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Program Description and Syllabus. This course examines the historical, cultural and environmental background with special emphasis on these three indigenous peoples and regions of Ecuador: 1) the Northwestern cloud forests of the Andes: the mestizo communities of Intag Valley and Intillacta; 2) the Andes highlands: Kichwa communities of Otavalo and Peguche community and the pre-Incan Karanki people of San Clemente; and 3) the Amazon: the Sarayakuruna people of the Bobonaza River and the Huaorani people of the Shiri puno River in the Yasuní bio-reserve, both of whom have inhabited this Amazonian region since times immemorial. During millennia numerous indigenous peoples of different ethno-linguistic affiliation have coexisted in what is today Ecuador and since the early 16th century they have resisted or co-adapted to colonial, national and global forces determined to control them, their territories and their resources. The course will give particular attention to contemporary efforts the Andean Indigenous and the mestizo communities, the Kichwa of Sarayaku and the Huaorani indigenous organizations from the Amazon, and the supporting groups of the civil society to secure a fair, autonomous, and sustainable development that will guarantee the survival, growth, and justice for the indigenous peoples and their environment.

Format. This upper division course is based in the integration of theory and practice and follows a combination readings, lectures, and on-bus “check-in”/seminars, fieldwork, and community-engagement. The numbers of formal lecture classes are reduced, and seminars take place on-the-move, due to the intense transitional and traveling characteristic of the course. Students are encouraged and required to actively participate in class discussions both in formal meeting and throughout travel time. Successful completion of the course relies heavily on students’ active participation in field trips, site visits and interaction with guest speakers, guides, and local community members.

Requirements and Grades. Grades will be based on the following criteria:

In class participation/discussion of readings, field trips, site visits, and guest speakers’ and local experts’ talks: 20% of the final grade.

Reaction Journal: Students are required to write a one hand-written page a day Reaction Journal Monday through Friday during the four weeks of the course. The RJ is due on the night of Thursday, July 28 (at the Quito Hostal) and should be handed personally to Varese that night. The RJ should include reactions to and reflections on field trips, visits to sites, museums, villages, markets, local events, social gathering, guided explorations of the Amazon forest, reserves, parks, tours you take, people you meet, etc.: 30% of the final grade.

Research Project/Paper: Students must have chosen a research project theme and must have developed an outline that is due in class Saturday, July 15 at Casa Sol lodge in Peguche, Otavalo. The Research Project can be the conventional type of term paper based on literature review, interviews and participant observations. The Research Projects can have different formats such as: photographic essay, video essay, audio essay, Power-point presentation, web-page construction, testimonial interviews, material culture analysis, ethno-botanical/zoological survey, environmental analysis, educational assessment, health
assessment, local medical knowledge and practice, ethno-botany, etc. Whatever formats students choose, the final results should be accompanied by a 6 to 8 page paper including references. The research project is due by **Friday, July 28 @ night**, handed directly to Professor Varese at the Hotel Boutiquito in Quito: **50% of the final grade**. When agreed upon with Prof. Varese the final research project can be forwarded by Internet/e-mail to Stefano Varese svarese@outlook.com no later than Friday, August 4th 2017.

**Alternative Graduate Course: NAS 202 & NAS 298 (12 Units).** The course-work and research requirements for the alternative graduate course will be arranged in advance directly between the student and the instructor. Anyone interested in the Graduate Course Alternative should contact Professor S. Varese by e-mail at svarese@outlook.com. Varese is engaged in an activist-research project with Amazonian peoples, graduate students in anthropology, human geography, ecology, environmental studies, biology, environmental and human rights law and related disciplines as well as engineering students interested in oil industry are invited to participate in this Summer Abroad “Sustainable Ecuador” course 2017.


