



JB ANIMAL RESCUE CENTER IN SANTO DOMINGO

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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.

The Foundation offers cheap acommodation 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 fee will be paid directly to the taxi driver.



REFORESTATION IN THE RESERVE



CONSTRUCTION IN THE RESERVE

GENERAL INFORMATION

This Protected Forest is a natural reserve of a remainder of 250 hectares of tropical humid private forest from the Ecuadorian Cost región, which is protected by the Ecuadorian State, it is the only one of its kind.

In the reserve we do activities focused on environmental education, research,



LOCATION DETAILS

LOCATION: It is located in the town of Santo Domingo de los Tsáchilas.

TEMPERATURE: This part of the country is warm and the lowest temperature is 18°C in winter and the highest is 38°C in summer.

PUBLIC SERVICES: There is water, electricity, phones. Internet can be found on internet-cafes.

TROPICAL DISEASES: There are infectious or tropical diseases such as dengue, zika, malaria, during Winter season.

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

DATES TO APPLY: All year long from January 2nd to December 22nd

AGE: Older than 18.

LANGUAGE: Spanish is necessary. English.

Minimum time of participation: 3 months

WORK: Support of the staff taking care of animals, education etc.

ACCOMMODATION: In the project in the volunteer house

SCHEDULE: **Work is from 08h00 to 17h00 WITH 1.30 hours for lunch time, the volunteer should be flexible with the schedule in emergencies with animals after and before working hours or during the nights if it is necessary.**

COST: **1.500,00 American dollars, must be paid at your arrival before going to the project.**

Cost includes: 3 months of accommodation in the volunteer house of the reserve, including breakfast, lunch and dinner, internet access., facilities for laundry.

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

Code to apply: ENVIJBFPECH



ACTIVITIES FOR THE VOLUNTEER

As this is a Wildlife Rescue, a kind of hospital for **Rehabilitation and Release**, the volunteer activities are as follows:

- Be part of the specimen rescue group (go out to the different places that are required to capture or recover a specimen)
- To assist in the reception and checking the animal's status on arrival.
- Provide medicines and vitamins to the specimens in recovery.
- Neonatal feeding
- Control, monitoring and data collection of specimens in recovery.
- Veterinary assistant.
- All wildlife hospitalization activities
- Market activities and fruit collection for the pantry of the specimens
- Preparation of the food,
- Prepare diets for recovering specimens
- Feed the different specimens in recovery
- Environmental education and guidance to groups.
- Possible maintenance activities on paths and cages.
- Be part of the specimen release group to release the animals into their habitat when needed. (Go out to different parts of the country)

WHAT WE EXPECT FROM THE VOLUNTEER

- To be able to work with animals and surrounded by nature.
- To help us fulfill the purpose of saving wildlife and returning them to their natural environment.
- Not to be afraid of different animals.
- If possible, to have a little knowledge on biology or veterinary.
- To be highly motivated.
- To be very prudent
- To be able to communicate in basic Spanish.

WE WAIT FOR YOU!!

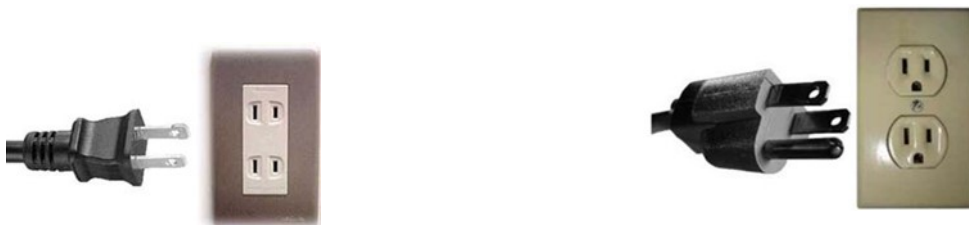
WHAT TO BRING TO LA PERLA PROTECTED



- Cap
- Sunglasses
- Long trousers and long sleeve shirts for protection from insects.
- Insect repellent
- Sunblock
- Towel
- Mountain shoes or rubber boots, preferable the second one
- Items for personal hygiene
- Light clothing
- Blankets
- Mosquito net



SPECIAL REMARKS



Criminal record: No criminal record is needed unless you make a Long term volunteering

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

Do not go inside the 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.

