

UNIVERSIDAD SAN FRANCISCO DE QUITO



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International  
Architecture  
Workshop  
San Cristobal, Galapagos

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CAMPUS USFQ  
Cumbaya- Pichincha



CAMPUS GAIAS  
San Cristobal - Galapagos



# Program Overview

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This course is planned as two-week studio in the Galapagos Islands, in which students will reach 100 hours of academic endeavor. Those hours are split in three categories: studio hours, in-field expeditions, and lectures.

This course aims to help understanding the diverse components of the Galapagos' cultural and natural landscape, it also explores how its components could be affected by the aftermath of the upcoming climatic crisis.

During the first week, students will focus on understanding all the aspects related with the built-up form and its relationship with the territory. They will also analyze the social and environmental interactions that can occur only in the Galapagos Islands. Then, on the second week, students will go from the analysis to the development of a proposal, considering one of the few topics discussed during the previous week.





# Architecture against Climate Change in the Galapagos Islands

## Activities

**LECTURES** Students will attend to conferences addressed to understand the peculiar context of the archipelago and how its conservation is managed, according to its unique environmental attributes. I also help the students to face global knowledge related with architecture, urban planning linked with nature preservation on the world scale.

**INFORMATION GATHERING IN THE FIELD** Students will develop techniques and strategies of information gathering in the field, which will allow to conceive the relationship between humans, its built-up form, and the natural environment in a comprehensive way.

**PROPOSAL** Students will end this studio presenting their proposals which will question the actual interactions among the archipelago's society and ecology. This will approach to new ideas that will help to mitigate the consequences of mankind's depredation against nature and climate change.

The Galapagos Islands is understood as a living laboratory, where we can observe the social and ecological interactions from a first row, in a manageable and comprehensive scale. The archipelago is proposed as a model of developing strategies potentially applied in similar contexts. This class is organized as a vertical studio, where instructors and students from different levels of academic background will work in a collaborative way to make provocative and innovative ideas.



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## Program details

**Program Dates:** July 2 – July 18, 2023

**Application Deadline:** February 1st

**Credits:** 3

**Language:** English

**Campus:** Cumbayá (Quito) and Galápagos

**Activities:** Lectures, conference, sites visit, in-field gathering information and proposal development.

**Requisites:** Students with high analytic and propositive skills, complemented with graphic, written and oral skills. They also should be willing to work in multidisciplinary teams. Designed for students in the fields of architecture, environmental design, urbanism, landscaping, geography, environmental engineering or similar.

**COVID Requisites:** full vaccination and at least 1 booster.

**Price per student**

**\$ 3,600**

### Program Includes:

- Services and activities as listed in the itinerary
- Transportation to Quito airport at the beginning and the end of the studio
- Hotel in Quito
- Guidance about protocols in the USFQ-Quito Campus
- Plane ticket Quito - Galápagos - Quito
- Guidance about protocols in the GAIAS Campus
- Lodging in Galápagos
- Trips and expeditions related with the studio
- Farewell dinner
- Travel taxes and those related with the Galapagos National Park (TCT card and Galapagos National Park entrance fee)
- Conferences and academic tutorials
- Assistance in case of emergency

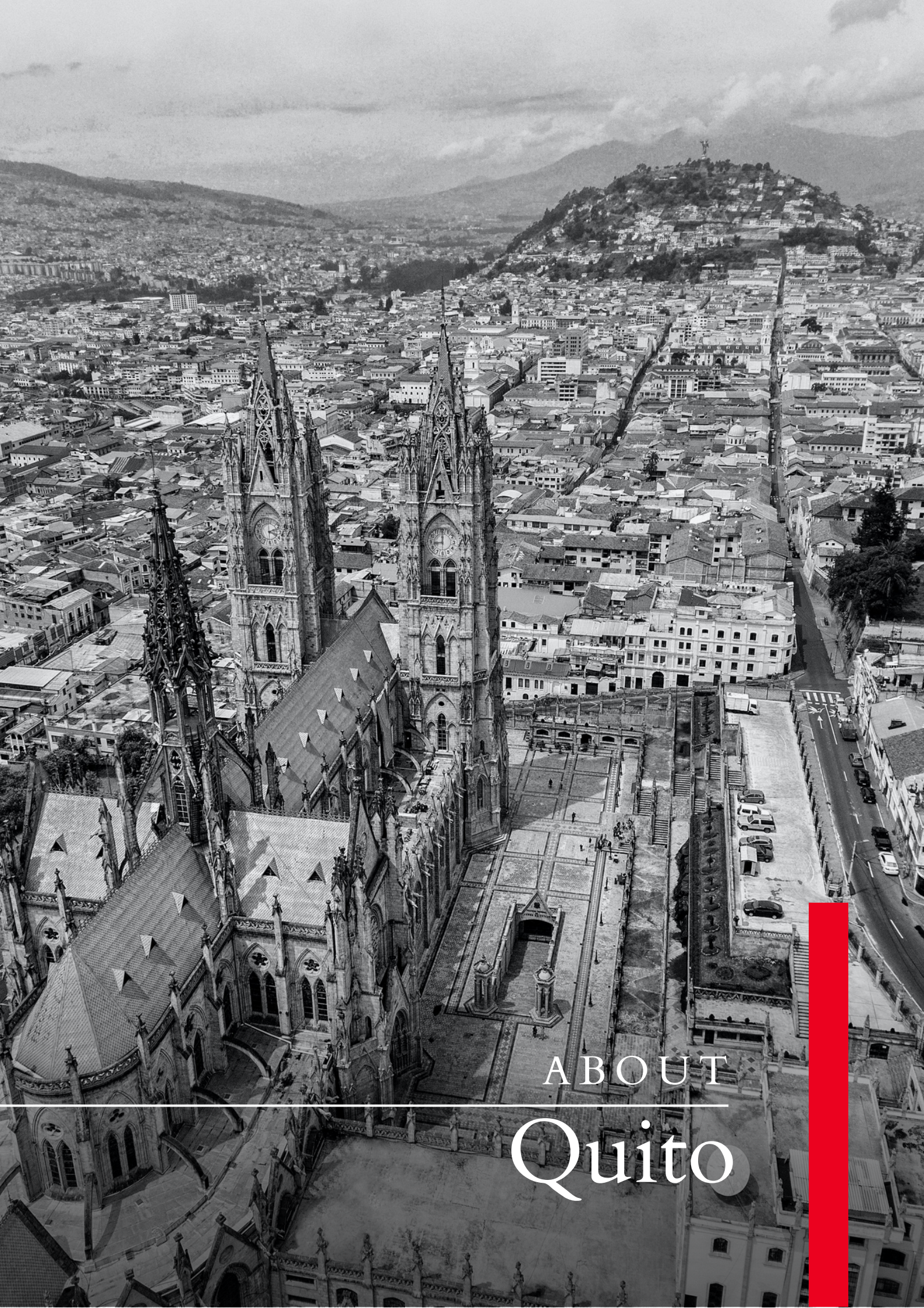
### Does NOT include:

