



About us...

LEAD Adventures Ecuador was born as an offspring of one of the major and oldest outbound cultural exchange agencies in Ecuador. Since its creation in 2004 it has been extremely successful launching programs in Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands and establishing mutually beneficial partnerships abroad. Up to date we have successfully managed over 2,000 inbound participants individually and in-group programs. Our programs include: Conservation and Social Work, Sports Development, Internships, TEFL, Group Expeditions.





Welcome to Ecuador!!!

Ecuador is a country rich in natural resources, biodiversity, and culture. It has four unique natural regions: the Andes Mountains, the Pacific Coast, the Amazon Rainforest, and the Galapagos Islands.

Andes



Coast



Galapagos



Rainforest



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Volunteer Programs Marine Conservation



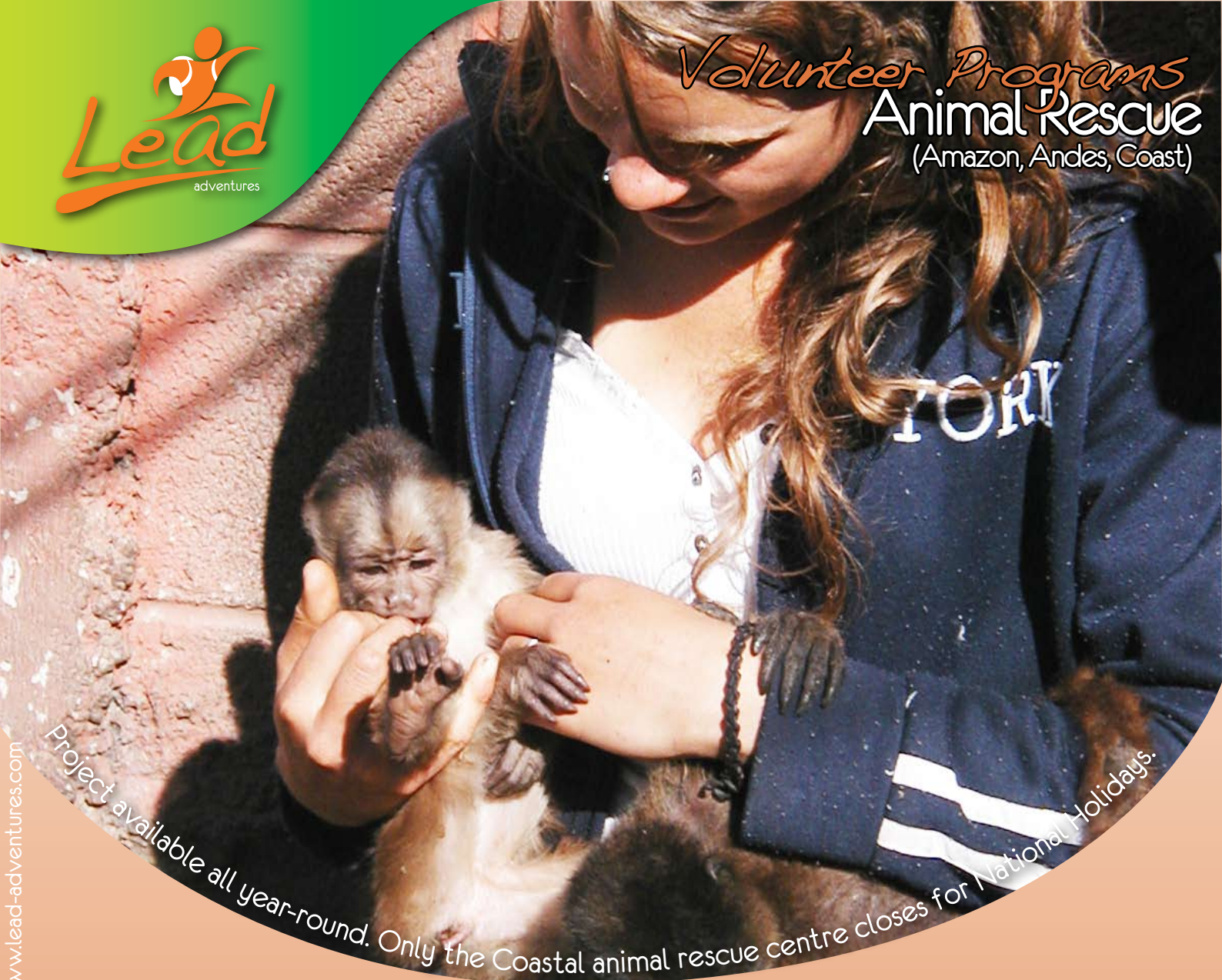
Project available all year-round.