Students should read the assignments outlined under DAYS 1 and 2 from the READER and from the *Lonely Planet before* arrival to Quito. Additionally, they should read complementary book/s they choose to as soon as possible, even before traveling to Ecuador. Since the course has long hours/days of traveling, I am suggesting that students take advantage of “dead-times” (bus travel, bed-time before sleeping, and other opportunities) to read the assignments and take notes for their research project/paper and in-class discussions. During the four weeks of the course we will have occasional access to Internet either in cyber-cafes and/or hotels and lodges. Frequently, web/Internet connectivity is not available for hours and sometimes for days especially in rural Ecuador and Amazonia. Do not rely exclusively on the Internet for communication and research purposes. **There will not be Internet & Cell Phone connectivity in the Sarayaku territory (July 21-23) and no Internet & Cell Phone connection in Huaorani territory (July 25 through July 26).** For research purpose you may want to download and copy from the web in advance the materials you may need for your research project. Bring enough supply of book-notes, paper, pens, pencils and colors (if you are an artist), CDs, memory sticks, batteries (for cameras, phones, computers, chargers, flash-lights, etc.), if you want to give some present to children in the communities we visit bring some recyclable crayons and drawing papers.

**Schedule.** When the group is traveling classes/meetings might need to change and locations will be announced by the instructors day by day. Students are responsible to check daily the syllabus/itinerary, read carefully the information regarding routes, sites, communities, looking at their own personal maps (please buy them beforehand in California and/or in Quito) so as to be fully informed of the daily travel and
activities. The accompanying Ecuadorean guide provided by GreenTrekk-Sustainable Travel will be the main source for logistics questions. Needless to say: please treat her with respect.

**Program Itinerary/Syllabus**

B= breakfast, L=Lunch, D=dinner. Meals listed below are included in your program fees.

You must be aware that the schedule below is subject to change, based on weather, the instructor’s criteria, and other unexpected alteration of activities. Your flexibility is an essential characteristic to develop in this course in relation to Latin America and Ecuador.

**Please have these readings complete by the time you arrive in Quito. We will discuss them on Days 1 and 2, but you will not have time to read during those days**


***A strong suggestion would be not only to read these five aforementioned pieces by the time that you arrive in Quito, but that you also read as much of the reader as much as you can and selected recommended readings. If you do this, then you could just review them before class and you could have more free time to write in your journals and get to know people. **

**DAY 1: Saturday July 1st. Arrival & Transfer to Hostel in Quito (Meals included: D)**

Arrival to Ecuador. (Transfer Tababela-Quito is not included). (Available upon request, contact us at tours@greentrek.org)

Lodging at Hostel Boutiquito. The address is: Jonás Guerrero 100 y Rafael León Larrea N27-14 (Just below Gonzales Suarez street, towards Guapulo). Phone +593 98 464 7441

**DAY 2: Sunday July 2nd. Quito City Tour (Meals included: B, L and D)**

7:00 am-8:00 am: Breakfast

8:00 am-9:30 am: Introduction Lecture (Stefano)

Reading Assignment:


Wikipedia. n.d. “Indigenous Peoples of Ecuador” and “Pre-Columbian Ecuador.”


10:30 am-1:30 pm: City Tour
San Francisco de Quito, is the capital city of Ecuador, and at an elevation of 2,800 meters above sea level, it is the highest capital city in the world. The historic center of Quito has one of the largest, least-altered and best-preserved historic centers in the Americas. Quito, was one of the first World Cultural Heritage Sites declared by UNESCO in 1978.

1:30 pm-2:30 pm: Lunch at La Cuchara de San Marcos
La Cuchara de San Marcos private restaurant and gallery that promotes organic and healthy food and recycling ideas as an alternative solution to waste management.

3:00 pm: Return to the hostel. Free time to rest and/or shop

6:00 pm-9:00 pm: Introduction, Seminar & Dinner

**DAY 3: Monday July 3. Quito to Mindo, Chocó Cloudforest (Meals included: B, L & D)**

7:00 am-8:00 am: Breakfast

8:00 am-1:00 pm: After breakfast we will travel by bus to the quiet & beautiful town of Mindo located on the Western Andean slopes. This area is one of the most visited cloud forests of Ecuador, it is located in the natural Reserve Mindo-Nambillo Protected Forest of 14,170 hectares (35,000 acres); there are hundreds of bird species (400 species have been recorded here).

9:00-10:30 am: On-the-Move Check-in

1:30 pm-2:30 pm: Arrival to Mindo & Lunch.

3:00 pm-4:00 pm: Visit a small local chocolate “factory” and learn how organically grown cacao is transformed into delicious chocolate bars.

4:30 pm-6:30 pm: Arrival to Intillacta Reserve and Lodge.

7:00 pm: Dinner

8:00 pm- 9:00 pm: Presentation of UCD students and instructors to the family members and personnel of Intillacta.

