

## IMMEDIATE FAMILY VISITING CURRENT VOLUNTEERS

We have special rates for immediate family members who want to visit their long-term volunteer already serving in Ecuador.

### IMMEDIATE FAMILY:

#### What counts as immediate family?

- parents
- siblings and their spouses
- grandparents
- volunteer's spouse/children

#### What does not count as immediate family?

- aunts/uncles
- cousins
- nieces/nephews
- neighbors
- family friends
- boyfriend/girlfriend/fiancée

**APPLICATION PROCESS:** (For **EVERYONE**, even if you don't plan on staying at the OSSO house).

In order to visit your OSSO volunteer, you **must** turn in an application and application fee. The application fee covers a background check. The application fee is separate from the program fee – to see what the program fee covers, see the link at the end of this document. Click [HERE](#) for the application.

Once your application is processed, OSSO will call you to accept you, and to coordinate your trip dates and arrangements.

You may apply as early as you wish, but if you want to go on the optional Amazon trip, you must apply at least 5 weeks before you want to arrive in Ecuador. The company that runs the Amazon tours won't let us make reservations less than 30 days in advance, and we need time to process your application before making the reservation.

*Please **do not** purchase your flights before your application is approved by OSSO.*

### AIRFARE:

International transportation is up to you, but you have a few options:

- Arrange your own flights.
- Arrange your flights with the travel agency we get our tickets through. They can sometimes find better rates than what is online.

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**COST:**

**Application/Coordination Fee: \$50.00 USD per “group” traveling on the same itinerary**

- \$20.00 is refunded if we do not accept you after processing your application
- \$20.00 is refunded if your application is processed but we can’t offer you a spot in any of the groups you marked on your application
- nothing is refunded if your application is processed and we can/do accept you for one of the groups you marked on your application and then you decide you don’t want to go, or that you can’t make it work, or withdraw
- if your application is processed and we can’t offer you a spot in any of the groups you marked on your application but you tell us you want to go in a later group (this effectively means you’ve added another preference on your application), then the line above applies

**Program fee: see chart**

- these prices are substantially reduced rates from the full-price short-term volunteer program fees (basically covering our bare-bones costs with a small amount built in to go toward helping the orphanages)
- for eating out or doing activities (at your own expense), your volunteer can accompany you, but if you need someone (our Visitor Coordinator or Project Director) to go with you to help you, you’ll need to pay their costs for this

**CUENCA:** (price includes roundtrip airfare from Quito to Cuenca)

Number Going* ↓	Number of Nights →									
	1-2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
1	304	321	338	355	372	389	406	423	440	For every night beyond night 10 we charge the first person of every group \$90/night and each additional person \$60/night
2	530	564	598	632	666	700	734	768	802	
3	756	807	858	909	960	1011	1062	1113	1164	
4	982	1050	1118	1186	1254	1322	1390	1458	1526	
5	1208	1293	1378	1463	1548	1633	1718	1803	1888	
6	1434	1536	1638	1740	1842	1944	2046	2148	2250	
7	1660	1779	1898	2017	2136	2255	2374	2493	2612	

\* Number Going = number of immediate family members in group traveling and paying together; the overall invoice amount will be addressed to just one person.

**QUITO:**

Number Going* ↓	Number of Nights →									
	1-2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
1	135	160	185	210	235	260	285	310	335	For every night beyond night 10 we charge the first person of every group \$90/night and each additional person \$60/night
2	222	272	322	372	422	472	522	572	622	
3	309	384	459	534	609	684	759	834	909	
4	396	496	596	696	796	896	996	1096	1196	
5	483	608	733	858	983	1108	1233	1358	1483	
6	570	720	870	1020	1170	1320	1470	1620	1770	
7	657	832	1007	1182	1357	1532	1707	1882	2057	

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*Please review the file “[What the Program Fee Covers and Doesn’t Cover](#)” so there aren’t any surprises (specifically emphasizing about paying your own departure tax).*