

Coast

The provinces of Esmeraldas, Manabí, Guayas, El Oro and Los Rios, make up the Ecuadorian coastline with wonderful beaches and ports and more than 2,000 kilometers. The weather here is an average of 25°C (76° F) to 30°C (90° F). From December to May is the rainy season (Winter), when the weather is usually warmer. The dry season is between April and November, cooler and less humid.

In here is where we have Guayaquil, Ecuador's largest city and main sea port, is the capital of the Guayas Province. The most important Industrial and commercial center of the country. Founded in 1535 by Sebastián de Benalcazar and then again in 1537 by Francisco de Orellana. Guayaquil in the last 2 years has become a very interesting tourist destination, it is also very close to many stunning beaches and places such as: Playas, Baños de San Vicente, Salinas, Punta Carnero, Anconcito, Ancon, Ballenita, Punta Blanca, Palmar, Ayangue, Manglaralto, Montanita, Olon, amongst others.

Playas.- Is the closest beach resort to Guayaquil, located some 30 km south from Progreso (General Villamil) and around 115 km from Guayaquil.

Santa Elena.- Santa Elena hosts a new museum Los Amantes de Sumpa, where 8000-year-old skeletons embracing each other were found. The oldest archaeological exhibit of the country.

Baños de San Vicente.- Located some 10 Kilometers before reaching Santa Elena. A well known hot spring with thermal pools and therapeutic and rejuvenating mud baths, massages and hot tubs.

La Libertad.- About 55,000 inhabitants, the largest town of the Península. It is an important oil center located west of Santa Elena.

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