

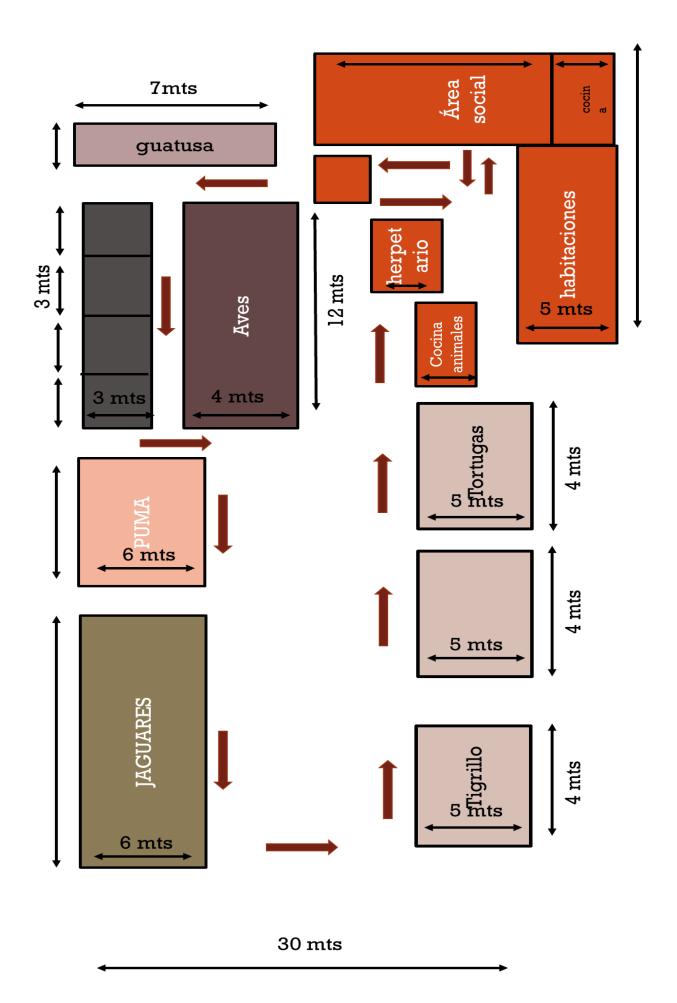
# ANIMAL SHELTER LOS JAGUARES IN THE AMAZON

### 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, costums 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 govermental, 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.

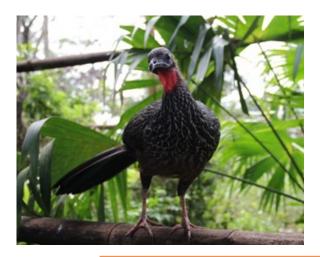
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**REFORESTATION IN THE RESERVE** 



**CONSTRUCTION IN THE RESERVE** 





## GENERAL INFORMATION

This little zoo is located in Macas, Morona Santiago Province. It started to work since 2006 as a rescue center with some species of wild animals, rescued from citizens who catched them for pets and who had them in very bad conditions. With the zoo, we had rescued mammals, reptiles, birds, etc. we started bailing a tapir.

We ensure that the animals have good living conditions and atmosphere required for their mobility, and simulate their habitat for recovery.

## DETAILS OF THE PROJECT

LOCATION: It is located close to the beautiful city of Macas

**TEMPERATURE:** This part of the country has temperatures between 6°C in winter and 22° C in summer.

**PUBLIC SERVICES:** There is water, electricity, phones. Internet can be found on internetcafé.

TROPICAL DISEASES: There are no infectious or tropical diseases.

**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.

AGE: Older than 18.

LANGUAGE: Spanish is necessary. English.

WORK: Animals

ACCOMMODATION: In the project house.

SCHEDULE: According to the project's director.

Minimmum time to apply: 4 weeks

# COST: 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.



# ACTIVITIES DONE BY THE VOLUNTEER

- Preparation of food for animals.
- Placement of containers for animal feeding.
- Cleaning cages.
- Weeding, cleaning and conditioning cages.
- Compost from organic wastes.
- Fertilization and plant care.
- Road maintenance.
- Guide for tourists and visitors



#### WHAT WE EXPECT FROM THE VOLUNTEER

Good attitude

Open mind.

