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ABOUT JOCOTOCO

Jocotoco Conservation Foundation ("Fundación de Conservación Jocotoco") is an Ecuadorian non-governmental organization (NGO), created in 1998 to conserve key areas of biodiversity.

Since 1998, the foundation has established a network of fifteen reserves, which together protect around 57,000 acres. Although these reserves were created to protect the habitats of threatened birds, they also protect flora and fauna associated with their habitats.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPEND TIME AS A VOLUNTEER DOING FIELD WORK?

Visit and enjoy one of the countries with the greatest biodiversity in the world, while learning with real field work activities. You will be a fundamental part in the conservation and research of biodiversity.

Jocotoco will help you become a conservation hero through a variety of programs around the country.

Ramphastos swainsonii



BUENAVENTURA RESERVE

This reserve was created to protect the El Oro parakeet (*Pyrrhura orcesi*). It conserves one of the largest patches of cloud forest of the Andes in southwestern Ecuador. Buenaventura has a combination of dry Tumbesian forests and humid forests of the Chocó.

As a foundation, we worked for years to recover this area through reforestation projects with native species of the area, artificial nests to increase the nesting rate of El Oro parakeet, and recovery of species from illegal trafficking.

ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD

The volunteer house includes comfortable accommodation, electricity and hot water. Wi-Fi is available in the lower part of the Reserve at the Umbrellabird Lodge (20 minute drive from the volunteer house). There are three meals included per day (breakfast, lunch and dinner). We accommodate any dietary restrictions.

ACTIVITIES

Activities will vary according to the season and can include:

- Reforestation
- Data collection
- Monitoring of trap cameras
- Monitoring and maintenance of artificial nests for birds
- Monitoring of species
- Provide guidance to the visitors of the Hummingbird garden
- Animal care of parakeets (feeding and cleaning)

Epipedobates anthonyi







AYAMPE RESERVE

The subspecies (*Ara ambiguus guayaquilensis*) is a critically endangered bird species with fewer than sixty (60) individuals in the wild.

Our goal is to establish a wild population in the Ayampe Reserve and its surroundings. We have the support of Loro Parque Foundation and Jambeli Rescue Center, the only Captivity Center of parrots in Ecuador for conservation purposes.

ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD

Volunteers are housed with host families who live around the reserve. Water is not drinkable. Therefore, there will be bottles of drinkable water available for your consumption. We provide three meals daily (breakfast, lunch and dinner) and accommodate any dietary restrictions.



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ACTIVITIES

Activities will vary according to the season and can include:

- **Data collection**
- **Monitoring of released birds with telemetry (VHF and GPS techniques)**
- **Collection of native fruits and seeds**
- **Pre-release bird feeding and food supplement**
- **Maintenance of aviaries (cleaning and enrichment of cages)**
- **Environmental education in local communities**
- **Reforestation, collecting seeds and seedlings**
- **Monitoring of Marine turtles**



DURATION AND CONTRIBUTION

APPLICATION FEE

It is a non-refundable payment of \$40 USD for processing costs, modifications, documentation, copies, and others. The location of the volunteer program will not be confirmed until the application fee has been paid in full.

PROGRAM RATE

This program is ideally designed for one month. However, those who have limited time can enroll in the programs for as short as for one week. For programs longer than 45 days we offer special discounts.

- **Welcome Kit**
- **Permanent support and advice during the program**
- **Orientation for activities**
- **Material and transportation for activities**
- **Safe and furnished accommodation**

- **3 daily meals for programs held in the mainland (breakfast, lunch and dinner)**
- **2 daily meals for programs held in the in Galapagos (breakfast and dinner)**
- **Unlimited drinking water for consumption**
- **Galapagos National Park entrance fee (\$100 USD)**
- **Wi-Fi under availability**
- **Volunteering certificate endorsed by Fundación Jocotoco**

Not included, but available under request:

- **Local and international flights**
- **Transfer to and from the Airport**
- **TCT Card \$20 USD (Galapagos only)**

We recommend to have a weekly budget of \$20 for personal expenses (e.g.sodas, souvenirs, etc.). In rural areas only bills of 5-20 are accepted.



	1 WEEK	2 WEEKS	3 WEEKS	1 MONTH
CONTINENT	\$210 USD	\$360 USD	\$540 USD	\$720 USD
GALAPAGOS	\$1,650 USD	\$1,800 USD	\$1,900 USD	\$2,000 USD



HEALTH AND SECURITY

According to the Ecuadorian law, each volunteer will be responsible for acquiring their own medical insurance and providing a copy to the Program Coordinator upon arrival, as well as emergency contacts. There are medical facilities near each reserve (30 minutes approx.).