In case you want us to book a taxi to pick you up from the airport, 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

If you come from other countries, we suggest you to bring an adapter to charge your electronic devices.



SANTO DOMINGO DE LOS TSÁCHILAS

It is a city that connects cities like Quito, Guayaquil, Portoviejo, Chone, Esmeraldas, Quevedo, Manta y Ambato that makes the city a land port of commercial Exchange between the Highlands and the Coast. It has an average temperature of 24°C and 80% of humidity.

The area was inhabited before the arrival of the colonizers by the indigenous community of Tsáchilas, known as Colorados.

It is located on the outer flanks of the western Andes, at an altitude of 625 meters above sea level, it is 126.1 km away from the sea.



IMPORTANT

The instructions for getting to the Project will be given by the Foundation Chiriboga when you arrive.

The Foundation offers accommodation for the volunteers who need to stay extra days in Quito for 12,50 that includes a clean place to sleep, breakfast and light dinner.

If you need a taxi to pick you up from the airport, let us know. We can arrange it for you. The cost of the taxi will be paid directly to the driver.

If you have any allergies or illness, please let us know.

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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:

Puruha Oe2- 781 and Epiclachima
Ciudadela San José - La Magdalena
Quito, Ecuador

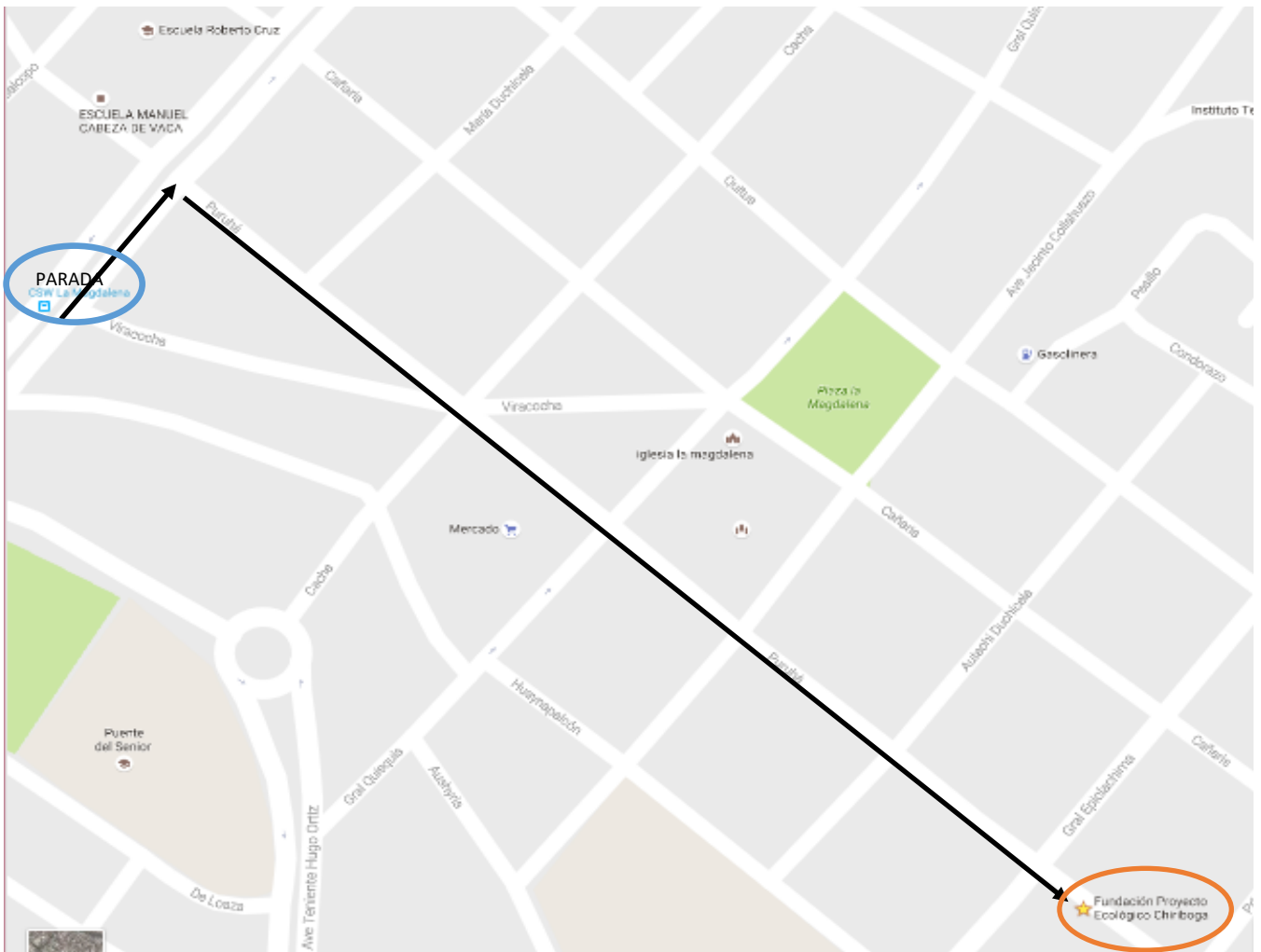
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BY BUS: If you don't have more than one backpack, if you want to save money and you can arrive to the airport before than 18:00 p.m., you can take the last bus that leaves at 7:00 p.m. to the QUITUMBE TERMINAL, the cost is \$ 3.00 dollars, when you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

