

Country Fact File: ECUADOR



Andean condor
the national bird



Galapagos tortoise
symbol of the
Galapagos Islands

Name of country	República del Ecuador Ecuador = equator
Continent	South America
Hemisphere	northern and southern
Borders	Colombia and Peru
Capital City	Quito
Official language	Spanish
Population	16,144,000 (2015 estimate)
Area	283,560 km ²
Currency	US dollar
Time Zone	UTC -5 / -6
Motto	Dios, patria y libertad
National Anthem	Salve, Oh Patria
Highest mountain	Chimborazo 6,628 m above sea level
Longest river	Napo 1,075 km
National sport	Football

Other Ecuador facts

- ◆ part of the Pacific Ring of Fire
- ◆ also includes the Galápagos Islands, which are about 1,000 km west of the mainland
- ◆ part of the Inca Empire in the 15th century
- ◆ largest city is Guayaquil
- ◆ one of the world's 17 mega diverse nations
- ◆ independent from Spain in the early 19th century
- ◆ westernmost country that lies on the equator
- ◆ summit of Chimborazo is considered to be the Earth's surface's most distant point from the centre of the Earth

Famous Ecuadorians

Jefferson Pérez	Martha Fierro
Antonio Valencia	María Capovilla
Juan José Flores	Beatriz Parra Durango

