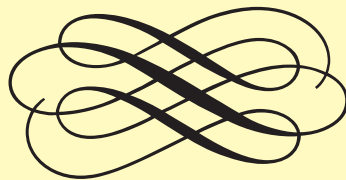


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## Architects/builders

### Quito

- **Fausto Acosta** works with the firm Barro Viejo. Contact him for information about “earth homes.” Though these architects do beautiful work, they speak little English. *Tel.* +593 (2) 37-4258.

### Cuenca

- **Pedro Espinosa Abad**, *Aljandro Vega y Alberto Palacios esquina, frente al Parque al lado del hospital Monte Sinai*; *tel.* +593 (7) 409-0692, or +593 (9) 981-5043; *e-mail:* [surrealestudio@hotmail.com](mailto:surrealestudio@hotmail.com).
- **Architects/Interior Designers:** Alan Stiles, architect, and Elinor Williams, interior designer. Custom interiors blending modern design with classic indigenous design and artifacts. *Tel.* +593 (7) 284-3345; *e-mail:* [helloelinor@gmail.com](mailto:helloelinor@gmail.com).

## Attorneys

### Quito

- **Dra. Gabriela Espinosa**, *tel.* +593 (9) 164-5924 or +593 (2) 290-2838; *e-mail:* [gabyespinosa10@hotmail.com](mailto:gabyespinosa10@hotmail.com). Gabriela specializes in helping foreigners with immigration issues and comes highly recommended by *IL* readers.
- **Dr. Roberto Moreno**, Moreno di Donato Law Firm, *Avenida M3 y Calle 24, Edif. Fortaleza oficina 3*; *tel.* +593 (5) 261-3764 (Manta) or +593 (2) 227-7727 (Quito); *e-mail:* [roberto@morenodidonato.com](mailto:roberto@morenodidonato.com); *website:* [www.morenodidonato.com](http://www.morenodidonato.com). Provides immigration and real estate services in Manta and Quito.

### Cuenca

- **Dra. Andrea Jaramillo**, *tel.* +593 (8) 716-6092; *e-mail:* [andrajaramil64@hotmail.com](mailto:andrajaramil64@hotmail.com). Offers full visa and real estate services. Also, is one of a handful of attorneys in Ecuador who handles civil unions.
- **Dr. Francisco Astudillo**, *Acrópolis Building, Av. José Peralta and Av. 12 de Abril, Cuenca*; *tel.* +593 (7) 288-3770; *e-mail:* [fastudillo@coloasutro.net](mailto:fastudillo@coloasutro.net). Extremely knowledgeable on immigration and visa matters.
- **Dra. Grace Velastegui** and Dr. Nelson Idrovo, *tel.* +593 (7) 284-2225; *cell:* +593 (9) 611-0451; *e-mail:* [gracevelastegui@yahoo.com](mailto:gracevelastegui@yahoo.com). Husband and wife team are specialists in immigration and importation issues.

## Manta

- **Dr. Roberto Moreno**, Moreno di Donato Law Firm, *Avenida M3 y Calle 24, Edif. Fortaleza oficina 3*; tel. +593 (5) 261-3764 (Manta) or +593 (2) 227-7727 (Quito); e-mail: [roberto@morenodidonato.com](mailto:roberto@morenodidonato.com); website: [www.morenodidonato.com](http://www.morenodidonato.com). Provides immigration and real estate services in Manta and Quito.

## Loja

- **Dr. Guillermo Poma**, *Colon 15-39 y 18 de Noviembre* (two doors down from the post office), Loja; tel. +593 (9) 430-3097. Offers real estate services.

## Guayaquil

- **Elena Arias**, tel. +593 (4) 283-0767 or +593 (9) 229-0815; e-mail: [elena.portes@amrop-ecuador.com](mailto:elena.portes@amrop-ecuador.com). Elena is a legal assistant based in Guayaquil who can help with property closings in Guayaquil and along the South Coast.

