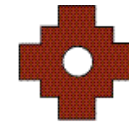
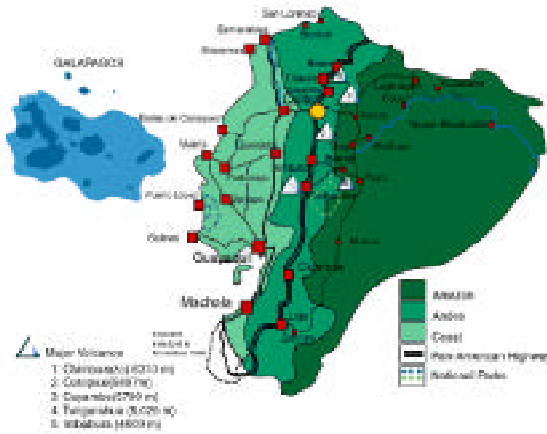


Humanitarian Expedition

Ecuador, South America



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Year 2007 Expedition Overview

The following expedition is open to the public:

Date

Sept 10-22

Project Area

Otavalo, Ecuador
Ipiales, Colombia
Imbabura Home and Dental. Other projects TBA.

Expedition Objectives & Preparation

As an expedition participant, you are a contributing Citizen of the World and will see life from the Andean or Jungle perspective. You will experience the joy of being a giver of humanitarian service and of acquainting yourself with the humble Andean people and their Incan ancestry and history.

The purpose of the expedition is twofold: 1) To provide hope, hygiene, construction, food, skills, or medical needs to poor children; and 2) Enjoy cultural exchange with villagers or natives in the jungle, islands, or Andes, thereby increasing your appreciation of the crucial need of humanitarian involvement.

On some expeditions, particular skills or trades are in demand, but usually everyone over 14 years of age is invited.† Participants should be in good physical condition, and may wish to learn a little Spanish. Advance reading on village development is also recommended. Participants must have a current U.S. Passport. Passports take several weeks to process, so apply right away. No advance visa is required, unless you are not a citizen of the United States.

After payment of your deposit, you will be notified to attend mandatory Briefing meetings as they will include the latest project details, work assignments, packing preparation, legal requirements, and immunizations. You will receive an Expedition Handbook outlining necessary preparations including cultural information, travel documents, and project itineraries. Above all, each member of the group should psychologically prepare him- or her- self for the trip by agreeing to maintain a responsible attitude, reflecting at all times the highest moral character, and strive to be cooperative and friendly toward all members of the expedition.

On all expeditions, we will work with indigent people and build facilities for children. We provide hygiene kits and basic hygiene training. Projects may include building bathrooms, libraries, and kitchens for grade schools in Andean towns in the department of Otavalo. Medical and dental projects will be added if medical personnel sign on.

Expedition projects will be finalized in 2007. Applicants are accepted on a first come, first serve basis. We will limit each expedition to 35 people. The Expedition to Ecuador is 1-2 days longer than most due to the additional Galapagos Islands experience. Any supplemental travel plans should be cleared through the expedition leader.

Cost Breakdown

Tours* Galapagos Islands	
Flight to Baltra	\$ 400
3-4 day hotel/cruise	\$ 600
Lodging - Accommodations/Food	\$ 400
Ground Transportation	\$ 150
Insurance (Emergency Medical Evacuation)	\$ 50
Administrative Costs	\$ 500
Project Overhead	<u>\$ 200</u>
(This is your portion of the cost of doing business in Ecuador for your trip. Separately, we fundraise for construction materials, kits, medical supplies, etc., as applicable to the expedition)	
Total	\$2300

Plus international airfare of approximately \$700 - \$1200 depending on your gateway city and rising fuel costs.

*Southern Cross Humanitarian is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization (Tax ID#11-3745422). Except for recreational Tours, expedition costs may be tax deductible.† Minors must be accompanied by at least one guardian.

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Sample Itinerary

Ecuador Expedition for 2007

The following is a sample itinerary for 2007, but final itineraries are made as we approach the dates.

- Day 1 USA flight to Quito, Ecuador. Bus late to Otavalo.
- Day 2 Humanitarian projects at shelter or other projects
- Day 3 Sleep in, Meeting, begin projects in afternoon.
- Day 4 Indian Market Day in Otavalo. Visit lake in volcanic crater in afternoon.
- Day 5 Church/free time
- Day 6 Humanitarian projects at home or other projects
- Day 7 Humanitarian projects at home or other projects
- Day 8 Humanitarian projects at home or other projects
- Day 9 Fly to Baltra, Galapagos. Tour Island. See giant tortoises.
- Day 10 Cruise Day 2. Visit San Cristobal/Santa Fe Islands. Swim/sunbathe with sea lions, tropical fish.
- Day 11 Cruise Day 3. Visit Bartolome Island. See Iguanas, Boobies. Swim with penguins, sharks, turtles.
- Day 12 Cruise Day 4, fly to Quito. Go to the Middle of the World (Equator)
- Day 13 Fly Quito home.