Responsibilities of Volunteers

- It is a strict obligation that all volunteers adhere to the following basic regulations:
- Working hours in this Project is from 8:00 - 17:00 with 1.5 hours in between for lunch
- Meals Schedule must be agreed with the Manager
- The volunteer should be flexible in the schedule of working hours in case of emergencies before or after working hours.
- The cleaning and organization of the room assigned to the volunteer will be the strict responsibility of the volunteer
- The use of the rooms is exclusive to the volunteer; It is not allowed to receive any visit to these areas.
- Labor code must be respected and fairness among all employees, workers of the reserve and volunteers.
- Every volunteer is entitled to 8 days off a month for personal use, these days can be accumulated or distributed under knowledge and coordination with the Director of the Animal Rescue Center..
- The personal use of the internet is restricted in working hours and its use must be strictly ethical.
- Any departure outside the reserve must be notified and recorded in the attendance book.
- The use of all types of drugs (legal or illegal) is prohibited, with the exception of those with medical prescription
- It is not allowed to have sexual activities in the Project, please keep your distance with the staff, and remember that your reputation is our reputation and the reputation of your country in ours.
- It is not allowed to drink alcohol in the Project, if you are accustomed to do it, please use your days off to do it.
- If the volunteer would like to eat something different to what is offered at the project, special dishes from their countries) purchase of all the ingredients and preparation will be fully covered by the volunteer.
- The volunteers will take care of the furniture, kitchen utensils, house keys, etc. Broken or lost items must be replaced by the volunteer.
- Smoking inside the house is not allowed. Cigarette butts and ash must be properly disposed.
- Your accommodation will be shared with other volunteers, please have the courtesy to always clean and dry the shower room after use.
- 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 toilet in any place of Ecuador.
- Any complaint against the local project or accommodation must be reported to the Foundation's Coordinator in order to look for any immediate solution.
- The total fee for your placement must be paid, at your arrival or before by Bank transfer
- 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, the copy of your flight ticket must be presented

THANKS FOR JOIN US