**Day 4: Tuesday July 4. Intillacta Reserve, Chocó Cloudforest (Meals included: B, L & D)**

**Beginning this day, in Intillacta, a few students will also help with meal preparation in rotation**

Link to project website: http://www.tucanopy.com/en/intillacta

The Intillacta reserve is family-owned project looking for more sustainable livelihoods based on principles of agro-ecology and nature conservation. Environmental awareness is a crosscutting issue in all activities of the Reserve, where visitors and volunteers receive lectures on ecology, climate change, the importance of ecosystem conservation and ethics in the use of natural resources of the planet. The three-generation members of the family that created and now manage the Reserve are all committed social and environmental activists and researchers that have a lot to teach us on how “to walk the talk” on the fundamental issue of global warming, development and deep respect for nature and the earth.

7:00 am-8.00 am: Breakfast

8:00 am-12:00 pm: Conversation with Intillacta Residents: Introduction to Intillacta Reserve: During the morning we will receive an introduction to the work carried out at the reserve and walk through their organic gardens & restored forests learning about sustainable practices.

12:00 pm-2:00 pm: Lunch

2:00 pm-3:30 pm: Volunteer work in organic vegetable garden & organic shade grown coffee plantation.

4:00 pm-6:30 pm: Conversation with Intillacta Reserve Residents: Confronting mining, and forms of popular/civil resistance

7:00 pm: Dinner

**DAY 5: Wednesday July 5th. Intillacta Reserve, Chocó Cloudforest (Meals included: B, L & D)**

7:00 am-8.00 am: Breakfast
8:00 am-12:00 pm: Volunteer work in organic vegetable garden, organic shade grown coffee plantation and/or cooking (learn Ecuadorian cuisine)

12:00 pm-2:00 pm: Lunch

2:00 pm-3:30 pm: Volunteer work and/or work on your course project

4:00 pm-6:30 pm: Lecture. Reading Assignment: Shade, Lindsay. 2015. “Sustainable development or sacrifice zone? Politics below the surface in post-neoliberal Ecuador”

7:00 pm: Dinner

8:00 pm: After dinner activity: video, discussion of projects, or otherwise

**DAY 6: Thursday July 6th. Intillacta Reserve, Chocó Cloud Forest (Meals included: B, L & D)**

7:00 am-8:00 am: Breakfast

8:00 am-12:00 pm: Volunteering day. Optional activity canopy zip line through the forest! To be arranged directly at the reserve (fee not included in UCD program)

12:00 pm-2:00 pm: Lunch

2:00 pm-3:30 pm: Volunteering or work on your academic project

4:00-6:30 pm: Conversation with Intillacta Reserve Residents: Women’s Movement in Mining

7:00 pm: Dinner

8:00 pm: After dinner activity: video, discussion of projects, or otherwise

**DAY 7: Friday July 7th. Intillacta to Intag Cloud Forest Reserve, Chocó Cloudforest (Meals included: B, L & D)**

Link to project website: [http://www.intagcloudforest.com](http://www.intagcloudforest.com)

**DAY 8: Saturday July 8th. Intag Cloud Forest Reserve, Chocó Cloud Forest (Meals included: B, L & D)**

8:00 am-9:00 am: Breakfast

9:00 am-12:30 pm: Conversation with Roberto Castro: Introduction to cloud forest & walk to primary forest

1:00 pm-2:00 pm: Lunch

2:30 pm-4:30 pm: Conversation with Carlos Zorilla: Farm & cloud forest agroecology talk

7:00 pm: Dinner

Readings

DAY 9: Sunday July 9th. Intag Cloudforest Reserve, Chocó cloudforest (Meals included: B, L & D)
7.00 am-8.00 am: Breakfast
8:30 am-10:00 am: Conversation with Intag Women’s Coop: Introduction to Cabuya Fiber and Weaving Processes.
10:00 am: We will walk with our host families to their house and do activities with them for the rest of the day.

DAYS 10,11 & 12: Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday July 10,11 & 12th. Intag Homestays, Chocó cloud forest (Meals included: B, L & D)
Homestays in Santa Rosa; accompany the hosting families in their daily activities.

