

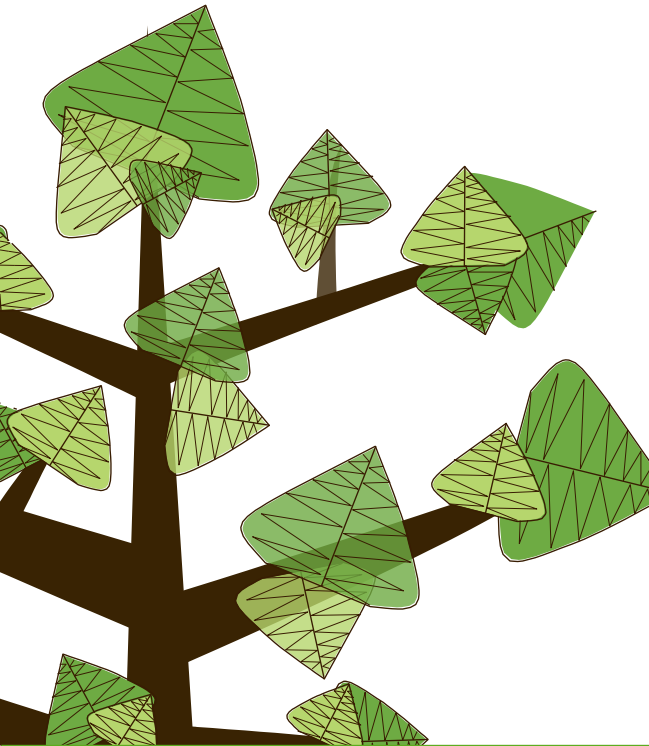
amaZOOnico



Volunteer Booklet 2017

Welcome to Ecuador

Ecuador is one of the most biodiverse countries in the world. Ecuador has over one hundred different types of hummingbirds and thousands of orchid varieties.



Cotopaxy Vulcano



San Raphael Waterfall



Guyabeno Wildlife Reserve



Important facts



Currency: USD


Language: Spanish

Timezone: -5GMT (Galapagos -6GMT)

International area code: +593

Mobile Companies: Claro and Movistar (you can get a prepay sim at almost every shop for 5USD)

Weather: Ecuador has many climate zones, from tropical along coast to cooler and dryer inland at higher elevations; tropical in Amazonian jungle lowlands. Lying on the equator means there is no summer or winter; The 'wetter' season is usually between December - June , while the drier season runs from July - November.




Where is amaZoonica situated?

The Province of Napo

is situated in the amazon region of Ecuador, with the capital - city of Tena



Tena is a popular launching point for jungle, kayaking and rafting tours in Ecuador's Amazon rainforest region. The entry to the city is marked by a statue of the indigenous hero Jumandy, who courageously led an uprising against the Spanish colonizers in 1578.



Tena, located 42km away from amaZOOonica, is the nearest city. You can find here:

Banks

With ATMs where you can withdraw money with Visa, MasterCard...

Hospital

The Red Cross and a public service which you can use without any cost in case of emergencies.

Supermarkets

In "SuperTia" you will find a selection of food, snacks, clothes, and toiletries.

Hostels

Pleasant and comfortable spots where you can take a hot shower and spend the night in the city.

Internet

Get online, make international phone calls, or drink a coffee in one of the spots that offers free WIFI for your computer or cell phone.

Laundry

There are various spots where you can have your clothes cleaned the same day and at reasonable prices.

Local Market; Next to the bus terminal and behind the Super TÃ-a you will find a local food market, boosted with fruit and veggies. Get a genuine experience.



working as a volunteer in amaZoonico
You will find two main jobs

1

Taking care of the animals

Each animal that lives in amaZOOnico has a habitat which is suited to its needs. These enclosures we **clean daily** in order to maintain them in the best conditions. Each animal has a **special diet** which we provide for them. Also we give them **medical attention** when its necessary and provide **animal enrichment** so that they have an interesting stay with us with longterm benefits.

2

Environmental Education

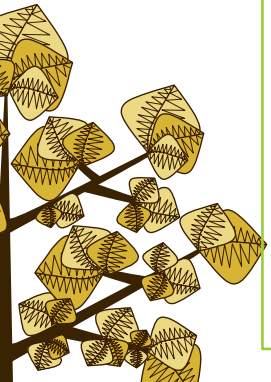
We receive many **tourists** who visit the center on “**guided tours**” which are the perfect opportunity to teach them about **our projects** and how they can contribute to the **protection of the forest**. The tourists are the most important source of income and the way in which we can **keep our projects alive**.



Additional Jobs

There is always something else to be done in amaZOOnico!

Carrying the fruit to the bodega, planting trees, sorting out recycling, helping out with new constructions, improving the presentation in our shop, and in general the contributions of each individual volunteer with their ideas and efforts of how we can better the centre and the lives of its inhabitants.