## Business and investment resources

- **BDO Stern International** (Rolf Stern, President), *Amazonas Avenue N21-252 and Carrión Street Londres building, 5th floor, Quito*; tel. +593 (2) 254-4024; fax +593 (2) 250-4477; e-mail: [rstern@bdostern.com](mailto:rstern@bdostern.com); website: [www.bdo.ec](http://www.bdo.ec).
- **Corporacion de Promocion de Exportaciones e Inversiones (CORPEI)** the export promotion bureau in Quito, *Av. Amazonas # 4430, y Villalengua Edf. Amazonas Piso 8, Quito*; tel. +593 (2) 246-0606; website: [www.corpei.org](http://www.corpei.org).
- **Ecuador Ministry of Tourism**, *Ministerio de Turismo del Ecuador Eloy Alfaro N32-300 y Carlos Tobar, 2do. Piso, Quito*; tel. +593 (2) 399-9333; e-mail: [www.turismo.gob.ec](http://www.turismo.gob.ec).
- **Ecuadorian-American Chamber of Commerce of Greater Miami**, *3403 NW 82nd Avenue, Doral, Florida 33122*; tel. (305) 539-0800; fax (305) 591-0010; e-mail: [ecuacham@bellsouth.net](mailto:ecuacham@bellsouth.net); website: [www.ecuachamber.com](http://www.ecuachamber.com).
- **Ecuadorian-American Chamber of Commerce in Quito**, *Av. 6 de Diciembre y la Niña Edificio Multicentro, piso 4, Quito*; tel. +593 (2) 250-7450; e-mail: [info@ecamcham.com](mailto:info@ecamcham.com); website: [www.ecamcham.com](http://www.ecamcham.com).
- **The Oxford Club**, (*International Living's* sister organization), e-mail: [oxford@oxfordclub.com](mailto:oxford@oxfordclub.com); website: [www.oxfordclub.com](http://www.oxfordclub.com).
- **U.S. Customs Service**, website: [www.cbp.gov](http://www.cbp.gov).

## Ecuador news

- **Miami Herald International Edition, Ecuador** (in English), *website:* [www.hoy.com.ec/category/1852/miami-herald](http://www.hoy.com.ec/category/1852/miami-herald).
- **Cuenca High Life**, *website:* [www.cuencahighlife.com](http://www.cuencahighlife.com).
- **El Comercio** (Quito), *website:* [www.elcomercio.com](http://www.elcomercio.com).
- **El Mercurio** (Cuenca), *website:* [www.elmercurio.com.ec](http://www.elmercurio.com.ec).
- **El Universo** (Guayaquil), *website:* [www.eluniverso.com](http://www.eluniverso.com).
- **Hoy** (National), *website:* [www.hoy.com.ec](http://www.hoy.com.ec).

## Embassies and Consulates

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### Embassies

- **U.S. Embassy in Ecuador**, *Ave. Auigiras E12-170 and Eloy Alfaro, Quito;* tel. +593 (2) 398-5000; *e-mail:* [contacto.usembuio@state.gov](mailto:contacto.usembuio@state.gov); *website:* <http://ecuador.usembassy.gov/contact.html>.
- **Ecuador Embassy in the U.S.**, *2535 15th Street, NE Washington, D.C. 20009;* tel. (202) 234-7200; *fax* (202) 667-3482; *e-mail:* [embassy@ecuador.org](mailto:embassy@ecuador.org); *website:* [www.Ecuador.org](http://www.Ecuador.org).
- **Ecuador Embassy in Canada**, *850 O'Connor St., Suite 36, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada;* tel. (613) 563-8206; *fax* (613) 235-5776; *website:* [www.embassyecuador.ca/english/](http://www.embassyecuador.ca/english/).
- **Canadian Embassy in Ecuador**, *Av. Amazonas 4153 and Unión Nacional de Periodistas, Eurocenter Building, 3rd floor (one block north of the Supreme Court Building, near Amazonas and United Nations), P.O. Box 17-11-6512, Quito;* tel. +593 (2) 2455-499; *e-mail:* [quito@international.gc.ca](mailto:quito@international.gc.ca); *website:* [www.canadainternational.gc.ca/ecuador-equateur/](http://www.canadainternational.gc.ca/ecuador-equateur/).

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- **Atlanta, GA** (*ad honorem*) *5505 Roswell Rd., Suite 350 Atlanta, GA 30342;* tel. (404) 252-2211; *e-mail:* [consulecuadorga@aol.com](mailto:consulecuadorga@aol.com). Serves: Georgia (GA), South Carolina (SC).
- **Boston, MA** (*ad honorem*) *52 Cranberry Lane, Needham, MA 02492;* tel. (781) 444-0213; *fax* (781) 455-9019; *e-mail:* [ecuadorconsulateboston@attbi.com](mailto:ecuadorconsulateboston@attbi.com). Serves: Massachusetts (MA), and Maine (ME).