Cost & Payments

\$2300.00 price based on double/triple occupancy plus international airfare to be determined later.

Deposit: \$2300 due anytime but no later than 120 days prior to departure.

Singles (rooms) pay an additional \$300 for Quito and Otavalo hotels. Includes: Galapagos-Ecuador flights, travel insurance, hotels, bus, boat, tours, breakfast, some lunches. Does not include: some lunches and all dinners, taxi rides, \$25.00 airport tax to leave Ecuador, \$100 park fee for Galapagos Islands, souvenirs, tips, incidentals. Itinerary subject to change based on airline schedules and availability as well as project needs in Ecuador.

Payment and Application deadline for September expedition: May 10, 2007

Cancellation & Refunds

International airfare is not refundable, but you may retain your ticket and negotiate directly with the airlines for future flights. If one or more persons cancel prior to 90 days, all but international airfare and \$300 of the package amount for each is refundable by check within 30 days. If you cancel between 90 and 60 days you will receive a refund for all but international airfare and 25% of the total amount by check within 30 days. If you cancel between 60 and 30 days you will receive a refund for all but international airfare and 50% of the total amount by check within 30 days. There are no refunds less than 30 days as all air, travel, tour, and accommodations are prepaid and/or have cancellation fees.

Expedition Operator and Leader Van C. Evans

Van C. Evans served a church mission in Peru ('79-'81) and is founder of Southern Cross Humanitarian. He has led numerous expeditions and tours to Peru, Ecuador, and Bolivia over the past 9+ years. He is completing a Master of Social Work degree with an International certificate. When he's not studying or working at his office in Salt Lake City, he enjoys exploring the ruins and jungles of Latin America. Email van@sxhu.org. For questions call him at 801-278-7102 (cell 801-859-1033)

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Sign Up

Name: _____

(*exactly as it appears or will appear on your passport*)

Occupation: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Daytime phones: _____

Email: _____ U.S. Citizen? _____

Date of Birth: _____ Sex (circle): M F

T-Shirt Size: S M L XL XXL XXXL

Team: Construction Medical/Health Agriculture/Literacy
Speak Spanish? Fluent Some None

List your passport number: _____

List skills which may be helpful: _____

List medical info we should be aware of and at least one contact (w/phone) in case of emergency:

(Tel.)

Name of Doctor & Health Insurance Carrier:

Payment

Deposit due w/ App (\$2300.00)	\$
Project costs (please donate generously)	\$
Total Amount	\$

Make checks payable to: "Southern Cross Humanitarian"

Mail to: **2607 Casto Lane, Salt Lake City, UT 84117-6302.**

Call to use a credit card: Visa, MC, Discover, AmEx, Paypal.

You will receive a donation receipt at year end for your records.

Agreement

This document is provided as a summary of key items of understanding and agreement as a potential expedition participant/volunteer. You must review, sign, and submit this application along with your deposit before you will be considered as a participant with Southern Cross Humanitarian (SXHU).

1. **THIS IS NOT A VACATION.** I understand that SXHU expeditions are not tourist vacations and I need to prepare myself physically and mentally to face primitive, frustrating and disquieting conditions while traveling in Developing Nations, and working and living with indigent people. I agree to be patient, kind, hard working, and helpful at all times.

2. **Preparation.** As a participant, I am responsible for reading and understanding the information in the Expedition Handbook, and to contact the Expedition leader if I have questions. I understand that I am required to attend Briefing meetings, where locally possible, held by SXHU Expedition Leader.

3. **Requirements.** I understand that I will not be able to participate in the Expedition until I submit the necessary forms, payments, passport copy, and other legal documentation required for travel by SXHU *due dates*. These items are listed in the Expedition Handbook.

4. **Risk.** I understand that I am responsible for my own luggage, insurance claims, health, and belongings. While SXHU goes to great lengths to insure my wellbeing, SXHU is not responsible for the cost of my medical care or any theft, loss or damage I incur during or as a result of this expedition. I undertake this expedition at my own risk and will sign a disclaimer to that end.

5. **Arrangements.** To help facilitate the expedition, SXHU may arrange for group travel, accommodations, and so forth. I understand that these services may be contracted with airlines, hotel chains, or other companies or individuals and that SXHU is not responsible for their performance, security, safety or my satisfaction. As an applicant for the Peru:

_____, 2007 Expedition, I have read and agree to the terms of this Agreement.

Date

Applicant Signature

Parent Signature (if applicant is under 18 years of age)

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Terms and Conditions

RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY: This expedition is under the management of Southern Cross Humanitarian (SXHU), 2607 E. Casto Lane, Salt Lake City, UT 84117. SXHU has made all arrangements for accommodations and services furnished in connection with this expedition. While on this expedition, SXHU, as the principal, shall be responsible to the participant for supplying the services SXHU accommodations offered to the participant as set forth in the itinerary, except to the extent such services or accommodations cannot be supplied, due to delays or other such causes beyond the control of SXHU. In such event, SXHU will use its best efforts to supply comparable services and accommodations, but provide no refund. SXHU, in the absence of negligence on its part, shall not be responsible for any delay, substitution of equipment, or any act of omission whatsoever by the air carrier or by any hotel, guesthouse, lodge, bus supplier, or any of their employees or agents, or any of the services and accommodations to participants, including any results thereof, such as a change in services or accommodations necessitated by the same. SXHU shall not be liable for any death, nor for any damages or claims arising from negligence of any person not its employee nor under its exclusive control.