Living here...



Monthly it has a cost of \$250, which covers the food and lodging in the house of the volunteers.

The minimum stay in amaZOOnico is 8 weeks or 2 months. It is a good idea to reserve before you come to ensure that we have a spot for you. Ecuador grants most countries a tourist visa of 3 months upon arrival which can be extended to 6 months. If you would like to stay longer and need a long-term visa, feel free to contact us with any questions you may have.



8 weeks
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1 year



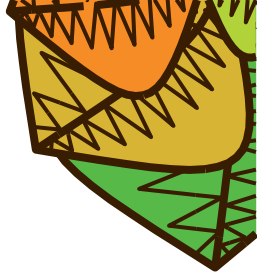
The volunteer house is large and made of wood, with single beds and rooms which are either private or shared with one other person. We give you sheets, blankets, and a pillow, although you are welcome to bring your own things as well, such as a sleeping bag. The bathroom is shared and without hot water (though you do not really need it here in the jungle!).

In terms of cell phones we recommend that you buy a prepaid chip from Claro which is the only company that has reliable service here, in a few specific spots in the centre.





We do not have Wifi, but you can go to Tena or Ahuano to use the internet service. There is Wifi in the

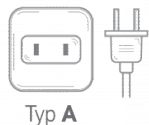


In amaZOOnico there are 4 languages which are commonly spoken: Spanish, German, English, and French and your stay will be easier if you have intermediate level of Spanish and English, as these are the common languages amongst volunteers.

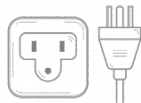


It is best if you check with your nearest travel medical clinic before you travel. Make sure all of your regular vaccinations are up to date (tetanus, diphtheria, polio, hepatitis a). It is recommended that you are vaccinated against yellow fever as proof of vaccination may be required upon entry into Ecuador if you come from Brazil. There is no malaria in this region and so you will not need to take malaria pills for your stay here with us. *

We do have electricity, though only in a few limited spots. We recommend that you bring adaptors for any electronic devices that you may have. Voltage: 110.



Typ A



Typ B

These are the ones that work here.

* check also

<https://www.eda.admin.ch/content/eda/de/home/laender-reise-information/ecuador/reisehinweise-ecuador.html>
<https://www.bnitm.de/reisen-impfen/reisemedizinische-beratung/ecuador/>

What to bring?



Bring clothes that are comfortable to work in – you don't need to buy anything new to work here with us because it will just get dirty. Bring long pants for the insects, rubber boots, a rain poncho, and bathing suit.

The food is very basic so if you would like to bring something special to share with the other volunteers that is typical in your country or something specific that you would like to have with you feel free to do so .



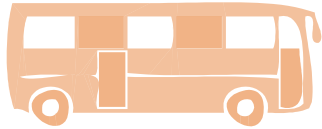
Bring everything that you need for the bathroom and your towel. There are many insects so you can bring insect repellent. You may bring sunblock as well. If you would like to have a mosquito net, you may bring one or hope to find one here as there are often nets left by other volunteers.

A flashlight is essential to have here, and you may wish to bring books or card games for your free time. You may wish to also bring a padlock and key for your door as we do not provide them.



How to get to amaZoonica?

In Quito you can go to the “Terminal Terrestre de Quitumbe” (You can go by Ecovia or Trolebus it will cost 25 cents). There you can take a bus to Tena.



Cost: \$8 Dollars

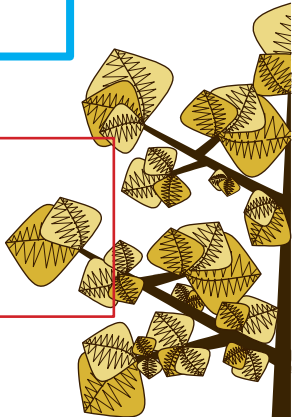
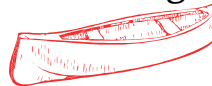
How long?: 5 hours

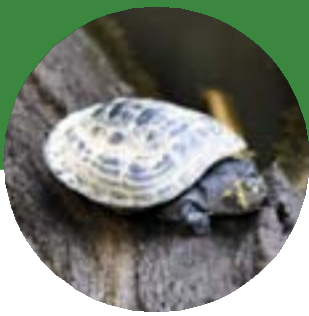
In Tena you can go to Terminal terrestre de Jumandy or Centinela. There you can take a bus to Puerto Barrantilla, is really important that you call us in this moment and we will schedule your arrival. And take this bus BEFORE 3 PM.

Cost: \$2 Dollars

How long?: 1 hour.

In **Puerto Barrantilla**, our canoa will be waiting for you!!! :)





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and follow us. . .



We are waiting for you!



*We hope you consider the possibility of
Volunteering in amaZOOnico. It is a beautiful
place, work will fill you with satisfaction
and the animals will give you your reward.*

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