- **Chicago, IL** 30 North Michigan Ave. Suite 204 Chicago, IL 60603; tel. (312) 338-1002; fax (312) 338-1002; e-mail: [conchiec@aol.com](mailto:conchiec@aol.com). Serves: Illinois (IL), Indiana (IN), Iowa (IA), Minnesota (MN), Missouri (MO), Nebraska (NE), Dakota del Norte (ND), Dakota del Sur (SD), Ohio (OH), Wisconsin (WI), and Michigan (MI).
- **Dallas, TX** (*ad honorem*), 7510 Acorn Lane, Frisco TX 75034; tel. (972) 712-9107; fax (928) 962-9869; e-mail: [ecuadorianconsulate@earthlink.net](mailto:ecuadorianconsulate@earthlink.net).
- **Houston, TX**, 4200 Westheimer, Suite 218, Houston, TX 77027; tel. (713) 572-8731; fax (713) 572-8732; e-mail: [consultx@houtx.net](mailto:consultx@houtx.net). Serves: Kansas (KS), Oklahoma (OK), Texas (TX), and New Mexico.
- **Los Angeles, CA**, 8484 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 540, Beverly Hills, CA 90211; tel. (323) 658-5146; fax (323) 658-1198; e-mail: [coneclac@aol.com](mailto:coneclac@aol.com). Serves: Southern California (L.A.-S.D.), Arizona, Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, and Marshall.
- **Las Vegas, NV** (*ad honorem*) 630 South 10th St., Las Vegas, NV 89101; tel. (702) 384-8802 or (702) 615-2678; fax (702) 869-4352.
- **Miami, FL**, 1101 Brickell Ave., Suite M-102, BIV Tower Miami, FL 33131; tel. (305) 373-8250; fax (305) 539-8313; e-mail: [consecua@bellsouth.com](mailto:consecua@bellsouth.com).
- **Minneapolis, MN** (*ad honorem*), 1304 East Lake St., Suite 200, Minneapolis, MN 55407; tel. (612) 721-6468; fax (612) 625-1955; e-mail: [cecuminnesota@mnrree.gov.ec](mailto:cecuminnesota@mnrree.gov.ec).
- **Newark, NJ**, 400 Market St., 4th floor Newark, NJ 07105; tel. (973) 344-8837; fax (973) 344-0008; e-mail: [newjersey@consuladocuadornj.com](mailto:newjersey@consuladocuadornj.com). Serves: New Jersey (NJ) and Pennsylvania (PA).
- **New York, NY**, 800 Second Ave., Suite 600 New York, NY 10017; tel. (212) 808-0170 or (212) 808-0214; fax (212) 808-0188; e-mail: [ecucoun.ny@verizon.net](mailto:ecucoun.ny@verizon.net). Serves: Connecticut (CT), New Hampshire (NH), New York (NY), Rhode Island (RI), Vermont (VT).
- **San Francisco, CA**, 235 Montgomery Street, Suite 944, San Francisco, CA 94104; tel. (415) 982-1819; fax (415) 982-1833; e-mail: [sfconsul@aol.com](mailto:sfconsul@aol.com). Serves: San Francisco/Northern California, Montana (MT), Oregon (OR), Utah (UT), Washington (WA), Wyoming (WY), Idaho (ID), Colorado (CO), and Nevada [except LV] (NV).
- **Washington, D.C.**, 2535 15th St., NW, Washington, DC 20009; tel. (202) 234-7200; fax (202) 667-3482; e-mail: [consuladodc@ecuador.org](mailto:consuladodc@ecuador.org). Serves: Washington (DC), Virginia (VA), West Virginia (WV), North Carolina (NC), and Maryland (MD)

- **West Palm Beach, FL** (*ad honorem*), 5589 Okeechobee Blvd., Suite 101, West Palm Beach, FL 33417; tel. (561) 253-3803 or (561) 253-3804.