COST All prices are quoted in U.S. dollars. They are based on tariffs, fares, accommodation rates, and rates of exchange quoted to SXHU at the time of publication. These prices are expected to be in effect at the time of departure; however, prices are subject to change without notice. SXHU will make every effort to avoid price increases; however, any changes in price made by the airlines, hotels, vendors, operators, etc., with which SXHU has made arrangements, may be passed on to the participants. If such rates change prior to departure, SXHU is not under any obligation to pay extra expenses arising from unforeseen circumstances, such as a change of itinerary or means of transportation, etc. Extra charges are at the participant's expense and will require immediate settlement.

APPLICATION, PAYMENTS, AND CANCELLATION: Early reservations are strongly recommended, and a deposit per person is required at the time of booking. Final documents (including airline tickets) cannot be sent until final payment is received. Checks should be made payable to Southern Cross Humanitarian. All applications are subject to approval by SXHU and the expedition leader. All cancellation penalties are the responsibility of the participant, including a minimum \$300 non-refund dep.

HEALTH: We advise each participant to have a physical checkup before applying for the expedition, and bring an adequate supply of any prescription medications. SXHU cannot be responsible for illnesses that may occur while traveling. Since projects and sightseeing can be physically taxing, we recommend that persons who suffer from heart disease, high blood pressure, or any physical impairment which could hinder them from normal participation contact the expedition leader prior to submitting an application.

INSURANCE: While limited theft, medical, and accident insurance is included with this program, SXHU is not an insuring agent and is not responsible for any injury to your person. Further detailed information on this insurance coverage will be given at an expedition briefing meeting. SXHU is not responsible for any loss, theft, or damage to your belongings. Baggage and cancellation insurance is recommended and is available at nominal rates through private insurance companies. In the event of a claim, you are responsible to process your claim directly with the insurance company.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS: Participants must carry a valid passport. Participants will be provided with information concerning passports, visas, and immunizations where needed, but obtaining them are the responsibility of the applicant.

ACCOMMODATIONS: We seek to provide well-located accommodations (not always in the center of the city) representative of the area, which provide typical cuisine; clean, pleasant rooms with private bathrooms and efficient management. The class of lodging is consistent with the price category of the expedition. In some rural project areas expedition participants will sleep in tents and/or other rustic encampments without permanent bathroom facilities or heating. Expedition participants should make themselves fully aware of the living conditions provided with each expedition before applying.

ROOMMATES: Single participants may request specific roommates and will be assigned roommates of the same sex only. Those seeking a private room, where available, agree to pay the increased cost to the expedition leader prior to departure.

ITEMS NOT INCLUDED: Items of a personal nature, such as excess baggage or portage charges; personal, trip, or baggage insurance; room service; laundry; phone calls; bottled drinking water; food or beverages not part of the group menu; gratuities for special services; passports; immunization fees; etc.

NOTICE: SXHU reserves the right to make changes or substitutions in the interest of the expedition in order to meet unexpected situations, such as increases in fares and lodging rates, airline failures, changes in currency rates, etc., prior to departure. Additional charges or refunds will be made to participants where applicable. However, no refund will be made for lodging or services, included in the price, which are not utilized during the program by the participant. We reserve the right to cancel the program, if deemed necessary for reasons including insufficient program participation and circumstances beyond SXHU's control, such as strikes, lockouts, riots, wars, or Acts of God. In such an event, SXHU shall have no responsibility, beyond the refund of deposits and monies paid to SXHU by the participants. A refund will then be made to participants, within 30 days, by means of a bank check.

STANDARDS: Expedition participants are ambassadors of the United States and Southern Cross and individual behavior should be of the highest calibre, so as to not jeopardize the good name of the group and SXHU. All participants are required to maintain ideals and standards in harmony with Christian ideals. High standards of honor, integrity, and morality (including sexual morality); graciousness in personal behavior; application of Christian ideals in everyday living; and abstinence from illegal drugs, alcohol, and tobacco are mandatory. SXHU expeditions do not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, creed, gender, color, or ethnic or national origin, but all participants must maintain the ideals and standards of SXHU during the entire expedition.

SIGNATURE: I have read, understand, and agree to the Terms and Conditions as set forth above in order to participate on this expedition.

Applicant Signature

Date

Parent Signature (If applicant is under 18 yrs of age)