

GEOGRAPHY AND ETHNOECOLOGY OF LATIN AMERICA: STUDY ABROAD

MAYMESTER FIELD STUDY IN ECUADOR

MAY 11 – JUNE 3, 2006

Activities:

Learn about mountain geography and the ecology of Andean landscapes, including the rich biodiversity of tropical environments as well as the rich culture exhibited by the indigenous people and the general society of a vibrant developing country; meet with local experts and indigenous leaders to learn about their lives and their struggles; attend cultural events; visit archeological sites and learn about the rich history of the area and how it has influenced regional culture today.

Costs: Program Fee - \$3200.00 Includes lodging, 3 meals/day, tour transportation, guides, fees
UGA Tuition – Per Hour. (Hope scholarship applies)
Airfare – roundtrip to Quito (Not included in the Program Fee)
Incidentals – personal expenses and tips (As needed)

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Payment Schedule: *Refund information available on application*

Payment 1: \$500 due with application, March 17, 2006
Payment 2: \$1200 due no later than March 27, 2006
Payment 3: \$1500 due no later than April 27, 2006

Courses: GEOG 4290/6290 Geography and Ethnoecology of the Neotropics (currently listed as Neotropical Mountain Geoecology)

Orientation: There will be 1 mandatory orientation class on Friday, April 21st, 2006: 3:30pm

Lodging: We will use different types of lodging options, including Hostal La Carolina in Quito, la Casa Andina in Otavalo, Hostal Cumanda in Baeza, Hostal La Selva in Puyo, Hostal El Trapiche in Baños, and Hotel Inca Imperial in Cuenca. Rooms have varied occupancy typically 2 persons per room. We will have three meals each day; Breakfast beginning at 7:30 am, Lunch around 2:00 pm and Supper around 8:00 pm. Meals are included in your program fee.

Planned Activities: Visit to archeological sites, visit to museums, laboratories and galleries, visit to Indian markets, visit to Shaman and sacred sites, visit to snow-pack volcanoes, national parks, ethnobotanical reserves; visit to artisan workshops, Inka ruins around Andean towns, the great Inka road segment in Ingapirca, visit to colonial towns (both Cuenca and Quito are listed by UNESCO as World Cultural Heritage Sites). Meet with local experts on biodiversity conservation and sustainable development, and Andean scholars working with topics of current concern and relevance that will be with us as evening speakers.

AND MUCH, MUCH MORE!!

Optional Activities: Ecuadorian cuisine class using ethnobotanical species. Medicinal use of local flora and fauna, and treatment of illness by traditional ecological knowledge holders. Papallacta's geothermal bath to purify mind, body and spirit in a mountain setting

Visit the Website <http://www.ggv.uga.edu/studyabroad>.

Applications Due March 17, 2006

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