

## FAQ YAM: Ecuador

### **How soon do I need to get my passport?**

- The passport process can take up to 10 weeks. Visit: [http://www.travel.state.gov/passport/forms\\_847.html](http://www.travel.state.gov/passport/forms_847.html) for more information on that process.

### **What vaccines do I need?**

- You will need to have a current Tetanus, Hepatitis A and B, and Yellow Fever.

### **What is Ecuador's Time Zone?**

- Ecuador is in the central time zone, but they do not participate in daylight savings. The sun rises at 6:30 am and sets at 6:30 pm.

### **What is the weather like?**

- The weather is the same everyday: 55 degrees Fahrenheit in the morning and evening, and 80 degrees Fahrenheit during the day. There are two seasons: wet and dry. (A suggested packing list will be sent out as we get closer to the trip.)

### **What luggage should I bring?**

- International travel allows two checked bags less than 50 lbs, without charge, and a carry-on. Bridging Cultures suggests that each traveler brings one suitcase, under the 50 lbs, and a backpack. Most people carry their backpack with them throughout the trip. Make sure that you leave enough room to pack your souvenirs.

### **What is traveling going to look like?**

- Traveling will take about a day, there and back. Total flight time will be around 7-8 hours depending on the departing airport. International flights require that travelers go through customs; this can be a lengthy process. You will go through customs when you enter Ecuador and when you arrive back to the States.

### **What kind of money should I bring?**

- Ecuador uses US currency, but does not take any bill larger than \$20. Everything, Transportation, meals in Ecuador, housing, supplies, bottled water, etc., will be covered in the cost of the trip. The traveler will be responsible for their food in the airports, drinks during your meal that are not water, and souvenirs.

### **Are there any sicknesses that I should watch out for?**

- Most people don't get sick while they are there. If you do get sick, the most popular sicknesses are: Altitude Sicknesses, Dehydration and Sunburn, and Intestinal Bug.

### **What can I bring on the plane?**

- Visit: <https://www.tsa.gov/traveler-information/can-i-bring-my> to learn what you can and cannot take.

### **What are the payment plans?**

- A \$200 deposit is due by November 15, 2015. From there, there will be three additional payment deadlines before the trip. \$500 will be due on December 15, 2015, February 15, 2016, and the last one on April 15, 2016. If you are joining our trip after October 15, please contact the director (information found on the flyer.) For payments visit: <http://www.welcometothetable.us/giving.html> click on Make a Donation and in the designation spot put "Ecuador: YOUR NAME" this is the only way that we can confirm that you have paid. If you, churches, or donors mailing a check, make checks payable to: Bridging Culture, Inc. with "Ecuador: YOUR NAME" on the memo line and can be sent to Central Christian Church in Weatherford, TX (refer to the website used in the giving section for an address.)