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This program concentrates on Machalilla National Park and emphasizes conservation techniques for this ecosystem. Its location makes of it one of the most important marine environments in the Pacific. Volunteers research, conduct land and underwater investigations to protect this fragile environment and its endangered species. The research includes monitoring shark species, distribution of manta ray habitat, tagging sea turtles and others.





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Ecuador is a country with a mega diversity of flora and fauna. Illegal trade of exotic animals take place, putting their lives in danger. Animal rescue centres are places where animals that have been illegally kept in captivity and have suffered from abuse can rehabilitate and then be release to their natural habitats. Volunteers will work in the day-to-day care of the centre; this will include feeding the animals, building enclosures, working with the community and more.



Volunteer Programs Galapagos Conservation Program



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This project focuses on the care of the endangered Galapagos giant tortoise. Volunteers will aid with the maintenance of the giant tortoise habitat, feeding the tortoises at the centre and helping with investigations on the day-to-day planning of the project. This project is one of its kind and it contributes to the ecology of the Galapagos Islands.



Volunteer Programs

Sports: Football, Tennis and Golf



Project available all year-round. Summer availability might vary due to summer breaks.
Projects close for National Holidays.

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Lead offers a variety of sports options. Participants can train in the mornings at one of the biggest professional football teams in Quito called LIGA (current South American League Champion), while coaching in afternoons to children of marginalized areas. Tennis and golf academies in Quito are also two other choices. Participants train at the academies to improve their technical and physical skills through a program that includes various recreational methods. The academies are composed by a group of qualified teachers and are well-recognized organizations in Ecuador.





Volunteer Programs Social Program



Project available all year-round. It closes for National Holidays.

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Lead offers a variety of placements within social projects. Volunteers can work with children from marginalized areas, those who lack resources by helping them to obtain high-quality education. Participants interested in the medical field can help at the rehab centre by assisting a team of medical professionals and proving support in various areas such as: physical rehabilitation, medical treatment and exams, physical and language therapy and more. For those attracted by education, volunteers can teach at a school in the Galapagos Islands while enjoying the beautiful surroundings. We are currently setting up placements at projects sponsored by the United Nations Development Program in Ecuador.





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Lead offers placements in competent fields to those participants who want to be involved in our internship program and want to have a professional experience for their future careers. Our placements are work-related learning and enriching experiences that provide students with the tools necessary in their area of concentration. We work with various companies, NGOs, banks, and governmental institutions to provide the placement that will meet our participants' expectations. For those interested in paid teaching, participants are placed in English academy schools to implement teaching techniques that will help the students learn English as their second language. All placements are at educational institutions that focus only in the instruction and methods for learning and improving English verbal and writing skills.





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Lead offers customized trips and excursions for high schools, universities or groups. Customized itineraries for groups are created to fulfil the group's expectations and to meet their goals during their time in Ecuador. Type of trips: Service Learning (building and teaching), Adventure Travel, Conservation and Galapagos, Ecuador Experience (3 regions and Galapagos) and others on request.



Housite Ecuador is Lead's partner, it offers the perfect solution for finding accommodation for their participants during their stay in Ecuador.

Housitecuador.Com Corporate

Housite Ecuador offers the perfect solution for companies such as volunteering organizations, spanish schools, colleges and other businesses interested in finding accommodation for their participants during their stay in Ecuador. We provide a comprehensive booking interface through our website. Corporate customers can open a member account and get access to a booking interface that features special member prices. Corporate memberships are free!

Products:

- Host Families Quito
- Student/volunteer residence Galápagos Islands
- Student/volunteer residence Quito
- Housite Ecuador's Hostel (coming up soon!)

