



Eco-Citizenship in Ecuador's Amazon Basin

Pack your bags for a meaningful Service Learning Experience in Ecuador!



When? July 2022
Led by: Bev Foote

Our meeting will cover



Why travel is
important



Our tour



Our educational
partner

Why travel is important



Why travel?

- My travel story
- Helps develop a global perspective
- Prepares students to stand out on post-secondary applications and in future careers
- Sparks a sense of confidence



Service with We Believe



- EF partners with We Believe to offer sustainable and immersive volunteer based travel opportunities
- On an EF Service Learning Tour you'll work alongside We Believe, on their holistic and sustainable development model to break the barriers to education for rural communities
- Field Directors will meet you at the airport and facilitate the remainder of your tour



A group of approximately ten people, including a man in a white polo shirt and khaki pants who appears to be the tour guide, are gathered in a long, brightly lit hallway of a classical building. The hallway is lined with tall, fluted stone columns on both sides. The group is looking towards the right side of the frame. One woman in a teal shirt is taking a photo with her smartphone. The scene is captured in a cinematic style with soft lighting. The text "Our Tour" is overlaid in the center of the image.

Our Tour

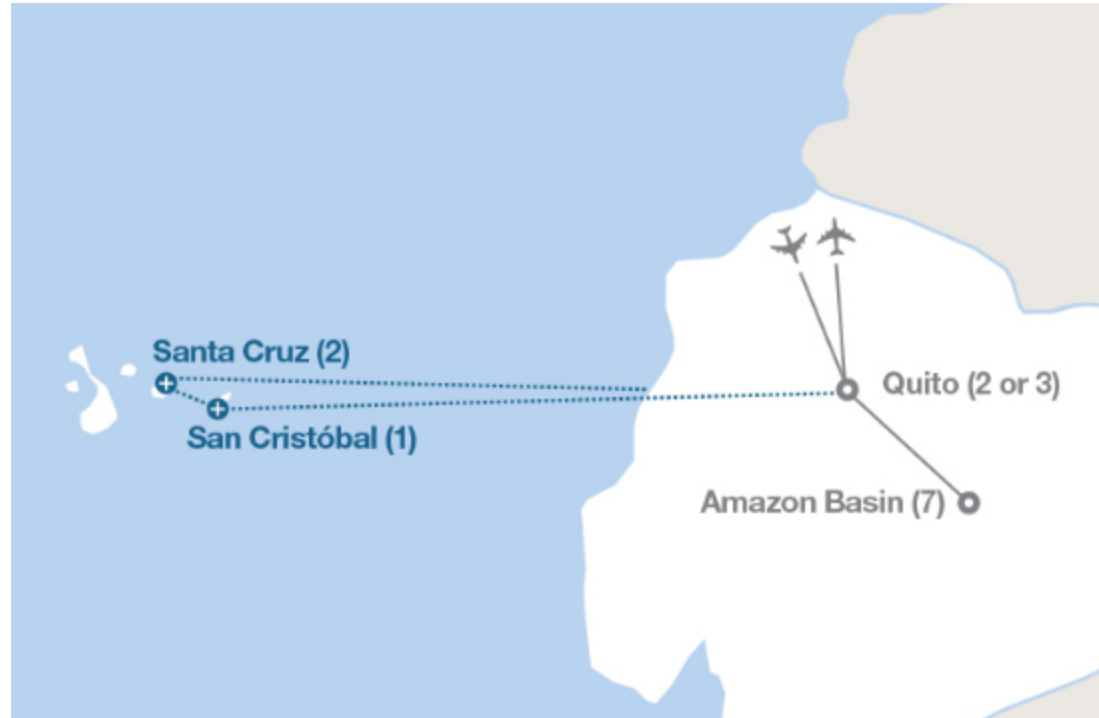
Itinerary:

Departure Date:

July 2022

Official date TBA in January of 2021

- Day 1:
 - Arrive in Quito
- Day 2:
 - Quito
- Days 3 - 8:
 - Transfer to the Amazon Basin
- Day 9:
 - Amazon Basin • Quito
- Day 10:
 - Depart for home



Type of Service



The mission of service in Ecuador's Amazon Community involves construction and maintenance of educational or community spaces like a school, library or clean water system; activities may range from digging trenches to mixing cement to painting walls to planting a school garden to helping to harvest crops at the Agricultural Farm

To ensure that our service is relevant to the needs of the community, we will learn more about the specifics of our mandate, closer to the departure date.

