



**LA LENGUA**  
**Spanish School and Tours**  
Integrating Culture and Tourism since 1994

**Study with us one hour, one week, one month or one year**

### **The school**

La Lengua is a friendly and familiar language school located in the heart of Quito, Ecuador.

Established in 1994, the school offers all levels of the Spanish language. One student – one teacher is our secret to your success. From beginner to the advanced level, our individually tailored classes increase your knowledge of the Spanish language. All our teachers are helpful and have a university degree in teaching Spanish to foreign people. Our approach to teaching Spanish goes beyond the classroom and includes optional trips to Mitad del Mundo (Middle of the World), walking tours in Quito Colonial and visits to indigenous markets with your teacher. We also provide weekend excursions to offer you real-life practice and a first-hand experience of the Ecuadorian culture.



### **The country and its inhabitants**

Ecuador is a beautiful country with a wide variety of landscapes. From the sierra to the jungle over the coast and the Galapagos Islands, there is so much to discover. The inhabitants are very friendly and helpful and will give you a warm welcome here. It is a fact that people in this country speak a very clear and slow Spanish so that you can follow the locals after only a short time at school. We invite you to come and see this beautiful country and meet its inhabitants.

### **Our Program**

La Lengua offers you Spanish classes at different places so that you can enjoy all of this beautiful country. It's your choice where you will learn your Spanish and how many weeks you will stay at one or different places.

### **Quito**

Ecuador's capital city at an altitude of 2.800 m./9.200 feet above sea level (2nd highest capital in Latin America) is in the heart of the Andes. The school is located in downtown Quito, close to restaurants, bars, internet facilities and about a 20 minute walk to the old centre of Quito which is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Quito is a good base to discover the country (snow-capped volcanoes, crater lakes, volcanic thermal springs, Inca ruins and cloud forest) or even the continent.



### **Puerto López (Coast)**

Located in the southwest of the country, Puerto López is a pleasant little fishing town set in a horseshoe bay. The town and the beach are parts of the Machalilla National Park (in which you can discover 3 different kind of forest: dry, humid and rainforest) and offer incredible natural and cultural excursions such as Isla de la Plata, Agua Blanca, Los Frailes and whale watching (from June to September).



### **Yarina Lodge, Coca (Jungle)**

Right in the Amazon Jungle, Yarina Lodge is one hour canoe ride on the Napo river away from the town of Coca. It's a perfect base to discover the mysteries virgin rainforest with its incredibly diversity of flora and fauna. Besides learning Spanish, the local guide will teach you about the various uses of the numerous tropical and medicinal plants as well as provides you a unique cultural experience.



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#### **Otavallo (Sierra)**

About 2 hours north of Quito, Otavallo is the most renowned indigenous town famous for its outstanding indigenous handcrafts markets with textiles, jewelry and leather goods. Here you can experience Ecuadorian culture at its best while also enjoying the breathtaking natural scenery.



#### **Sendero del Jaguar, Puerto Quito (Coastal rainforest)**

This is a tropical place northwest of Quito, along the road to the beach, known for the unique flavours of the organic-grown fruits and its natural surrounding with rivers and amazing waterfalls.



#### **Baños de Agua Santa**

This lovely town is situated about 3 hours south of Quito, in a nice valley of waterfalls and hot springs near the volcano Tungurahua. It's a relaxing place which offers a lot of outdoor activities and is one of the most popular tourist destinations.



### **SPECIAL PROGRAMS**

#### **4 weeks course**

La Lengua offers a very interesting four weeks Spanish course in Quito, Baños, Yarina Lodge (jungle) and Puerto López (coast). You will stay in each place about one week and there are several excursions apart from learning Spanish so that you can enjoy most of Ecuador, its nature and its culture in just a short time. The program includes private Spanish lessons, excursions, salsa classes, several meals and bus fares. For further information ask for our special leaflet with all the details you need.

#### **2 weeks Spanish for travelers**

La Lengua offers a 2 weeks course for those who only need Spanish for a future travel. This course will help you to handle everyday situations like travel agencies, hostals, restaurants, museums, markets or excursions. In only 40 hours of private classes you will pick up enough words to manage your trip in Latin America much better.

#### **Program for medical students and professionals**

La Lengua offers a special course for medical students and professionals who work as volunteer in hospitals or medical centers in Quito. You will learn the medical vocabulary within Spanish classes, which is needed at work and in daily situations in hospitals.

#### **Our schedule**

La Lengua offers courses from Monday to Friday, 08:30 to 18:00 (optional on weekends), according to your needs, interests and time availability. Our students have the possibility to take between 20 to 35 hours one-to-one tuition per week.

Group classes include 20 hours of lessons per week from **8:30am to 12:30** and can be combined with one or two private lessons (one-to-one) in the afternoon from **1:30pm to 2:30pm** or from **1:30pm to 3:30pm**. Each lesson lasts 55 minutes. On the first day of class we will determine your language level through a free placement test.



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### **Group classes**

Our Spanish group classes take place daily from Monday to Friday in small groups of maximum 5 participants. Additional one-to-one tuition offers you to work on your areas of weakness and/or focus on your specific objectives as well as to learn specific vocabulary.

### **Homestay with a local family**

We highly recommend you to stay with an Ecuadorian host family while you are studying at LA LENGUA. This will enrich your experience abroad and improve your Spanish conversation skills a lot. Our host families have been carefully selected and have worked with us for many years. Most of them live close to the school in a walking distance of about 5 to 30 minutes. The families have experience sharing their homes and lives with foreign students. You will get a private room and up to two meals a day. Any special requests such as non smoking, vegetarian and other restrictions are not a problem; just let us know your needs.

### **Volunteer work**

We can assist you to find a volunteer work while you're staying here. We have contact with non-profit organizations. Some of them are in the city, others work in the countryside. It's an excellent opportunity to get to know the people of this country better, to practice the language and understand the culture.

### **Galapagos Islands**

We also offer trips to the Galapagos Islands. For further information about dates, prices, categories of boats etc. please contact us.

### **Airport pick up**

As a service to our students, we offer an airport pick up to take you to your family or to your hostel. Just let us know the date, time and flight number of your arrival and we'll be there to meet you.

### **Costs**

Private lessons (one to one)	US\$	7,50 per hour
Group lessons (max. 5 persons)	US\$	6,50 per hour
Private lessons at your home	US\$	12 per hour
Special program (4 weeks)	US\$	1995,-

### **Homestay**

Private room with two daily meals	US\$	17 per day
Private room with breakfast	US\$	15 per day
Private room without meals	US\$	10 per day
Airport pick up	US\$	20



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**Other information/assistance**

If you require any further information about the school, the country, volunteer work or assistance for your visa, review of contracts etc. please let us know (the school has it's own lawyer).

We gladly help you to have a great experience abroad.

**Important:**

**To enter Ecuador, the migration allows foreigners to stay up to 90 days, which cannot be extended; therefore, if you plan to stay for a longer period, you will need to apply for a visa at the Ecuadorian Embassy or Consulate.**

Yours faithfully

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Director

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