## **Country Profile: Ecuador**

Ecuador is a Spanish-speaking country about the size of Colorado.It has a developing economy and a democratically elected government. Ecuador is geographically and ethnically diverse. In general, tourist facilities are adequate but vary in quality. Ecuador adopted the U.S. dollar in 2000.Both U.S. coins and Ecuadorian coins, which are equivalent to the value of the U.S.coins, are used.Read the Department of State <a href="Background Notes">Background Notes</a> on Ecuador for additional information

## **COUNTRY OVERVIEW**

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Country Name:	Ecuador
Continent:	South America
Capital City:	Quito
Boundary Countries:	Columbia, Peru
Recommended Hospitals in Capital:	Cuenca: Clinica Hospital Santa Ines Quito: Hospital Metropolitano, Centro Medico Quirurgico Pinchincha Ambato: Hospital Millenium Cuenca: -Hospital Universitario Del Rio Guayaquil: Hospital Alcivar, Servi Medic Quito: Hospital de Clinicas Pinchincha, Hospital Vozandes Riobamba: Hospital San Juan
Main Cities:	Quito, Riobamba, Manta, Ibarra, Esmeraldas, Quevedo, Ambato, Cuenca, Guayaquil, Machala, Puerto Bolívar, Loja, Portoviejo, La Libertad, Nueva Loja, Santo Domingo de los Colorados
Country Size:	283,560 sq km, note: includes Galapagos Islands
Population:	13,755,680

## **COUNTRY GENERAL INFORMATION**

Language:	Spanish (official), American Languages (especiallt Quechua)
Currency:	US dollar (USD)
Predominant Religions:	Roman Catholic 95%, other 5%
National Holidays:	Independence Day (independence of Quito), 10 August (1809)
Economic Status:	Ecuador has substantial petroleum resources, which have accounted for 40% of the country's export earnings and one-third of central government budget revenues in recent years. Consequently, fluctuations in world market prices can have a substantial domestic impact.
Security:	Army, Navy (includes Naval Infantry, Naval Aviation, Coast Guard), Air Force (Fuerza Aerea Ecuatoriana, FAE)

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Major Airports: Airports: 3951, Airports w/paved runways: 98

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