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## Health insurance

- **Humana, S.A.**, Atahualpa OE 1-198 y Av. 10 de Agosto, edificio ABC Piso 6, Quito; tel. +593 (2) 398-7800; e-mail: [humana@humana.med.ec](mailto:humana@humana.med.ec); website: [www.humana.com.ec](http://www.humana.com.ec).
- **Roviza, S.A.**, (Rosa Vintimilla, manager) 31-71 Avenida de las Américas, at Los Naranjos, Cuenca; tel. +593 (9) 948-9061; e-mail: [rosavint@yahoo.com](mailto:rosavint@yahoo.com).
- **International Health Insurance Bupa** (Bupa Latin America), 7001 SW 97th Ave., Miami FL 33173; tel. U.S. (305) 270-3944; website: <http://latinamerica.ihl.com>.
- **Salud, S.A.**, Latin America's largest insurer, Republica de Salvador, N36-84 and Naciones Unidas Ave., Quito; tel. +593 (2) 246-5740; website: [www.saludsa.com](http://www.saludsa.com).

## Hospitals

### Quito

- **Hospital Metropolitano**, Av. Mariana de Jesús s/n y Nicolás Arteta; tel. +593 (2) 399-8000; website: [www.hospitalmetropolitano.org](http://www.hospitalmetropolitano.org).
- **Hospital Vozandes**, Villalengua Oe 2-37 and Av. 10 de Agosto; tel. +593 (2) 226-2142 or +593 (2) 226-2142; website: [www.hospitalvozandes.org](http://www.hospitalvozandes.org).

### Cuenca

- **Hospital Santa Ines**, Av. Daniel Cordova T. 2-67 y Agustin Cueva; tel. +593 (7) 282-7888; e-mail: [hospital@sisantaines.com](mailto:hospital@sisantaines.com); website: [www.sisantaines.com](http://www.sisantaines.com).
- **Monte Sinai Hospital**, Miguel Cordero 6-111 y Avenida Solano; tel. +593 (7) 288-5595; website: [www.hospitalmontesinai.org](http://www.hospitalmontesinai.org).

### Guayaquil

- **Hospital Clinica Kennedy**, Av. Del Periodista and Callejón 11-A; tel. +593 (4) 228-9666; website: [www.hospikennedy.med.ec](http://www.hospikennedy.med.ec).



## Hotels and hostels

### Guayaquil

- **Hampton Inn**, 9 de Octubre 432 y Baquerizo Moreno, Guayaquil; tel. +593 (4) 256-6700; website: <http://hamptoninn.hilton.com/en/hp/hotels/index.jhtml?ctyhocn=GYEEDHX>. Located in newly restored downtown section. Best bet for strolling and shopping.
- **Ramada**, Malecón #606; tel. +593 (4) 256-5555; e-mail: [info@hotelramada.com](mailto:info@hotelramada.com); website: [www.hotelramada.com](http://www.hotelramada.com). Situated directly on the new malecón (boardwalk). Great views.
- **Sheraton Four Point**, Av. Constitucion, Plaza del Sol; tel. +593 (4) 208-2088; website: [www.starwoodhotels.com/fourpoints/property/overview/index.html?propertyID=1159](http://www.starwoodhotels.com/fourpoints/property/overview/index.html?propertyID=1159). Great hotel and fantastic restaurant. Most convenient to airport.

### Salinas and South Coast

- **Barceló Colón Miramar**, Av. Malecón, Playa Salinas; tel. +593 (4) 277-1610 or (800) 227-2356 (in the U.S. and Canada); e-mail: [colonmiramar@barcelo.com](mailto:colonmiramar@barcelo.com); website: [www.barcelocolonmiramar.com](http://www.barcelocolonmiramar.com).

### South Coast

- **Samai Resort and Spa**, tel. +593 (7) 418-9681; cell: +593 (9) 462-1316; e-mail: [samaispa@yahoo.com](mailto:samaispa@yahoo.com); website: [www.sacred-journey.com](http://www.sacred-journey.com). Perched on a hilltop overlooking the Pacific Ocean, north of Montañita, the Samai Resort and Spa is a great place to relax.

### Puerto López

- **Hosteria Alandaluz**, Ruta del Spondylus km 12 vía Puerto López; tel. +593 (5) 234-7009; e-mail: [info@alandaluzhosteria.com](mailto:info@alandaluzhosteria.com); website: [www.alandaluz.com](http://www.alandaluz.com). Located near Puerto López this establishment serves organic meals and is right on the beach.

### Manta

- **Cabanas Balandra**, Av. 7 y calle 20, Barrio Cordova, Manta; tel. +593 (5) 262-0545; e-mail: [balandra@hotelbalandramanta.com](mailto:balandra@hotelbalandramanta.com); website: [www.hotelbalandramanta.com](http://www.hotelbalandramanta.com).
- **Hotel Oro Verde**, Av. Malecon y Calle 23, Manta; tel. +593 (5) 262-9200; e-mail: [ov\\_mta@oroverdehotels.com](mailto:ov_mta@oroverdehotels.com); website: [www.oroverdehotels.com](http://www.oroverdehotels.com).