- International Health Insurance (required)
- International Flights
- Personal expenses
- Gratuities
- Additional expenses (not detailed in the program)

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## Program itinerary

N	DAY	DATE	ACTIVITY	LODGING	MEAL SPECIFICS
0	SUN	2-Jul	International flight to Quito Transfer to hotel	Hotel in Quito	
1	MON	3-Jul	AM USFQ Health & Safety Orientation (start) PM Welcome lunch/Lecture	Hotel in Quito	B, L
2	TUE	4-Jul	AM Travel to San Cristóbal Welcome lunch & Orientaion PM Interpretation Center and Frigate bird hill	Hotel in San Cristóbal	B, L
3	WED	5-Jul	AM City walk PM Free evening	Hotel in San Cristóbal	B
4	THU	6-Jul	AM Workshop PM workshop	Hotel in San Cristóbal	B
5	FRI	7-Jul	AM Workshop PM Workshop	Hotel in San Cristóbal	B
6	SAT	8-Jul	AM Workshop PM Presentation week 1	Hotel in San Cristóbal	B
7	SUN	9-Jul	AM transfer to pier + speed boat to Santa Cruz + transfer to hotel PM Visti to highlands, Bellavista, lava tunnels and rancho primicias	Hotel in Santa Cruz	B
8	MON	10-Jul	AM Visit to Lonesome George and Charles Darwin Station PM City walk in Puerto Ayora	Hotel in Santa Cruz	B
9	TUE	11-Jul	AM Visit Tortuga Bay PM transfer to pier + speed boat to San Cristobal + transfer to hotel	Hotel in San Cristóbal	B
10	WED	12-Jul	AM Lecture PM Workshop	Hotel in San Cristóbal	B
11	THU	13-Jul	AM Workshop PM Workshop	Hotel in San Cristóbal	B
12	FRI	14-Jul	AM Workshop PM Workshop	Hotel in San Cristóbal	B
13	SAT	15-Jul	AM Workshop PM Workshop	Hotel in San Cristóbal	B
14	SUN	16-Jul	Free Day	Hotel in San Cristóbal	B
15	MON	17-Jul	AM Workshop PM Final Presentation /Farewell dinner	Hotel in San Cristóbal	B,D
16	TUE	18-Jul	Travel to Quito		B



ABOUT  
Quito

# Quito

Ecuador

The first World Cultural Heritage Site in the world, declared by UNESCO in 1978. Quito has been nominated as South American Leading Cultural city Destination by World Travel Awards several times.

Quito was founded on the ruins of an Inca city and has the best preserved and least altered historic centre in Latin America. In here you can find some examples of the "Baroque school of Quito" or *Escuela Quiteña*, which mixes the European and indigenous art visible in: architecture, sculpture and painting.

## Quito's key information

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Altitude: 9 350,4 ft above sea level

Time zone: UTC - 5

Currency: US dollar

## Weather

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Temperature ranges from 55°F at night, to 78°F at noon

During the day temperature averages around 64°F

It is advisable to have a light raincoat since rains can be unexpected





ABOUT

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# Galapagos



Marine Iguanas  
Tortuga Bay (Santa Cruz Island)

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Blue-footed Booby  
San Cristobal Island

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Giant Tortoises  
Galapaguera (SanCristobal Island)

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# San Cristobal

Galapagos Islands

**World Culturage Herritage Site** declared by UNESCO in 1978

The Enchanted Archipelago features some of the world's most unique endemic **wildlife** species and wonderful landscapes that continually rank among the world's best

## GAIAS (USFQ)

Located in San Cristobal Island, GAIAS offers multiple academic programs for international exchange and research collaborations.

Time Zone: GMT-6

## Weather

*Warm Season/ Rainy Season (Dec - May)*

Average on land temperature: 70 - 80 °F

Average water temperature: 70 °F

*Cold Season/ Dry Season (Jun - Nov)*

Average on land temperature: 70 - 60 °F

Average water temperature: 66 °F

## Playa Mann

Our campus is located in front Playa Mann, a wonderful beach ideal for swimming, surfing, and snorkeling with dozens of exotic fish species and sea lions.

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