Daily Schedule

LOCAL INSIGHT AND SUPPORT

Your Field Director deepens your connection to the land, people, and culture. With local perspective on community challenges and skilled training in service leadership, they'll provide insight and global context, as they:

- Lead skill-building workshops and meaningful group reflections
- Connect you with local non-profits and nearby villages
- Facilitate group orientation and safety training
- Handle all on-tour details, from meals to transportation



A local cacao farmer demonstrates to students how chocolate is made



Morning: Meaningful Service on projects that matter

Afternoon: Cultural activities, learning with locals

Evening: Reflection and team building, facilitated by We Believe staff

Daily Schedule

MEANINGFUL SERVICE

Working side by side with locals, you'll gain insight into the challenges they face and build lasting solutions to help empower the community.

Projects include:

- Building and restoring projects in school communities so local students have a safe place to learn
- Constructing public hand-washing stations and latrines to improve sanitation
- Planting medicinal gardens to support the health and wellness of the community

CULTURAL IMMERSION

Live near the communities you serve—celebrating customs and forming lasting connections with locals.

Activities include:

- Playing soccer games with local kids
- Discussing chocolate production at a nearby cacao plantation
- Learning Spanish and practising with locals
- Visiting a shaman, a local healer who uses natural remedies to improve the health of community members

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Your Field Director takes your global service experience even further, developing and strengthening leadership skills through activities and workshops.

Exercises include:

- Investigating global issues, exploring social issues, and building leadership skills in expert-led workshops
- Contextualizing the day's events through thoughtful discussion and group dialogue
- Reflective journaling to deepen the service experience

Tour highlights



Leadership Activities, Social Justice
discussion and/or reflection led by We
Believe staff

Tour highlights

Visit Intinan Museum



Tour highlights



Visit to local women's artisan group

Tour highlights

Visit to a cacao farm
and learn how
chocolate is made



Meals

- Breakfast typically includes cereal, bread, juice, coffee and tea.
- Lunch and dinner is provided and is a nutritious balance of familiar dishes and local favorites
- Drinking water will be available at all times
- Inform us of any allergies.



Accommodations & Rooming



Amazon Service Site

- Clean, comfortable accommodations.
- Most accommodations will not have air conditioning or elevators.
- You will share a room with 2-8 people.

Spending money

- Don't bring Traveler's Cheques, which can be difficult to cash.
- Notify your Bank Or Credit Card Company that you'll be abroad.
- \$150-200 USD is plenty
- **USD is the local currency**
- **All meals and tips are included**



"I would go again a hundred times over. This trip changed me. It's weird to say that in only a short time I found myself, who I want to become and where I want to go."

HANNAH JANE K., STUDENT

Tools to travel with



EF BACKPACK

Great to use as a carry-on bag or for use during the day.

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER

WRISTBAND

For all travelers to wear on tour; includes EF's emergency phone number. (Only dial this number in the event of an emergency.)

EMERGENCY CALLING CARD

Your go-to for information about how to reach the local equivalent of 911 while abroad.

EF FIELD JOURNAL

Capture what happens on tour with your Field Journal



A world of support

EF Emergency Service Team numbers

From North America: **1-800-263-2806** While abroad: **001-416-927-1911**



Stay tuned for more details to come on our exciting adventure!
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The purpose of life is to live it, to taste it, to experience to the utmost, to reach out eagerly and without fear for newer and richer experience.

ELEANOR ROOSEVELT