- **Hotel Mar Azul**, *Calle 22 y Flavio Reyes atrás de la Unidad Educativa Ascario Paz, Manta*; tel. +593 (5) 262-9455; e-mail: [reservas@marazulhotel.com.ec](mailto:reservas@marazulhotel.com.ec); website: [www.marazulhotel.com.ec](http://www.marazulhotel.com.ec).

## North Coast

- **Casa Grande**, *Bahía de Caráquez*; tel. +593 9917-1935; e-mail: [tamarizp@gmail.com](mailto:tamarizp@gmail.com); website: [www.casagrandebahia.com](http://www.casagrandebahia.com). This B&B-style place is run by an Ecuadorian family that has long had strong ties to Bahía de Caráquez. Patricio Tamariz was a government tourism minister and it shows in the care and effort the family has put into the hotel. There's no bar or restaurant, but the breakfast that comes with the room is superb—try the shrimp omelet if you get a chance. There's a large swimming pool and pretty views of the ocean.
- **Hosteria Canoa**, *Canoa*, tel. +593 (5) 258-8180; e-mail: [hosteriacanoa@gmail.com](mailto:hosteriacanoa@gmail.com); website: [www.hosteriacanoa.com](http://www.hosteriacanoa.com).
- **Hotel La Piedra**, *Bahía de Caráquez*; tel. +593 (5) 269-0780; e-mail: [reservaciones@hotelpiedra.com.ec](mailto:reservaciones@hotelpiedra.com.ec); website: [www.hotellapiedra.com.ec](http://www.hotellapiedra.com.ec).

## Oriente

- **Cotococha Amazon Lodge**, tel. +593 (2) 223-4336; e-mail: [reservas@cotococha.com](mailto:reservas@cotococha.com); website: [www.cotococha.com](http://www.cotococha.com). In Quito, their office is at *Av. Amazonas N 24-03 y Wilson, 2nd Floor, office No. 3*. This is an excellent way to see the rainforest in a comfortable setting.
- **Termas Papallacta Spa and Resort**, *KM 67 via Quito*, tel. +593 (2) 2568-989; e-mail: [termasuio@termaspapallacta.com](mailto:termasuio@termaspapallacta.com); website: [www.termaspapallacta.com](http://www.termaspapallacta.com). Papallacta is two hours east of Quito at thermal springs.

## Otavalo and Cotacachi

- **Ali Shungu**, *Calle Quito con M. Egas, Otavalo*; tel. +593 (8) 950-9945; e-mail: [mountainlodge@alishungu.com](mailto:mountainlodge@alishungu.com); website: [www.alishungumountaintoplodge.com](http://www.alishungumountaintoplodge.com). This is a great place from which to explore Otavalo.
- **Hosteria La Mirage**, *Calle 10 de Agosto prolongacion, Cotacachi*, tel. +593 (6) 291-5237; e-mail: [mirage1@mirage.com.ec](mailto:mirage1@mirage.com.ec); website: [www.mirage.com.ec](http://www.mirage.com.ec). This is a luxury resort listed in the *Château and Relais* guide and is 20 minutes northwest of Otavalo.

## Quito

- **Café Cultura**, Robles 513 & Reina Victoria; tel. +593 (2) 222-4271; e-mail: [info@cafecultura.com](mailto:info@cafecultura.com); website: [www.cafecultura.com](http://www.cafecultura.com). This is a great option in downtown Quito. Best for walking and exploring.
- **Hotel Fuente de Piedra II**, Juan Leon Mera N23-21 and Baquedano, tel. +593 (2) 290-0323; e-mail: [ecuahotel@ecuahotel.com](mailto:ecuahotel@ecuahotel.com); website: [www.ecuahotel.com](http://www.ecuahotel.com).
- **Hotel Quito**, Av. González Suárez N27 142, Quito; tel. +593 (2) 396-4900; e-mail: [reservaciones@hotelquito.com](mailto:reservaciones@hotelquito.com); website: [www.hotelquito.com](http://www.hotelquito.com). This hotel is a well maintained throw-back to the 1950s and 1960s and is surrounded by beautiful gardens.
- **Hotel Sebastian**, Diego de Almagro 822 y Luis Cordero, Quito; tel. +593 (2) 222-2400; website: [www.hotelsebastian.com](http://www.hotelsebastian.com). This is excellent value and boasts a fantastic vegetarian restaurant.
- **Mercure Grand Hotel Alameda**, Roca E4-122 y Amazonas Ave, Quito; tel. +593 (2) 299-4000; e-mail: [reservas@mercurequito.com.ec](mailto:reservas@mercurequito.com.ec); website: [www.mercurequito.com.ec](http://www.mercurequito.com.ec). A string quartet plays in the lobby in the afternoons.

