



Grant with Compassion

Sunday, January 26th, 2025 to Saturday, February 1st, 2025

You are invited to join us for an eye-opening journey where you'll witness firsthand how Grant's partnership with Compassion Ecuador is transforming lives and breaking the cycle of poverty. This trip offers a unique opportunity to engage directly with the communities we serve—playing games with children, visiting your Compassion sponsor child, and experiencing the powerful impact of Compassion's holistic child development approach.

As you travel, you'll immerse yourself in the vibrant culture of Ecuador, enjoy local cuisine, and explore the diverse landscapes of cities, towns, and the beautiful countryside. Along the way, you'll connect with local church leaders and Compassion staff who are passionately committed to sharing the love of Jesus in practical and life-changing ways.

ECUADOR 2025 PLANNING INFORMATION

Dates of trip

- Sunday, January 26, 2025 - Saturday, February 1st, 2025
- It could vary by a day or so each way, depending on the final flight itinerary.

Who is this for?

- Adults who attend Grant. Participants ages 15-17 can join if traveling with a parent.
- We will cap the trip at 30 participants.

Potential Intererary

- Sunday, Jan 26 - travel from Winnipeg, arrive in Quito late evening
- Monday, Jan 27 - Supporting new mothers and their babies - Community #1
- Tuesday, Jan 28 - Supporting new mothers and their babies - Community #2
- Wednesday, Jan 29 - Visiting a Child Program Centre and home visits
- Thursday, Jan 30 - Sponsor Child Visit with fun activities
- Friday, Jan 31 - Explore Quito, Tourist activity, Visit a market
- Saturday, Feb 1 - Flight departs, arrive in Winnipeg late evening

Overall costs

- As of today (September 2024), the estimated donation is right around \$4000 per person.
- Costs depend on the number of sponsor children you have and unforeseen issues like foreign exchange, etc.
- Once we have confirmed the participants, we will communicate the total cost.
- If the cost of the trip is a concern, we encourage you to reach out (worldmission@grantmemorial.ca), as financial assistance may be available to help make your participation possible.

Costs included

- Flights
- Travel Insurance - cancellation, trip interruption and limited medical
- Accommodations - double occupancy (single occupancy is available for an extra \$300)

- In-country transportation
- In-country meals (meals during international travel not included)
- In-country translators
- The costs associated with visiting one compassion child (if you have several sponsor children, the extra costs range from \$40-\$300 to have them travel to meet you)

Costs not included

- Tips at hotel (recommended)
- Love offerings to translators and bus drivers (optional)
- Immunization (see below)
- Souvenirs (as you desire)
- Gifts for your sponsor kids (suggested \$50)

Health

We recommend that each traveler visit their local travel clinic or family doctor within 6-8 weeks before the trip and then decide what they want to do based on the doctor's recommendations. Travellers should tell the doctor that they will be visiting the Quito & Otavalo areas.

Please note that we will be arriving and departing at Ecuador's capital city, Quito. This city is the highest capital city in the world sitting at an altitude of 2850m or 9350 ft. Around 25% of travelers are susceptible to some form of altitude sickness. Most of our time will be spent in Otavalo, Ecuador which is 2,532 metres (8,307 ft). For context, Winnipeg is at an altitude of 239 metres (784 ft).

Next steps....

- Ensure you have a valid passport until at least July 2025 (6 months past travel date)
- Apply to join the team by October 15th, 2024
 - Application form: <https://grant.managedmissions.com/MissionApplication/Person/41830>
 - (When you click the above link, you'll be asked to create an account for our secure mission trip planning software)
- Ecuador Trip Information Meeting (attendance is not mandatory)
 - Sunday, October 6, 2024, 12:15pm-1:00pm (after church)
 - Room 144