Special Prices - Free Membership

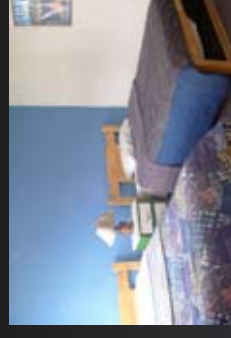
A free membership at housitecuador.com guarantees access to the most competitive prices in the industry.

Advantages - What Do You Get When You Use Our Services?

- User accounts for your guests to get access to a media pack that features free guides, maps, podcasts customized to each homestay and more.
- The most competitive cooperative rates.
- On-site specialized support for the participants.
- Trained families, as opposed to the average host family.
- Comprehensive on-line reservation system that makes bookings time and cost effective.

Featured Property- Housite Ecuador Student Residence Quito

Located only a couple blocks from Quito's main transportation system and about 5 km from the main tourist area. Housite Ecuador's residence offers you the best accommodation of its kind in Ecuador's capital, Quito.



This residence has operated for several years, providing an affordable type of accommodation for students and volunteers from around the world. It offers shared bedrooms, bathrooms with hot water, a common room, kitchen and a laundry room. The house is fully equipped and features amenities such as a swimming pool, TV room, internet desk and a game room.

Featured Property- Housite Ecuador Student Residence Galapagos

Located in the biggest island of the Galapagos archipelago, our house gives your company the option to accommodate your customers while they enjoy the different tours and activities that you might arrange for them. Tour leaders would stay for free! A short stroll to the beach and within walking distance to all services available in the island, our residence at Isabela is also perfect for guests that don't want to stay at a typical hotel and prefer to stay and network with people volunteering at the Island.

Independent travelers

Independent travelers can book host families using a typical hotel-like software interface. Bookings can be made in real time and a confirmation will be sent within 24 hours.

The Lead Adventures team is composed by experienced professionals who have been working in the tourism, volunteer and educational fields for many years. Their educational background and familiarity with services for international participants makes the LEAD team an excellent services provider. The LEAD group is divided in the management and support teams.

The Management Team

Enrique Torres - Business Development Director

Mr. Torres holds a BA in Economics with a concentration in Latin American studies from Denison University in Granville, OH, USA. Mr. Torres has had professional experience in Investment Banking (JP Morgan Chase New York, NY) and Management Consulting (BDO MC Stem Quito, Ecuador). He is in charge of developing business contacts and opportunities for LEAD at a national and international level. He coordinates all inbound programs.

Esteban Ludeña - Operation manager

Mr. Ludena has an Engineering Degree in Agro-Business from Universidad San Francisco de Quito, Ecuador. Mr. Ludena has worked in the field of tourism extensively, focusing in the Andes region of Ecuador. His work is dedicated to the daily communications with the volunteers, host families, providers and in general all the logistics of the programs.

Daniela Benitez - Program Coordinator

Mrs. Benitez has a BA in Psychology and Sociology from Alma College in Alma, MI and a Master Degree in Multicultural Education from the College in Mount Saint Vincent in New York, NY. Mrs. Benitez experience focuses on international students, study abroad programs, higher education and student affairs. Her role in LEAD is creating new programs that will appeal to the volunteer population.

The Support Team

Luis Calero - Accomodation Coordinator

Luis Calero holds a degree in Administration at Católica University in Quito specialized in marketing. He obtained an English degree at Boston University and worked as a manager of a tourism business for two years in Boston, MA. Based in Quito but with in-depth knowledge of all of Ecuador he currently coordinates all of the housing arrangements for Lead-Adventures. Luis Calero is the joint-director of Housite Ecuador which provides accommodation for corporate businesses and independent travelers.

William Encalada - Health, Emergency and Back Up Coordinator

William Encalada is in charge of the International Development area in Pervolare, an international company which mission is to provide innovative solutions and products for travelers. Pervolare offers international medical assistance, emergency back up services, seminars focusing on international education, accommodation overseas, traveling guides and other services.

Luis Mena - Language and Academic Advisor

Luis Mena did a BA in Spanish and Literature at Universidad Central del Ecuador and also holds a Masters degree in Spanish as a Second Language. He has broad experience as a Sapanish language professor. Luis Mena is Currently the Academic and Administrative Director of our partner Spanish School, a highly recognized institution in Quito.



LEAD is actively looking for new agents to be our partners and part of our success. Feel free to contact us to share your ideas and get more information about our work.

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