## Avenue of the Volcanoes

- **Hosteria Rumipamba de las Rosas**, Av. Norte s/n y Eloy Yerovi, Salcedo; tel. +593 (3) 272-6128; e-mail: [ventas@rumipamba.com](mailto:ventas@rumipamba.com); website: [www.rumipamba.com](http://www.rumipamba.com). This is a converted hacienda with beautiful gardens south of Latacunga.

## Cuenca

- **Hostal Macondo**, Tarqui 11-64 y Lamar, Cuenca; tel. +593 (7) 282-1700; e-mail: [info@hostalmacondo.com](mailto:info@hostalmacondo.com); website: [www.hostalmacondo.com](http://www.hostalmacondo.com). An expat-owned, great budget minded alternative downtown.
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- **Hotel Carvalho**, Gran Colombia 9-52 y Benigno Malo, Cuenca; tel. +593 (7) 283-2063; e-mail: [reservas@hotelcarvalho.com.ec](mailto:reservas@hotelcarvalho.com.ec); website: [www.hotelcarvalho.com.ec](http://www.hotelcarvalho.com.ec). A luxurious downtown option.
- **Hotel Santa Lucia**, Antonio Borrero 8-44 y Sucre, Cuenca; tel. +593 (7) 282-8000; e-mail: [info@santaluciahotel.com](mailto:info@santaluciahotel.com); website: [www.santaluciahotel.com](http://www.santaluciahotel.com). This beautifully restored colonial is one of our downtown favorites.

- **Mansión Alcazar**, Bolívar 12-55 y Tarqui, Cuenca; tel. +593 (7) 282-3889; e-mail: [info@mansionalcazar.com](mailto:info@mansionalcazar.com); website: [www.mansionalcazar.com](http://www.mansionalcazar.com). Cuenca's best historic district boutique hotel.

## Vilcabamba

- **Hotel Izhcayluma**, Vilcabamba, Loja; tel. +593 (7) 2302-5162; e-mail: [izhcayluma@yahoo.de](mailto:izhcayluma@yahoo.de); website: [www.izhcayluma.com](http://www.izhcayluma.com). This hotel has the valley's most commanding view from its restaurant.
- **Hotel Le Rendezvous**, Diego Vaca de Vega 06-43, Vilcabamba; tel. +593 (9) 219-1180; e-mail: [rendezvousecuador@yahoo.com](mailto:rendezvousecuador@yahoo.com); website: [www.rendezvousecuador.com](http://www.rendezvousecuador.com).

## Ecuador Internet resources

- [www.ecuadorexplorer.com](http://www.ecuadorexplorer.com). A superior online guide to Ecuador and the Galapagos.
- [www.ecuador.org](http://www.ecuador.org). Hosted by the Ecuador Embassy in the United States. It has visa information, but it's not always up to date but is otherwise a great site.
- [www.ecuador.com](http://www.ecuador.com). A launching point for many Ecuador Internet searches.
- [www.ecuachamber.com](http://www.ecuachamber.com). Site of the U.S.-Ecuador Chamber of Commerce.
- [www.exploringecuador.com](http://www.exploringecuador.com). Many links to Ecuador websites.
- [www.internationalliving.com/countries/ecuador](http://www.internationalliving.com/countries/ecuador). International Living information on Ecuador.
- [www.lonelyplanet.com/ecuador](http://www.lonelyplanet.com/ecuador). Lonely Planet Guides information on Ecuador.

## Primary and high schools

### Quito

- **Academia Cotopaxi American International School**; De las Higuierillas y Alondras (Monteserrín) Quito; tel. +593 (2) 246-7411; e-mail: [info@cotopaxi.k12.ec](mailto:info@cotopaxi.k12.ec); website: [www.cotopaxi.k12.ec](http://www.cotopaxi.k12.ec).
- **American School of Quito**, Manuel Benigno Cueva N80-190 Urb, Carcelén, P.O. Box 17-01-157, Quito; tel. +593 (2) 397-6300; e-mail: [dirgeneral@fcaq.k12.ec](mailto:dirgeneral@fcaq.k12.ec); website: [www.fcaq.k12.ec/ingles/home/mission.htm](http://www.fcaq.k12.ec/ingles/home/mission.htm).

