In the cities, travel by taxi is both convenient and inexpensive. It is advisable to hire a taxi by the hour or day when tight schedules must be followed or if visits outside the centre of town are required.

Hotels

There are several hotels of international standard in both Quito and Guayaquil, with more modest accommodation in the smaller centres. Prices are reasonable by North American standards and the food is good. Some hotels are able to provide good facilities for exhibitions, film shows and conferences.

Hotels frequently used by foreign travellers to Ecuador include the following:

Quito

Hotel Colon Internacional C.A. Avenidas Patria Y Amazones Tel: 56 13 33 and 56 28 88 Telex: 22542 HCOLON ED

Hotel Alameda Real Av. Amazonas Y Carrion 653 Tel: 56 23 45 Telex: 22224 ALMEDA ED

Hotel Intercontinental, Quito Calle Pata de Guapulo Tel: 23 03 00 and 52 09 36 Telex: 22223 INCUIQ ED

Guayaquil

Hotel Oro Verde 9 de Octubre Y Gare's Uforeuo Tel: 37 21 00

Hotel Continental 10 de Agosta Y Chile Esq. Tel: 32 92 70

Customs Regulations

Personal effects, including reasonable amounts of tobacco, spirits and photographic equipment, are admitted duty free.