DAY 13: Thursday July 13th. Santa Rosa to Junin, Intag Region, Chocó Cloudforest
(Meals included: B, L & D)
Link to project website:http://www.junincloudforest.com
7:00 am-8:00 am: Breakfast
8:30 am-10:00 am: Travel to Nangulvi Hotsprings
10:00 am- 1:30 pm: Nangulvi Hotsprings and Lunch; lunch there or near by
1:30 pm-3:00 pm: On-the-Move Check-in
3:00 pm: Arrival to Junin Cloud Forest Ecotourism project, welcome and distribution in rooms.
4:30-6:30 pm: Conversation with Junin Residents: Welcome and Introduction to Mining Struggles
We will learn about the mining struggles that the community of Junin is facing. Local experts on the mining struggle will share their point of view regarding this controversial subject.
7:00 pm: Dinner

DAY 14: Friday July 14th. Peguche (Otavalo)-Casa Sol, Sierra Region (Meals included: B, L & D)
7:00 am-8:00 am: Breakfast
10:00 am-11:30: On-the-move Check-In
10:00 am-12:30 pm: Travel to Peguche a short ride away from Intag. You will stay in Casa Sol Hotel. Free time after lunch.
Topic of these days in the Northern Andes: Indigenous Movements in the Andes

Reading Assignment:
Lonely Planet, “Northern Highlands” (whole chapter)
DAY 15: Saturday July 15th. Otavalo Market, Sierra Region (Meals included: B, L & D)
7:00 am-8:00 am: Breakfast
9:00 am -4:00 pm: Full day in Otavalo market.
The Indigenous Otavaleño people are known for weaving textiles, usually made of wool (traditionally deep black), which are sold at the famous Saturday market. There is a very wide range of handicrafts available in the Plaza de los Ponchos, and the many local shops including textiles such as handmade blankets, tablecloths, hammocks and much more. Return to our hotel in the afternoon.
7:00 pm: Dinner
8:00 pm-9:30 pm: Group Discussion
Research Project outline due.
(The RPO can be handwritten and must have: 1- a tentative title; 2- a summary of the central idea/s of the project; 3- sources; 4- “methodology”)

DAY 16: Sunday July 16th. Travel to San Clemente, Sierra Region (Meals included: B, L & D)
Link to project website: http://sanclementetours.com/ing_index.php
7:00-8:00 am: Breakfast
Visit to the Karanki Indigenous community-based tourism experience in San Clemente. We will learn about their history, their territory and communities, and their goals for a sustainable community development.
9:00 am-12:00 pm: Conversations with San Clemente Local Experts: History of San Clemente, Andean Cosmovisions, and Andean Agro-ecology. We will learn about their community tourism project and then walk around to visit their medicinal plant garden & learn about the Karanki people knowledge of medicinal plants and their use. We will also learn about the Andean Calendar and how the Karanki communities plan their year around the seasonal cycles. We will learn about the Alpacas, the native Andean camelid that has co-evolved for millennia in close relation with the Andean indigenous people of Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia and Northern Chile and Argentina.
12:00-1:30 pm: Lunch
1:30-4:30 pm: Workshop/Seminar
4:30-5:00 pm: Break
5:00-6:00 pm: History of the Hacienda
6:00-7:00 pm: Lodging with host families

DAY 17: Monday July 17th. San Clemente, Sierra Region (Meals included: B, L & D)
7:00 am-8:00 am: Breakfast
8:00 am-12:00 pm: Daily Activities with host families.
12:00 pm-2:00 pm: Lunch
2:00 pm-5:00 pm: Spend some time reading and writing or resting or walking around the community with members of your host family. Ask questions and try to establish meaningful conversations with your hosts.
7:00 pm: Dinner
8:00 pm-9:30 pm: Class meeting: Lecture
Lodging with host families

DAY 18: Tuesday July 18th. San Clemente to Tena, Amazon (Meals included: B & L)
7:00 am-8:00 am: Breakfast
After breakfast we pack and get ready to move to the Amazon gateway: the city of Tena.
Tena, the capital of the Napo Province, is an attractive and quiet city in the Amazon rainforest. Originally founded by missionary explorers, Tena has emerged as one of the top tourist attractions. The town is a popular launching point for traveling to the jungle, for kayaking and rafting tours in Ecuador's Amazon rainforest region. Today will be a full day of bus trip (approx. 6 hours). We will stop on route for lunch and “munchies”. Be prepared for possible car sickness by taking “Dramamine” pills.
8:30 am-4:00 pm: Travel to Tena, Lodging in Hostel Pakay, Tena. Laundry service available at the hostel for a reasonable price.
10:00-11:30 am: On-the-Move Check-in
7:00 pm: Dinner: group pizza (pay on own)

