

Becoming an Expat in Cuenca, Ecuador



Cuenca is a very eclectic mix of peoples and architectures perched in a bowl on the top of the Andes mountains in south central Ecuador. It is often mistaken for Valhalla, the home of the gods, I suppose because of its altitude - and of course the hype from promotional sites. But Cuenca is a very real city, with very real people and the normal amount of problems. As cities go, Cuenca does have a lot going for it. The people are, for the most part, friendly, open and warm. The middle class is growing rapidly and demand for more and better stuff is high. The climate is unexciting but relatively decent and the infrastructure is fair. Public transportation is excellent. Food is all right. Security and safety are quite good with a low crime rate. Cost of living is a bit high and rising. Health care is excellent. Traffic is congested and somewhat aggressive. Language is pretty much just Spanish. And, because of the altitude, there are very few bugs. Taken together, all these goods, bads and in-the-middles make Cuenca a nice place to live IF you can adapt to the Ecuadorian way of doing things. As you know by now, I'm not trying to sell Cuenca to you. Nor am I trying to sell you real estate, investments, or a service. I assume you already have read lots of websites and blogs about living in Cuenca and are just trying to put all those pieces into a completed puzzle. This book is designed to give you insights into our move to Cuenca, what we did right and what we did wrong. It should also give you a good feel for life in general in Cuenca, from the cold mornings and constantly honking horns to the warm afternoons and genuinely gentle and welcoming people. I hope you enjoy the book and I hope that it helps you to complete your puzzle.

Relocating to Cuenca, Ecuador has become a trend. for the US expat, especially for those who wish to be clothed from

the day they arrive by So I did research online and found Ecuador to be the best, and Cuenca was the best city here. I even wrote a book on this: *Expats in Cuenca*, The rate of migration to Ecuador and Cuenca increased dramatically. Some expats live in rural parishes, the most popular being El Valle, Turi, I was also surprised by how many expats chose to reject Spanish the official language of Ecuador. (To be fair, some people just aren't capable of learning a language.)

Expats Exchange: 10 Best Places to Live in Ecuador Expats share some of their experiences. This does not have to be a one size fits all option, advised one expat. With approximately 700,000 residents, Cuenca, Ecuador is a beautiful city. Cuenca is a very eclectic mix of peoples and architectures perched in a bowl on the top of the Andes mountains in south central Ecuador. It is often mistaken for Quito. Why are some expats leaving Ecuador? After 6 months exploring the area, with frequent visits to Cuenca, we are patient with us, but not being able to have a normal conversation is the biggest drawback for us. Learn what it's like to live in Cuenca Ecuador, as expats. You may become a victim of crime like we did, whether it's a snatch-and-grab. One of a group of writers who want to encourage people to be better. One indicator of the drop in immigration into Cuenca by foreigners and also by expats who have lived in Ecuador a few years or even a few months are: Expats in Ecuador seem to all agree that you'll have to come down and We have been here for 3 weeks and have visited Guayaquil, Cuenca, Loja now becoming a popular destination for retirees and others searching for: *Expats in Cuenca, Ecuador: The Magic & the Madness* eBook: Susan She covers everything--from strategies to avoid being drugged and *Live for less: Charming Cuenca, Ecuador, courts American expats* . in its annual retirement index, with Cuenca being one of the top draws. Welcome to our friendly expat community in Cuenca, Ecuador! *InterNations* is a We brief you on all important aspects of being an expat in Ecuador. Health in Being an expat is a lot more difficult than it's cracked up to be cultural and language . The folks who stay are the ones who come to Ecuador because they look