

2023 ECCC Ecuador Adventure Trip

Partnering with the Evangelical Covenant church of Ecuador and
with the Santiago Partnership.

Fly into Quito Ecuador

Dates

Friday November 3rd to Monday November 13th

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Information on our ECCC web site <https://www.covchurch.ca/ecuador>

For Who: EVEERYONE...young ...seasoned...children...families...just come! If you are under 18...you need to come with an adult.

Where?

Fly into Quito – eventually, then together we drive approx. an hour to Cayembe where we will stay for the week and spend time working at the Casa Hagar(home for at Risk children) and Also, we will be working in the San Antonio De La Patcha area (45 min drive from our hostel in Cayembe)

Price:

Cost of Flight? from your home city \$1500-2000 or more

Merge Fees: \$600-900 **Canadian** per person. This is per person per week and includes the Merge basic fee, Merge staff, interpreters, guides, construction supervisors, food, water, training, trip set-up, transportation, and incidentals.

We are also asked to donate towards the construction fees – which is an extra 200.00 per person for the week. This can be fundraised on your own as it goes towards the constitution in the church!

This number will be finalized in August when we have a final number of people.

Merge is a Covenant Mission organization that does just that , organizes the trips and handles it all!

Total of approx. \$2600 – \$3200 per person

Extra cash brought for the shopping at the market day/ or extra things that can come up : \$100-500 (really depends on you)

- we also bring 12 or more each... little Canadian gifts to hand out to our translators and people that we are with during the week as a thank you...I head out just before July 1st dollar store and buy all kinds of fun keychains...hats...pencils...

Accommodations – A beautiful house that has been opened as a hostel for us to call home. Pastor Jose and his family host individuals who come to Cayembe to work along side the Santiago partnership. This



home/hostel has been made into an amazing comfortable space where you share a room with 1 up to 3 people, with your own bathroom facilities. Our breakfast and suppers are usually shared there and our lunches many times are off the site, and we are hosted by the churches we serve.

What can you expect?

- we fly in from all across Canada – meeting up in Quito on the Friday November 3rd
- Saturday and Sunday usually involve a bit of sightseeing and getting to know the team members. We may spend the time in Quito Saturday then head out to Cayambe Saturday night.
- Sunday we usually spend time in our San Antonio church./sharing our stories and joining in with them during their worship service, after the service we spend lunch and time with them.
- We stay at Pastor Jose Hostel, we eat amazing Ecuadorian food – rice, chicken, lots of cream soups, fresh fruit...coffee...if you have dietary restrictions just let me know and we will see how we can accommodate.
- The weather is beautiful and warm during the day, cool at night, cool enough for a light sweater.
- We bring work clothing as we may need to mix cement...move bricks...tie rebar...and also clothing to have fun with 100's of kids during VBS
- We bring comfy shoes too!! And also, some clothing that is ok for church – long skirts for woman...nicer pants for men...no shorts...usually we don't bring shorts or tank tops...
- Bring a hat, water bottle, work gloves...
- **Schedule for Monday to Friday** - Mornings will be construction of some sort – then in the afternoon will be VBS program. We all work together in all these areas. We also make room to come prepared to share our testimonies, serve in worship service, spend time in a small group setting sharing a devotion, do a craft with the ladies of a church...maybe do some home visits, we may help at the medical clinic...lots of possible things we MAY be doing...)
- Evenings can include sightseeing places near, preparing for the next day and down time.
- One of the days we spend in the market - shopping we may go to 3 shopping places...maybe one...
- Then we end the weekend with some sightseeing and another worship service at the Covenant church.
- We start to head home late Sunday/early Monday

REMEMBER....this is just a small glimpse of what can happen during our week...things change...please come with an open mind and heart.

Other info...

- We organize and bring all supplies with us...so one suitcase is ours...the other supplies...
- As the team develops ...we develop a VBS team, and all participate in getting it organized and work together.
- The construction is overseen by the person in charge of the project at the home, and we follow their lead.

The biggest thing to remember is to be F.A.T. – Flexible, approachable, and teachable...things will change...we can plan it all...and it all changes!! That is the exciting part of these adventures, it truly is an adventure!!!

I invite you to pray about you joining me and if you have any questions...just give me a call!!

Deadline to apply:

August 1st – Fill in the application online and send a deposit through our website on
<https://www.covchurch.ca/ecuador>

First Zoom meeting.

August 13th!

Buy tickets between August and Sept...(being mindful we all need to get there and leave close to the same time)

Sept 3 – Zoom – planning of the VBS and questions...

Oct 1 – Zoom – Finalizing any details.

Oct – 29 – zoom – last min details...

See you November 3rd! In Ecuador!!!