DAY 19: Wednesday July 19th. Tena, Amazon (Meals included: B & L)
7:00 am-8:00 am: Breakfast
9:00 am-11:00 am: Visit of Amazoonico. In the morning will explore the Tena area, we’ll visit a Wildlife Rescue Center (http://www.amazoonicorescuecenter.com/). The Center receives animals that have been captured for illegal wildlife trade or kept as pets. The animals are rehabilitated and when possible reintroduced to their habitat. Others are kept in the Center, providing them with suitable enclosures.
11:00 am-11:30 pm: Visit to a local cultural museum to learn about the Kichwa people of the upper basin of the Napo River.
11:30 pm-2:00 pm: Lunch on site and visit museum.
2:00 pm-2:30 pm: Travel to Tamia Yura.
2:30pm-6:30 pm: in the afternoon we will travel to Tamia Yura (http://tamiayura.atwebpages.com/main-en.html) a community based ecotourism project that runs a botanical garden where we will learn about the different uses of many species of plants of the Amazon. Our local guide will take us around the forest explaining about medicinal plants as well as plants used for construction & handicrafts.
6:30 pm: Return to hostel lodging in Tena. Laundry service available at the hostel.
7:00 pm: Dinner

DAY 20: Thursday July 20th. Tena, Amazon (Meals included: B)
7:00 am-8:00 am: Breakfast
8:00 am-10:00 am: Lecture (Stefano)
10:00 am-4:00 pm: Today there is an optional river rafting activity, cost not included on the program. Open day to explore Tena on your own, you can visit the Parque Amazonico, la Isla situated on the center of town, There are many different kinds of birds, butterflies, insects and other animals; some, such as the boa constrictors and turtles are caged, while others, including monkeys and tapirs, are free to roam. If you leave, instead of choosing to just kick back, read and relax, you need to be back at the hostel by 4:00 pm.
4:00 pm-6:30 pm Lecture at the Hostel: Sapara Women’s Struggles to Protect Territory in Amazonia by Gloria Ushigua and Rosa Dahua.
Lodging in the Hostel in Tena. Laundry service available at the hostel.
7:00 pm: Dinner Class Topic: Ethics of Resistance and Sustainability
Reading Assignment:
“Manifesto for Life in Favor of an Ethics for Sustainability.” Mexico.
DAY 21: Friday July 21st. Sarayaku Kichwa Territory (Meals included: B, L & D)
See these videos online:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ma1QSmtuiLQ
See this website: http://sarayaku.org/

6:00 am-7:00 am: Breakfast
7:30-8:30 am: We will travel to the Amazon city of Puyo by bus in order to reach the Bobonaza river, and get into Sarayaku Territory.
10:00 am: Arrival at the port of Latasas.
10:30 am: Departure by canoe bound for Sarayaku.
1:00 pm: A box lunch will be served on the banks of the Bobonaza River. Continuing the journey, we will enjoy the flora and fauna along the the Bobonaza River with its beaches and backwaters.
4:30 pm: Arrival to Sarayaku. Welcome and accommodation. Dinner and time to rest.
7:00 pm: In the evening, the staff will prepare a fresh dinner for you.

**Reading assignment:** Stefano Varese. 2016. *Relations between the Andes and the Upper Amazon.*

<http://latinamericanhistory.oxfordre.com/>

**DAY 22: Saturday July 22nd. Sarayaku, Kichwa Territory (Meals included: B, L & D)**

6:00-7:30 am: Breakfast
8:00 am-1:00 pm: Walk through the jungle, visit wayuri palm areas, a plant used for housing & construction, during the tour you can learn about a series of tropical plants, orchids, giant trees, as well as a great biodiversity of birds and butterflies. The guides will share their Native skills and wisdom about life in the jungle.

Later we will arrive to the Hill of the Monkey where the of Sisa Ñampí (Flower Path) Center is located. This is a conservation and preservation community run project of Sarayaku’s natural ecosystem.

1:00-3:00 pm: Lunch and rest. From the mountain, we’ll observe Sarayaku Center and the Green Sea of the forest, a beautiful landscape. Then we’ll return home.

