

# HOW TO GET TO CUENCA



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MIS NOTAS

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The following information is meant to serve as a basic guide for students of **Estudio Sampere in Cuenca**. Naturally more details can be found in guide books on Ecuador and South America, but our purpose is to provide important information about our School.

### Climate

Ecuador is a country that is located on the equator (hence, its name). It is crossed by the Andes mountains reaching heights of over 6,000 metres and its climate is influenced by warm and cold ocean currents. Ecuador is a combination of tropical rain forests, cold snowy mountains, sheltered valleys and any other climate you can imagine. Cuenca is located at 2,500 metres above sea-level and enjoys a relatively stable climate year round. Morning temperatures are around 6°C (42°F) or 7°C (44°F); midday temperatures range from 18°C (62°F) to 24°C (75°F) and evening temperatures are between 12°C (53°F) or 13°C (55°F). Cuenca is defined by spring-time weather with occasional showers and midday sun. Bring clothing for different types of weather, a rain jacket, comfortable walking shoes and sun protection.

### Currency

Students are recommended to bring US dollars, the standard currency in Ecuador. You can also use a major credit card such as Visa, Mastercard or American Express.

### Pocket money

If you are staying with a family which includes three meals per day, you should expect to spend 50 to 100 US\$ per week on buses, taxis, snacks and other miscellaneous items. If you are staying in a hotel with breakfast included, you should expect to spend 75 to 150 US\$ per week. Of course you can spend much more! We strongly recommend that you travel in Ecuador. Our staff will be glad to help you with directions and reservations. For 75 to 150 US\$ you can expect a weekend anywhere in Ecuador including public bus fare, budget accommodation and local food. Excursions to the Galapagos are expensive and prices, including air fare, and accommodation start over 800 US\$ (4 days/3 nights).

### Insurance

There are good doctors and hospitals in Ecuador and they are not expensive. However, be sure to purchase a travel insurance.



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Arriving at Quito

Cuenca, does not have an international airport. Therefore, it's necessary to make travel arrangements to Quito, the country's capital (if for any reason your international flight is scheduled to arrive at Guayaquil, we can arrange your reception and transfer there).

After disembarking the plane, make your way to the immigration counters with your passport. Then, proceed to the designated baggage claim area to retrieve your luggage. If you have arranged for the Quito-Cuenca transfer as part of your course, you will see a guide holding an Estudio Sampire sign at the only exit from immigration. The guide will inform you of the departure time for the Sunday flight to Cuenca and take you to a hotel where a room will have been reserved under your name. The following day, you will be transferred to the airport for your local flight, which takes approximately 40 minutes.

If for any reason the guide is not there, wait a few minutes; if the guide does not show up, please call the emergency phone number **+593 999404534**

We will be waiting for you at the airport in Cuenca with a sign from Estudio Sampire and will take you to the accommodation you had previously chosen.

Arriving at Guayaquil

After getting off the plane, make your way to the immigration counters with your passport. Then, head to the designated baggage claim area to collect your luggage. If you have arranged for the Guayaquil-Cuenca transfer as part of your course, you can find the Wyndham's GardenHotel transfer service at the only exit from immigration. You'll have a reservation under your name. From there, you'll travel by land to Cuenca, with pick-up from the hotel and transfer to the bus station, where we will purchase your ticket. Your host family will be waiting for you at the bus station upon arrival.

Arrival at the School

You will receive basic information on the city and the family as well as a map of Cuenca. On Monday at 8:00 am you will take a placement exam. Our staff gives students invaluable assistance, making airline reservations and advising students on the various possibilities for travel in Ecuador.



Important information

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