Collaborative spirit.

Adaptation to the environment of family and work.

Punctuality and initiative.

Not to be afraid of animals

## WE WAIT FOR YOU!!

# THE AMAZON

It is a natural region that extends over an area of exuberant vegetation with humid and warm weather and temperatures from 15 to 40 Celcius degrees.

Its rivers flow into the Amazonas river basin. This area is rich in natural resources: plants and animals, with high biodiversity rates and important natural reserves.

Also, it has important oil deposits, whose exploitation represents the country economic doden.





### 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 ride will be paid directly to the driver.

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

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## WHAT TO BRING TO LOS JAGUARES



- Cap
- Sunglasses
- Long trousers for protection from insects.
- Insect repellent
- Sunblock
- Towel
- Mountain shoes or rubber boots.
- Items for personal hygiene
- Light clothing
- Rubber boots
- Personal higiene items



### SPECIAL REMARKS

CRIMINAL RECORDS: No criminal records required.

**CULTURAL INFORMATION:** We appreciate punctuality and responsibility. 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 IN QUITO

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:

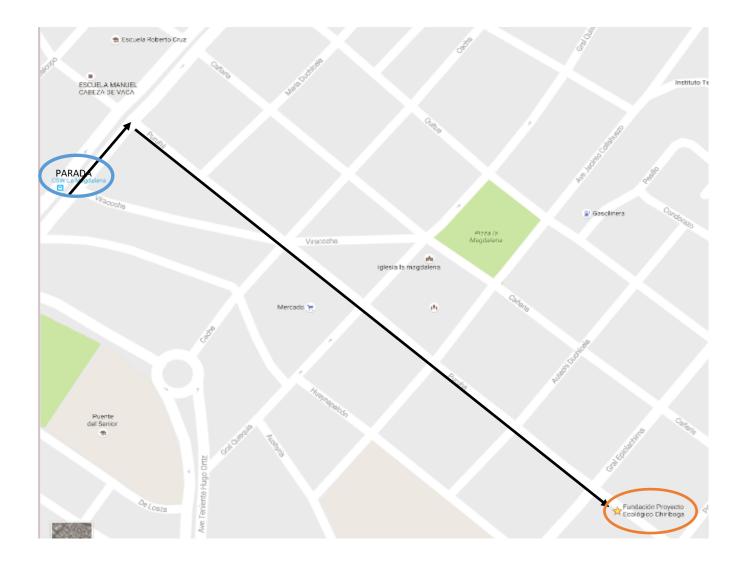
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BY BUS: If you don't have more than one backpack, if you want to save money and you can arrive to the airport before than 18:00 p.m., you can take the last bus that leaves at 7:00 p.m. to the QUITUMBE TERMINAL, the cost is \$ 3.00 dollars, when you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

- The volunteer cannot arrive later than 10:00pm to the project, please talk about this with the Coordinator
- It is not allowed to have sexual activities in the community 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 of alcohol to the project; it is not allowed the use of improper language and cannot smoke in front of the children who visit the zoo.
- If the volunteer would like to eat something different to what is offered at the project 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.
- 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.
- If you share bathroom with other volunteer, 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.
- The volunteers cannot invite their friends or relatives to spend some days with them in the project, please ask permission to the landlord if you want to do that, and pay for lodging and food for your visits, you cannot "invite them" with no payment!
- 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 total fee for your placement must be paid, maximum the third day of your arrival.
- 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.
- If your fiancé or friends want to join you during your placement, please their visit cannot cause a sudden change to your work, you cannot abandon your mission; in that case please do not ask for a placement if you are not planning to complete the participation as scheduled.
- If your friends or fiancés want to join you in the placement or to visit you, his expenses must be paid at the Foundation offices, we don't have any problem to receive them, if they want to join you in your placement, they have to pay for registration plus fee, and of course his/her visit cannot change the schedule of your placement.

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