



YANAPUMA SPANISH SCHOOL

... Study and Travel



Program: Ruta del Sol

This "Study and Travel" program explores the central part of the Pacific coast of Ecuador, often called the "Ruta del Sol." The province of Manabí boasts many fine beaches, small fishing villages, and the Machalilla National Park, a dry forest reserve that stretches from the steep hills inland down to the sea.

The program is centered on the tranquil beach-side town of Puerto Lopez. Set in a beautiful bay, this laid-back fishing port is an ideal place to relax, enjoy seafood and the beach-side fresh juice bars. The week includes day trips to Agua Blanca, inside the national park, with its archeological site, museum, sulphur springs, and hikes through dry forest, as well as an excursion to Los Frailes beach, one of the most beautiful and well-preserved beaches in the world.

The museum and beach of the small village of Salango is another excursion included in the program, along with an excursion to the Santuario de Olón, set on a cliff top overlooking the ocean.

The program includes 5 nights of accommodation in a room with private bathroom with breakfast and dinner included. Students can take lunch where they fancy in any of many local restaurants.

From July to September humpback whales migrate along the coast and there are whale-watching boat trips from Puerto Lopez.

Optional activities once classes finish on Friday are visits to:

- Salango Island: for snorkeling, picnic and exploration
- Isla de la Plata: (known as the Poor Man's Galapagos) to see some of the same species as live on the Galapagos, snorkeling and picnic
- Montañita: the local party and surfer seaside town
- Bola de Oro: to explore the ecology of dry forest and rainforest right next to each other
- Continue traveling south on the Ruta del Sol to Guayaquil



Itinerary

Departure on Sunday night from Quito at 8:00 pm to Puerto Lopez

Monday

Breakfast at the hotel followed by Spanish classes. In the afternoon an excursion to Agua Blanca village, archaeological site, sulphur lagoon and dry forest.

Tuesday

Spanish classes in the morning followed by an excursion to Los Frailes beach in Machalilla National Park.

Wednesday

Spanish classes in the morning, followed by a visit to Salango village with its museum and beach.

Thursday

Spanish classes after breakfast. After lunch a visit to the Santuario de Olón.

Friday

Spanish class after breakfast. After lunch, walk to the look out point in Puerto Lopez. Program ends in the afternoon.

NOTE- Activities may take place in the morning on some days depending on the season and the weather patterns, and activities may change due to local conditions.

Notes:

The program includes:

- Mix of formal and informal classes (Spanish Immersion) according to daily activity
- All transport during the week
- 5 nights accommodation including breakfast and evening meal.
- Entry to Machalilla National Park (Agua Blanca and Los Frailes)

Not Included:

- Transport to Puerto Lopez (\$12 by bus) or by air to Guayaquil or Manta (\$70-120)
- Lunch (from about \$3 upwards)
- Drinks
- Personal spending or additional activities not included in the program above

What to bring:

- Insect repellent
- Sunscreen
- Sunglasses
- Bathing suit
- Light clothing

Ruta del Sol Cost:

1 Student : 1 Teacher \$486.00

2 Students : 1 Teacher \$437.00