### Cuenca

- **Colegio Aleman de Cuenca**; tel. +593 (7) 287-5800.
- **Escuela Bilingue Interamericana**; tel. +593 (7) 281-0746.

## Real estate contacts

For information on real estate developments across Ecuador, contact *International Living's* real estate advertising partner:

- **Pathfinder International**; e-mail: [info@pathfinderinternational.net](mailto:info@pathfinderinternational.net); website: [www.pathfinderinternational.net](http://www.pathfinderinternational.net).

### Cotacachi, Otavalo, and Ibarra

- **Pro-Ecuador.com** (Gary Phillips), *Eagle and Condor Internacional Cia. LTDA.*, Calle Bolívar y 9 de Octubre, Cotacachi; tel. +593 (6) 291-5647 or (218) 206-1115 (in the U.S.); e-mail: [gary@EcuadorEDG.com](mailto:gary@EcuadorEDG.com); website: [www.pro-ecuador.com](http://www.pro-ecuador.com).

### Cuenca

- **CuencaRealEstate.com**, Kathy González, e-mail: [www.pathfinderinternational.net/ContactUs/ecuador/](http://www.pathfinderinternational.net/ContactUs/ecuador/); website: [www.cuencarealestate.com](http://www.cuencarealestate.com).
- **Mandato Paredes**, Juan Jaramillo 4-81 y Mariano Cueva. Segundo Piso, Cuenca; tel. +593 (7) 282-2352; website: [www.mandatoparedes.com](http://www.mandatoparedes.com).
- **Maribel Crespo**; e-mail: [www.pathfinderinternational.net/ContactUs/ecuador/](http://www.pathfinderinternational.net/ContactUs/ecuador/).

### Vilcabamba

- **Hacienda San Joaquin**, (Joseph R. Simonetta), Casilla 11-01-188, Loja; e-mail: [www.pathfinderinternational.net/ContactUs/sanjoaquin/](http://www.pathfinderinternational.net/ContactUs/sanjoaquin/); website: [www.haciendasanjoaquin.com](http://www.haciendasanjoaquin.com).

### South Coast, Montanita, Olón, and Salinas

- **EcuadorProperties.com**, Mike Sager; e-mail: [www.pathfinderinternational.net/ContactUs/SouthPacific/](http://www.pathfinderinternational.net/ContactUs/SouthPacific/); website: [www.ecuadorproperties.com](http://www.ecuadorproperties.com).
- **Spondylus Ecuador** (Amy & Gerardo Pinoargote); e-mail: [www.pathfinderinternational.net/ContactUs/Spondylousil/](http://www.pathfinderinternational.net/ContactUs/Spondylousil/); website: [www.spondylusecuador.com](http://www.spondylusecuador.com).

### Northern Pacific Coast

- **Coco Beach** (Larry Swenson), e-mail: [cocobeachlarry@yahoo.com](mailto:cocobeachlarry@yahoo.com); website: [www.cocobeachvillage.com.ec](http://www.cocobeachvillage.com.ec).
- **Ecuador Beachfront Property**; tel. +593 (9) 796-5349 or (352) 505-2426 (in the U.S.); e-mail: [tom@ecuadorbeachfrontproperty.com](mailto:tom@ecuadorbeachfrontproperty.com); website: [www.ecuadorbeachfrontproperty.com](http://www.ecuadorbeachfrontproperty.com).

