

## PROGRAM FOR COASTAL CAROLINA UNIVERSITY CUENCA 2009

**DATE: FROM May 9 to June 2, 2009**

Saturday, May 9		Airport pick up in Quito by a representative of "Hotel Quito" Check in and dinner.
Sunday, May 10		Breakfast at the Hotel, City tour and visit to "The Middle of the World", lunch is included. Ride to the airport and flight to Cuenca. Airport pick up in Cuenca, ride to the University of Cuenca, and meeting with the students' host families.
Monday, May 11	9 a.m.	Welcoming program at the University of Cuenca organized by members of the Spanish Program. Breakfast, orientation, and tour of the University.
	afternoon	Spanish classes (3 hours)
Tuesday, May 12	afternoon	Spanish classes (3 hours) City tour guided by the Spanish teacher
Wednesday, May 13	afternoon	Spanish classes (3 hours)
Thursday, May 14	afternoon	Spanish classes (3 hours)
Friday, May 15	afternoon	Spanish classes (3 hours)
Saturday, May 16		Guided excursion to the National Park "Cajas". Entries and lunch are included. <a href="http://www.cajaspark.com/">http://www.cajaspark.com/</a> <a href="http://www.thebestofecuador.com/cajas.htm">http://www.thebestofecuador.com/cajas.htm</a> <b>Meeting place: University of Cuenca, 08H00</b>
Sunday, May 17		Guided visit to the archeological site of Ingapirca, entries and lunch are included (one-hour bus ride). <b>Meeting place: University of Cuenca, 08H00</b>
Monday, May 18	afternoon	Spanish classes (3 hours) and guided visit to the Central Bank Museum
Tuesday, May 19		Spanish classes (3 hours)
Wednesday, May 20		Free afternoon
Thursday, May 21		Spanish classes (3 hours)
Friday, May 22	afternoon	Spanish classes (3 hours)

<p><b>Saturday, May 23</b></p>		<p>Excursion to the farm “Totorillas”. Meeting place: University of Cuenca, 8H00 return on Saturday afternoon. This excursion includes: meals, farm activities like horse back riding, bird watching, hiking, and others.</p>
<p><b>Sunday, May 24</b></p>		<p>A day with the family</p>
<p><b>Monday, May 25</b></p>		<p>Spanish classes (3 hours)</p>
<p><b>Tuesday, May 26</b></p>		<p>Spanish classes (3 hours)</p>
<p><b>Wednesday, May 27</b></p>		<p>Spanish classes (3 hours) Farewell program and dinner organized by the members of the Spanish Program.</p>
<p><b>Thursday, May 28 – Tuesday, June 2</b></p>		<p><b>Meeting point: University of Cuenca. 04H00</b> <b>RAFTING and JUNGLE.</b> This program takes place in the Amazon jungle in the Tena region. This is a very rich area in biodiversity. This tour is especially attractive when combined with a visit to the glaciers of one of the highest mountains in Ecuador, Chimborazo. Students will participate in activities that include rafting, visit to a hot water spring town called “Baños”, hiking through the waterfalls route which is an amazing experience, and a visit to one of the most wonderful natural spas called Papallacta.</p> <p>May 28: Cuenca – Chimborazo by bus. Hike to the glaciers – Baños de Ambato. Baños is an amazing resort famous for its hot-water springs and the practice of extreme sports.</p> <p>May 29: Baños – Waterfalls route with interesting stops and visits to natural attractions – Tena</p> <p>May 30: A day in the jungle. Trekking in the primeval jungle. Night in the Lodge</p> <p>May 31: Rafting and other activities in the jungle, night at the Lodge.</p> <p>June 1: Tena – Papallacta – Quito a visit to the natural spa in Papallacta and its unique surroundings. Quito overnight plus dinner.</p> <p>June 2: Transfer to the airport</p> <p><b>Note:</b> All meals, professional guides, entries, accommodation, and transportation are included in all the excursions described above as well as in the Jungle Tour.</p>