3:00-5:00 pm: Lecture (Stefano and guest Lecturer)
6:00 pm: Dinner
7:30 pm: Video: *La Frontera de Flores*, and/or a discussion with a political leader about the vision of various life projects in Sarayaku.

**Class Topic: The Struggles of the Sarayaku People**

**Reading Assignment:**


**DAY 23: Sunday July 23rd. Sarayaku, Kichwa Territory (Meals included: B, L & D)**

6:30 am-8:00 am: Breakfast
8:30 am-4:00 pm: Canoe Trip: today we will travel towards the Sarayakillo and Bobonaza River. Visit the sacred tree of Uchuputo Ruya, there is an option to do some fishing and take a refreshing natural bath. There will be a picnic lunch.

4:00 pm: Traditional games and free afternoon.
DAY 24: Monday July 24th. Sarayaku Kichwa Territory-Tena (Meals included: B & L)
7:30 am-8:30 am: Breakfast.
9:00 am-12:30 am: Canoe ride and forest hike. We'll visit the community, the central square, the House of Assembly, the only Catholic Church from the time of the Spaniards. This time we can have an exchange dialogue with the Tayak Apu - President of Sarayaku, or with some other community leader. We will visit some families to purchase handicrafts and souvenirs.
12:00 pm: Lunch.
2:00 pm: Return towards Puyo by aircraft. From the air we will enjoy a breathtaking panorama of the Amazon forest, the lung of the world. It will be an occasion to photograph the landscape, the people of Sarayaku, a wonderful and unforgettable panorama view.
2:30 pm: Arrival at Shell-Puyo airport and transfer by bus to Tena’s Pakay Hostel.
5:00 pm: Estimated arrival to Tena’s Pakay Hostel
7:00 pm: Dinner-group pizza downtown Tena (pay on own)

DAY 25: Tuesday July 25th. Travel to Waorani Territory (Meals included: B, L & D)
6:30 am-7:30 am: Breakfast
8:00 am-12:00 pm: We will go to Coca by bus in order to reach the Auca road and get into Waorani Territory. Lunch will be in Coca
9:00 am-10:30 am: On-the-move Check-in

The Auca road, which refers to the kichwa word for “savage” was built in the 1970’s on Waorani territory for Texaco Oil exploration. Our last “alleged civilized” stop is a very small bridge over the Shiripuno river. From here, we will go upstream using motorized canoes (3 hours approximately) to reach our campsite. The waorani community of Queveriono.


DAY 26: Wednesday July 26th. Waorani Territory (Meals included: B, L & D)
The Waorani/Huaorani, also known as the Waos, are native Amerindians from the Amazonian Region of Ecuador who have marked differences from other ethnic groups from Ecuador. They comprise almost 4,000 inhabitants and speak Waoterero, an isolated linguistic family that is unrelated to any other Amazonian language. Their ancestral lands are threatened by oil exploration and illegal logging practices. In the past, Waorani were able to protect their communities and lands from both indigenous intruders and settlers. In our stay we will interact with them and we will learn about their lifestyle and struggle to adapt to so-called “modernity”.

DAY 27: Thursday July 27th. from Waorani territory to Coca & fly to Quito  (Meals included: B, L & D)
7:00 am-8:00 am: Breakfast
9:00 am-12:00 pm: We will leave Waorani territory by canoe and go back to the Shiripuno bridge where our bus will be waiting to transfer us back to Coca for lunch. Then we'll be transferred to the airport to catch our flight back to Quito
6:15 pm: Arrival to Quito and transfer from the Airport to Hostel Boutiquito.
7:00 pm: Dinner

DAY 28: Friday July 28th. Quito (Meals included: B & D)
7:00 am-8:00 am: Breakfast
8:00 am-10:00 am: Informal sharing of projects and activities
10:00 am-4:30 pm: Free time
4:30 pm-6:30 pm: Course evaluation and closing. Reaction Journals and Research Projects are due.
7:00 pm: We will board the bus that will take us to a downtown restaurant to celebrate the end of the program in Ecuador.
After dinner we’ll return to hostel Boutiquito.

**Day 29: Saturday July 29th, Quito (Meals included: B)**
7:00 am-8:00 am: Breakfast

End of the program, travel home to the U.S.