel to the amazon region.

Fees are not refundable if the volunteers decide to cut their placement because of personal plans or any kind of reason, so please plan your trip, time and budget accordingly.

Fees are refundable only in case of death of a relative from your family and you need to go back to your country, you must present the copy of your return flight.

Disrespecting these rules may result in immediate dismissal without any refund.