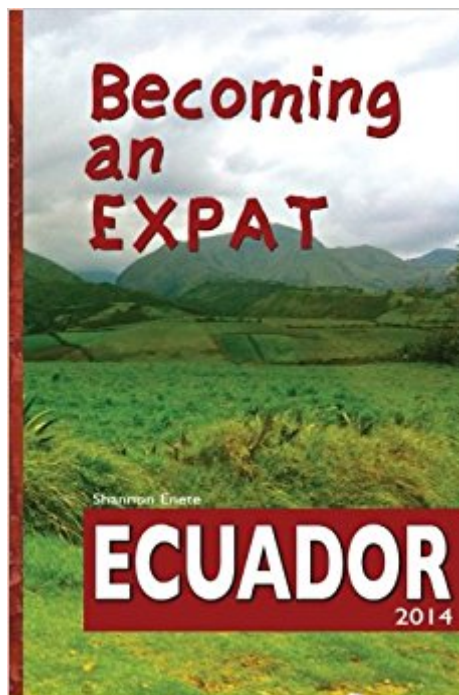




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# Becoming An Expat: Ecuador: Moving Abroad To Your Richer Life In Ecuador



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## Customer Reviews

While this book provides an excellent overview of living in Ecuador, the pictures that come with it are of very poor quality. I'm referring to the Kindle edition and have not seen the paperback version. Another issue with the book, at least the Kindle version, is that there are many grammatical errors throughout. The bottom line is that this would have been a 5 star book, had it not been for the above problems. It contains vital information about moving to Ecuador, is well written and aside from the minor issues I've mentioned, is probably one of the best books on the subject.

\*Becoming an Expat: Ecuador\* talks about the requirements for becoming a legal resident of Ecuador, describes regions of the country that a person might want to consider, explores ways a non-retired person might find work or start a business, points out obscure laws that would be useful to know, and much more. Here's a basic list of what she covers in the book:--

Overall picture of the country, history, culture, safety, economy, environment, climate, etc.-- The basic facts on immigration options, paperwork required, etc.-- A complete overview of all the regions of the country, what it is like there, which areas are most expat-friendly, etc.-- A full overview of the cost of living in Ecuador, from housing to transportation to medical care and more-- Logistics of moving to Ecuador including mail, banking, moving with pets, required documents, international moving companies, electronics and applications you might wish to bring/have with you in Ecuador, etc.-- The process of finding a home to rent or buy, paperwork to expect and how to set everything up-- How to buy a car in Ecuador, and what to expect for insurance, etc.-- Considerations when moving with children, including lists of schools, safety concerns, and some great ideas for acclimating the kids to Ecuador-- Options for creating a business in Ecuador, including important legal and cultural considerations-- Other options for finding work/creating an income while in Ecuador-- Tax considerations for expats in Ecuador-- Ideas for free lodging-- Considerations for retirees, including healthcare options and taking opportunities for learning fun new skills, finding activities, staying active, learning Spanish, and more-- A special section on seasonal expats and the logistics of living away from home for months at a time, including property management and travel insurance-- A description of the culture shock you will go through when you move-- A list of slang words and useful phrases that will be good to know in Ecuador-- A big list of tips and advice from other expats to Ecuador-- Packing tips for moving your household items to Ecuador

Of course, when you are ready to make the leap I strongly urge you to double-check the current facts since laws and policies can change at any time. Shannon wrote this book in the latter half of 2014. Shannon writes in a very conversational tone with an edge of humor. If you've listened to her "Becoming an Expat" podcast, you'll soon recognize her personal style shining through in her writing. Despite the occasional typo or malapropism, Shannon has a way with words and is very fun to read. There is a good reason that \*Becoming an Expat: Ecuador\* has all 4- and 5-star reviews here on , except for the two so far who left two-star reviews, saying: 1. "I don't know why I bought it ... I am not becoming an expat...I am going on a vacation there." Seriously? That's a reflection of the reviewer's ignorance and/or oversight of the word "expat" which is prominently displayed on the cover of the book, not the content of the book... and 2. "Next time, please check that the pages are printed correctly. Half my book has left pages that have large blank spaces from top to bottom, vertically." Hm, that sounds like a printer error, not a problem with the content of the book. (Shannon then showed great customer service by replying right away and offering to make it right by sending another copy to the customer.) Overall I found \*Becoming an Expat: Ecuador\* to be extremely honest, comprehensive and informative. It will answer many of the questions people may

have about what it would be like to move to Ecuador. I would not hesitate to recommend it to anyone considering a move to anywhere in Ecuador!

This book \*in combination with others\* is a good resource for folks considering relocating to Ecuador. It does have useful information in it, though some of it struck me as a little shortsighted (or detrimentally limited to only the experience of the author, despite the inclusion of fellow expat comments throughout). She does a good job of making it clear that you shouldn't jump in without doing your research, and she provides options for said research, though via annoyingly shortened urls (in print!) included within or at the bottom of the pages. She also provides helpful insight into some areas in Ecuador with which she is obviously familiar to varying degrees. I stop at 4 stars because it's pretty dry reading, she's not (in my opinion) a 'natural' writer, the editing is abysmal (if there actually was any) and the overall production quality is pretty low. The lack of quality editing, typos and awkward attempts at humor resulted in my setting this book down often, despite best efforts to get through it quickly. Still, it's worth a read.

This book is straight forward about moving to Ecuador without the sugar coating. Thank you.

The BEST book I have found on relocating (I'm leaving in 21 days!). The pictures in the book are black and white and I have seen mimeograph images that look better, but the information is spot and and the banking info is worth the price of the book. The layout of content seems odd, as she jumps around the country an no apparent order, I would say that the pictures and layout are more due to a bad editor/publisher. But, again the information is GREAT. If you want to see amazing pictures of Ecuador look for "Insight Guides- Ecuador & Galapagos"

Perhaps the most detailed book on the ins and outs of moving to Ecuador. It is complete with webpage links to recommended lawyers, realtors, insurance, medical, and expat organizations.

This book covered all the key questions we had so far., And many that we never even considered. Very nice read.

I purchased the book prior to traveling to Ecuador and then on to the Galapagos. I had no intention of becoming an expat. My initial reading focused on what I thought would be pertinent to my travels. Upon returning home I read the whole book and learned substantially more about the country and

some of the areas that I had just visited. This book goes into more detail than a general travel book especially how the people think and react. One can skip the parts about what it takes to buy a house or sign up for utilities. But throughout the book are gems of what life is really like in the country and salient points by the author that made a lot of sense. Call it philosophy or lessons in life when traveling. I will be rereading the book for future travels to Latin America. As to becoming an expat, the author certainly gave me something to chew on.

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