

ECUADOR

ADVENTURE ABROAD

DATES: JULY 8 – 21, 2026

DURATION: 14 DAYS

AGES: 15 – 17

CAMP TUITION: \$4,595

ECUADOR FLIGHT: \$1,225 *(paid separately to NCOAE for group flight)*

CAMP HIGHLIGHTS:

- ▶ Explore the Andes Mountains with views of volcanoes and wide-open valleys
- ▶ Explore, cook, and live together—classic summer camp vibes, just in Ecuador
- ▶ Get hands-on at a local farm—gardening, cooking, and caring for animals
- ▶ Homestay with Indigenous Ecuadorian Families
- ▶ Laugh a lot, try new things, and create unforgettable summer memories

WHY CAMP ABROAD WITH NCOAE?

- ▶ Make new friends fast through shared adventures, laughs, and camp life
- ▶ Unplug, be active, and spend every day doing something memorable
- ▶ Experience another country's culture in a way most teens never do

WHERE YOU'LL BE:

- ▶ Palugo Farm
- ▶ Andes Mountains
- ▶ Volcán Imbabura
- ▶ Cotopaxi National Park
- ▶ Quito

CAMP INCLUDES:

- ▶ All lodging and transportation during camp
- ▶ Flight from MIA to Quito and back
- ▶ Equipment for all activities
- ▶ Up to two (2) dedicated NCOAE field instructors
- ▶ All meals, admissions, and gratuities

** NCOAE recommends students bring a small amount of spending money for extra snacks and souvenirs.*



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* Flights to / from Ecuador group flights
at MIA not included in tuition.

ADVENTURE ABROAD — SUMMER 2026

14-Day Backpacking Expedition Itinerary *(Subject to change)*

Day 1: Wheels Up! Your group will enjoy spending its first in-country days based at Palugo farm, a permaculture project integrating sustainability, community, and adventure living in the outskirts of Quito. Here we rise with the sun to help with daily tasks that sustain life on the farm, such as splitting firewood for cooking, cleaning, gardening, milking, and animal work.

Days 2 – 4: Life on the Farm – Palugo Style. Welcome to Palugo Farm, our home base and heart of the experience. Over the next few days, students roll up their sleeves and dive into:

- Sustainable gardening and farming techniques
- Animal care and daily farm life
- Learning how food systems connect to environmental health
- Exploring Ecuador’s incredible biodiversity firsthand
- Evenings are filled with group meals, games, reflection circles, and camp-style bonding under the stars.

Days 5 – 8: Backpacking Cotopaxi National Park. Time to head into the wild! Students hike and backpack through the breathtaking landscapes of Cotopaxi National Park, surrounded by volcanoes, alpine terrain, and wide-open skies. Along the way they’ll:

- Learn backcountry skills and Leave No Trace ethics
- Build confidence through teamwork and challenge
- Camp together and cook meals outdoors
- Experience some of the most iconic scenery in South America

This is where friendships really start to stick.

Day 9: Market Day Madness. Today we explore the second-largest market in Ecuador, a vibrant explosion of color, culture, and energy. Students wander through stalls filled with:

- Handmade crafts and textiles
- Fresh fruits they’ve never seen before
- Local foods, music, and daily life

It’s cultural immersion at its best—and a great chance to practice communication and independence.

Days 10–11: Indigenous Homestay Experience Students spend two unforgettable days living with Indigenous Ecuadorian families. This deeply immersive experience includes:

- Sharing meals and daily routines with host families
- Learning traditions, stories, and cultural practices
- Gaining perspective through meaningful connection

Often described as the most impactful part of the entire trip.

Days 12–13: Back to the Farm. We return to Palugo Farm to reflect, reconnect, and wrap up the journey. These days include:

- Final sustainability projects
- Cultural workshops and group activities
- Celebratory meals and closing circles
- Time to relax, laugh, and soak it all in

It’s the perfect balance of reflection and fun.

Day 14: Until Next Time. After one last breakfast together, we head to the Quito International Airport and fly back to Miami International Airport, where families reunite and goodbyes are shared—for now. Students return home with new confidence, global perspective, and friendships that last long after the trip ends.

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