## Other real estate resources

These websites provide an overview of the real estate market around Ecuador:

- [www.tucasa.com.ec](http://www.tucasa.com.ec)
- [www.ecuadorproperties.com](http://www.ecuadorproperties.com)
- [www.mancasas.com](http://www.mancasas.com)
- [www.ecuadorhomesonline.com](http://www.ecuadorhomesonline.com)
- [www.heartlandhomesus.com](http://www.heartlandhomesus.com)

## Relocation and moving

### Ecuador

- **Ecuadorian Transport**, (Gustavo López, general manager), *Malearte 654 y Occidental, Quito*; tel. +593 (2) 253-0255; fax +593 (2) 259-2172; e-mail: [ecutrans@uio.satnet.net](mailto:ecutrans@uio.satnet.net).
- **Relocation Services of Ecuador** (Charles Barrett, Paul Wilches, managers), *Edif. Acrópolis #302, Av. Jose Peralta y 12 de Abril, Cuenca*; tel. +593 (7) 410-3707 or (214) 272-0407 (in the U.S.); e-mail: [relocationsservicesecuador@gmail.com](mailto:relocationsservicesecuador@gmail.com); website: <http://relocationsservicesofecuador.com>.
- **Sandra Baquero**, Sanestar Shipping Services, *Guayaquil*; e-mail: [sandy.baquero@gmail.com](mailto:sandy.baquero@gmail.com). Sandra has personally helped our IL staff with getting through Customs in Ecuador and comes highly recommended.

### U.S.

- **Brookfield Global Relocation Services** can provide relocation assistance and information about shipping to Ecuador; tel. (630) 972-2250; website: [www.brookfieldgrs.com](http://www.brookfieldgrs.com).
- **International Sea & Air Shipping Corporation**, *115 Meacham Avenue, Elmont NY 11003*; tel. (516) 355-5300 or (888) 299-6683 (toll-free in the U.S. and Canada); e-mail: [isa@nji.com](mailto:isa@nji.com); website: [www.internationalmoving.com](http://www.internationalmoving.com).
- **A. Arnold Relocation Services**, *5200 Interchange Way, Louisville, Kentucky*; tel. (502) 694-3800 or (800) 748-0428 (toll-free in the U.S. and Canada); website: [www.aarnoldmovingcompany.com](http://www.aarnoldmovingcompany.com).

## Spanish language schools

### Quito

- **Simon Bolivar Spanish School**, *Mariscal Foch E9-20 y Av. 6 de Diciembre, Quito*; tel. +593 (2) 254-4558; cell: +593 (9) 223-4708; e-mail: [info@simon-bolivar.com](mailto:info@simon-bolivar.com); website: [www.simon-bolivar.com](http://www.simon-bolivar.com). Bolivar, which also has a branch in Cuenca, receives the highest ratings of Spanish language programs in Ecuador.

### Cuenca

- **Simon Bolivar Spanish School**, *Calle Luis Cordero entre Gran Colombia y Lamar, Cuenca*; tel. +593 (7) 283-2052; e-mail: [info@bolivar2.com](mailto:info@bolivar2.com); website: [www.bolivar2.com](http://www.bolivar2.com). This branch of the school is in Quito. Bolivar-Cuenca offers an innovative travel-as-you-learn Spanish language program which visits the jungle, Quito, and the coast.

## Title insurance

- **First American Title Insurance Company**; website: [www.fafint.com](http://www.fafint.com).

## Travel agencies

- **Columbus Tours** (Kjetil Haugan, President), *Mariscal Foch 265 and 6 de Diciembre Avenue, Sonelsa Building 2nd and 3rd floors, Quito*; tel. (Ecuador) +593 (2) 254-9721 or (U.S.) (877) 436-7512 or (UK) +44 (208) 133-3456; e-mail: [info@columbusecuador.com](mailto:info@columbusecuador.com); website: [www.columbusecuador.com](http://www.columbusecuador.com).
- **Nuevo Mundo Expeditions**, *18 de Septiembre E4-161 & Juan León Mera, P.O. Box 1703-402-A, Quito*; tel. +593 (2) 250-9431; e-mail: [ecuador@nuevomundoexpeditions.com](mailto:ecuador@nuevomundoexpeditions.com); website: [www.nuevomundoexpeditions.com](http://www.nuevomundoexpeditions.com).

## U.S. tax expert

When you move to Ecuador, unfortunately your U.S. tax obligations do not get left behind. U.S. citizens are taxed on their income worldwide, so even though you may not be living and working in the U.S., you will still need to fill out a tax return each year. As an expat, you will be entitled to some tax breaks. For more information and help on this topic, contact our U.S. tax expert Nick Hodges and his team:

- **NCH Tax & Wealth Advisors**, *1661 E. Chapman Ave., #2A, Fullerton, CA 92831*; tel. (800) 748-4159; e-mail: [info@nchwealth.com](mailto:info@nchwealth.com); websites: [www.nchwealth.com](http://www.nchwealth.com) and [www.expatsfo.com](http://www.expatsfo.com).