



## Going Beyond: South America

Make the most of your fall semester by joining us on an epic experience in Peru and the Galapagos Islands, Ecuador. For ten weeks, students are invited to live, volunteer, and immerse themselves in the cultures of three very unique communities in: Peru - the Amazon Jungle and Historical Cusco, followed by San Cristobal, the Capitol of the famed Galapagos Islands off of the Ecuador coast. Students will engage with both the societies and the beautiful natural environments of these special places.

You'll gain exposure to multiple fields to help you start building a vision for your future or simply as the most powerful and enduring form of education—hands on experience. You'll be involved in animal rehabilitation deep in the jungle, community outreach and archaeology in the former Incan Capital, Peru and conservation and education in the Galapagos Islands, Ecuador.

Take this opportunity to learn by doing with a group of your peers in a structured, safe and stimulating program.

**Projects Abroad** is a global leader in student travel and has been working in Ecuador and Peru for close to twenty years managing numerous community focused projects including disability care, education, and conservation initiatives.

After running volunteer and internship programs for over 30 years, **Projects Abroad** is able to provide the gold standard of safety for our project participants.

Through pre-departure measures and expert staffing, our interns are able to experience hassle-free travel while making a real, tangible impact.

### Key Facts

- ▶ **Locations:**  
Puerto Maldonado, Peru  
Cusco, Peru  
San Cristobal, Ecuador
- ▶ **Length:** 10 weeks
- ▶ **Student Ages:** 18-22
- ▶ **Included:**  
Accommodations, meals, in country transit, weekend excursions per itinerary, weekly activities, 24-hour support, Spanish lessons, pre-departure support, flight advising.
- ▶ **Not Included:**  
Personal activities, visas, flights.
- ▶ **Accommodation**  
Homestay /  
Conservation Lodging





San Cristobal,  
Ecuador



Cusco,  
Peru

Puerto  
Maldonado,  
Peru

## Going Beyond: Itinerary

<b>September 19</b>	<b>Arrive in Puerto Maldonado, Peru</b> (2 1/2 weeks)
<b>October 6</b>	<b>Say goodbye to the Amazon</b>
<b>October 11</b>	<b>Begin Community Outreach &amp; Spanish Immersion</b> (1 week)
<b>October 16-17</b>	<b>Machu Picchu Excursion</b> (2 days)
<b>October 18</b>	<b>Begin Archaeology Project</b> (1 week)
<b>October 23-24</b>	<b>Depart Peru and travel to San Cristobal</b> (2 days)
<b>October 25</b>	<b>Begin activities in the Galapagos</b> (5 weeks)
<b>November 1</b>	<b>Begin Project A</b> (2 weeks)
<b>November 13-14</b>	<b>Weekend Excursion to Santa Cruz Island</b> (2 days)
<b>November 15</b>	<b>Begin Project B</b> (2 weeks)
<b>November 27</b>	<b>Program Completion</b>

After a long journey to the heart of the Amazon Rainforest, you'll be ready to settle-in to a dramatically new atmosphere. In the coming days you'll learn all about the local community and environment by working side-by-side with experienced conservationists at the Taricaya Reserve.

Hop on a flight to Cusco, Peru to start the next phase of your Gap Semester. During the first few days there will be multiple activities to familiarize students to the local area and culture.

During this week you will visit local communities on the outskirts of Cusco and in the late afternoons you'll have 2 hours of intense small group Spanish lessons.

Saturday will be a fun and informative day where you'll visit famous towns and sites surrounding Cusco and the Sacred Valley. On Sunday, it'll be an early start, as you take in the breathtaking sights of Machu Picchu in the morning. You'll be given a guided tour around this stunning World Heritage Site.

Help preserve history and discover new insights into the rich cultures of the area by supporting local Archaeologists. We've partnered with the Peruvian Ministry of Culture to uncover and protect ancient Incan and Wari structures and artefacts.

For the third phase of the program, you'll head to Guayaquil, Ecuador on the mainland and stay the night in order to catch an early flight the next day to San Cristobal in the Galapagos Islands.

Welcome to the place where humans play second fiddle to animals. Our local team will welcome you and make you feel like a local in no time.

Start your first project in either Conservation, Youth Development or Teaching. Each week will also include a community outreach day and many group events.

Enjoy a break and take in the magic of one of the locals' favorite islands, just a short ferry away.

Start your second project in either Conservation, Youth Development or Teaching. Each week will also include a community outreach day and many group events.

Head back to US with an entirely new perspective and a zillion stories to tell.