





Welcome to our Induction Week—your perfect start to an unforgettable volunteering experience in Ecuador! Designed specifically for volunteers, this week gives you the chance to learn Spanish, dive into local adventures, and soak up the vibrant culture of Montañita, one of Ecuador's top surf spots. It's the ultimate way to gear up for your volunteer project while enjoying the laid-back vibe of this Pacific coast gem. Our program is all about equipping you with the skills and insights you need for a truly immersive experience in Ecuador. Get ready to embrace adventure, culture, and community!











MONTAÑITA, Ecuador Minimum 1 Weeks No Spanish Needed From beginner to Advanced

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ABOUT MONTAÑITA

it's a safe town, making it an ideal destination for all types of travelers.



The south coast of Ecuador is a fantastic destination with its long sandy beaches, charming fishing towns, and great surf spots. Montañita, in particular, is a surfer's dream come true, famous for its epic waves and lively nightlife. It's a top spot in Latin America for surfing tournaments and is part of the Santa Elena province. Montañita attracts a fun-loving crowd of all ages, with plenty of beachside bars, street food stalls, and fresh juice stands to explore.

The coastal climate is generally warm and dry, making it a great spot to visit year-round. The warmest weather is from December to April, with sunny days perfect for beach activities. From May to November, expect cooler temperatures and occasional rain showers, which can actually bring out the lush greenery and keep the crowds smaller.

WHAT IS INCLUDED



ORIENTATION MEETING (VIRTUAL)

LOCAL SUPPORT VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

ACCOMMODATION FOR 7 NIGHTS IN A HOSTEL - SHARED ROOM

20 HOUR CLASSES PER WEEK (STANDARD COURSE)

CLASS MATERIAL

5 SURF LESSONS

WHAT TO CONSI DER

- Arrival Airport: Guayaquil (GYE)
- Location: Montañita, Ecuador
- Classes Start: Mondays; you need to be in Montañita the Sunday before and ends on Saturday
- Available: All year, with the exception of the last week of December and first week of January
- Courses: Lessons are 20 hours a week.
- Hours a day: Classes are 4 hours per day, from Monday to Friday, except on public holidays, when the lessons for that day will be split into 1 hour extra on the other days.
- Level: You will take an entry test to determine your level
- Insurance: Travel/health insurance is highly recommended
- Weekly Budget: We recommend \$120 USD for meals and tours



WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED

- TRANSPORT TO MONTAÑITA
- PERSONAL EXPENSES
- MEALS NOT MENTIONED
- MEDICAL INSURANCE (MANDATORY TO CONFIRM THE RESERVATION).

A TYPICAL DAY LEARNING SPANISH

On Monday, you'll kick off the week by meeting your teacher and fellow students at the school, and dive into a fun and engaging learning experience. Each day from Monday to Friday, you'll enjoy 4 hours of Spanish classes paired with a surf lesson. Saturdays are your time to unwind, hit the waves, or explore at your own pace. By Sunday, you'll wrap up the program, fully prepared for your upcoming volunteer work and travel adventures.





WHAT TO DO IN FREE TIME



Montañita is a paradise for beach lovers, bursting with fun activities and exciting experiences, like:

Surfing: The top attraction in Montañita, offering world-class waves and a vibrant surf culture.

Yoga: There are a lot of yoga studios to practice & join classes

Isla de la Plata: Just two hours by boat from Montañita, this island, known as "The Poor Man's Galapagos,"

Diving and Snorkeling: The warm equatorial waters around Montañita are perfect for diving and snorkeling, offering encounters with vibrant fish and marine life.

Whale Watching: Between July and November, take a boat tour to see humpback whales as they migrate from Antarctica to Ecuador's warm waters to mate and give birth.

Beachfront Relaxation: Spend time lounging in hammocks, enjoying the sun, and taking in the stunning coastal views.

THE ACCOMMO DATION





You'll be staying at a fantastic and cozy hostel, perfectly located at 8 minutes walking distance from the school, with a friendly staff dedicated to making you feel right at home. This welcoming atmosphere is why so many guests return year after year. The hostel features open spaces, relaxing hammocks, and a refreshing pool to enjoy. Plus, you'll have free Wi-Fi to stay connected during your stay.

WHAT TO BRING

- A small backpack to carry around your personal belongings
- Comfortable clothing (shorts, T-shirts, shirts)
- Long sleeve shirts and t-shirts
- Quick drying trousers.
- A fleece/jumper for the evenings.
- Rain jacket.
- Towel.
- Hiking shoes for various activities
- A hat for sun protection
- Sunscreen with a minimum factor of 50
- A bathing suit for swimming & recommended is a UV shirt
- Sunglasses
- Insect repellent to keep bugs at bay
- Power converter for 110v sockets
- Travel documents (passport, copy of medical insurance, personal medication information)

Please remember to bring enough of your own medications for the entire duration of your stay in Baños. While pharmacies are available, having your personal prescriptions with you is essential.





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