Volunteers will sign an agreement that exempts the Jocotoco Conservation Foundation from any responsibility for illness or accident in Ecuador.

The volunteer must take care of their own preventive medical treatment (vaccines), being mandatory for yellow fever and optional for diseases such as tetanus. Please keep in mind that some vaccines need to be received at least 10 days prior to your trip.

There will be a coordinator in each reserve that can assist you in case of emergency.

SPECIAL OFFERS

The volunteer program is an enriching experience personally and professionally, so we would like you to share it with your loved ones. For this reason, we offer you the following packages with a minimum stay of 1 month.

You + 1	5% for each participant to the program
You + 2 to 4	15% for each of your friends
You + 5 or more	20% for each of your friends



APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Fill out the application form at our website and send it to volunteer@jocotoco.org.
2. We will contact you immediately to schedule a Skype or WhatsApp video call.
3. We will send you the payment format to book the program via PayPal or bank transfer.
4. Send the digital copy of your passport, digital copy of accident insurance, and flight itinerary to volunteer@jocotoco.org.
5. Assist to the orientation session in Quito where the agreement will be signed and the welcome kit will be given.
6. Travel to the reserve and enjoy the full Jocotoco experience!
7. Upon completion of the program, we will send you a satisfaction survey to know your opinion. Your feedback can help us improve!
8. We will send you the digital certificate upon completion of the program.
9. Comment on our website and follow our social media.

“I VOLUNTEER, I SUPPORT CONSERVATION”



PAYMENT

PAYMENT INFORMATION

For your convenience, we have several payment methods:

Bank Transfer

Name of Bank: BANCO PICHINCHA
Account number: 3476659004
Bank's Address Amazonas y Pereira
SWIFT Code: PICHECEQXXX
To: VOLUNTEER JOCOTOCO
Jocotoco's Address: Lizardo García E9-104
and Andrés Xaura
Phone Number: 099-249-9813

PayPal (Credit Card):

After having our first meeting through Skype, we will send you a personalized form with a link to complete the payment with credit card.

Jocotoco Office:

It is possible to pay the fees at our offices during the first orientation meeting.

PASSPORT AND VISA

Ecuador requires travelers to hold a passport valid for at least six months before the day of arrival into the country.

The following countries require a tourism visa to enter Ecuador: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Cuba, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Haiti, Kenya, Nepal, Nigeria, Pakistan, Senegal and Somalia. For the rest of nationalities, you can use your passport to enter the country for 3 months. If you intend to volunteer with us for more than 3 months, we will help you with the visa arrangements.

LANGUAGE

Spanish is Ecuador's official language. Knowing the language is not mandatory, but it can be useful.

ARRIVAL TO ECUADOR

Once your participation in the program is confirmed, an orientation meeting will be coordinated at our offices in Quito. At this meeting, volunteers receive general information about Ecuador, Fundación Jocotoco, and conservation in Ecuador. You will also receive detailed information about the reserves and biodiversity programs. Each volunteer will receive a welcome kit that accredits her/him as Jocotoco volunteers.

Jocotoco office hours and address:

Lizardo García E9-104 y Andrés Xaura (at the corner), 3rd floor.

9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

2:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.



WHAT TO BRING

- Backpack-50 liters (recommended). You will need to carry this by yourself
- Light clothes (quick dry). Preferably long sleeve shirts and long pants for mosquitos' protection
- Hat
- Swimsuit (2)
- Rubber boots are basic for field work. You can buy them in Ecuador (\$ 10)
- Sandals / Flip- flops
- Insect repellent containing DEET. This should be used in skin and clothes as well
- Raincoat

- Sunglasses
- Sunscreen (SPF 30 to 50)
- Ziplock bags
- Binoculars, camera

CONTACT INFORMATION

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ARE YOU PASSIONATE ABOUT CONSERVATION?

RESERVES

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|-----------------|------------------------|
| 1. Tapichalaca | 9. Chakana |
| 2. Buenaventura | 10. Ayampe |
| 3. Yunguilla | 11. La Esmeralda |
| 4. Canandé | 12. Copalinga |
| 5. Yanacocha | 13. Tesoro Escondido |
| 6. Utuana | 14. Jocotoco Galápagos |
| 7. Jorupe | 15. Los Balsas |
| 8. Narupa | |

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PROJECTS AT WWW.JOCOTOCO.ORG**

