

POPULAR PLACES IN CUENCA

Food/Restaurants

- Tutto Freddo** very popular ice cream place
located by the Cathedral, straight up Benigno Malo, between Simón Bolívar y Gran Colombia
- Heladería Holanda** another very popular ice cream place that also has food
located up the street from the Cathedral on Benigno Malo, between Simón Bolívar y Gran Colombia
- Gelatería La Fornace** this is a place you can get ice cream as well as pizza
located on Presidente Borrero between Mariscal Sucre y Simón Bolívar; there's also another nicer La Fornace (without the ice cream menu) that's located on Remigio Crespo e Imbabura
- Raymipampa** this is an Ecuadorian food restaurant that has very good dishes
they also have great banana splits; located next to the Cathedral on Benigno Malo; there's also another nicer El Raymi Restaurant that's located on Remigio Crespo y Ave. Solano
- Pizza Hut** very good and quite inexpensive compared to prices in the U.S.
located on Federico Proaño y Remigio Crespo
- Burger King/KFC** Burger King has prices almost the same as in the U.S.; KFC is cheaper than in the U.S.
Burger King is located in the Milenium Plaza in the food court on the second floor; KFC's main entrance is from outside the mall on the main floor but is also accessible from the food court on the second floor
- New York Pizza** this is a good pizza place
located at Gran Colombia y Padre Aguirre
- Santa Lucía** this is a nice Italian restaurant (prices are more spendy here)
located at Presidente Borrero y Sucre
- Villa Rosa** this is another nice restaurant that serves local as well as international dishes with a lot of seafood options (prices are more spendy here)
located at Gran Colombia y Tarqui
- Los Morochos** this is a very simple restaurant that serves delicious empanadas and a great warm drink (made of corn)
located behind Milenium Plaza

Tourism Places

- Flower Market** this market has incredibly beautiful flowers all year round and for very cheap prices
located at Mariscal Sucre y Padre Aguirre to the side of the Cathedral
- Sweater Market** this is the place to buy native sweaters, pants, flip-flops, gifts, etc.
located on Presidente Córdova y Padre Aguirre, up (heading further away from the OSSO house) and over from the Flower Market
- Hippie Market** if you want jewelry, this is the place to go; from necklaces to anklets, silver to seeds, they have everything and can make almost anything you want them to
located at Mariscal Lamar y Benigno Malo (down the same street as the Cathedral and ice cream)
- Rotary Market** a great market where you can find a wide assortment of things such as baskets, furniture, trinkets, carved wooden kitchen utensils, etc.
located at Gáspar Sangurima y Vargas Machuca (when walking, we do not recommend getting to this market any other way than on Vargas Machuca for safety reasons)
- Artisan Market** this is a series of individual shops, also called Casa de la Mujer, located inside a building just up from the Sweater Market; you can get guitars here, have baby dresses made, buy tablecloths with matching napkins, jewelry, nativity sets, etc.
located just up from the Sweater Market on General Torres, between Juan Jaramillo y Presidente Córdova
- Galápagos** Laura is the owner and she's been around since the first OSSO group; she has a lot of good souvenir-type things and at good prices—she generally gives OSSO volunteers a 10% discount
located on Presidente Córdova, between Presidente Borrero y Hermano Miguel
- Banco Central** not just a bank, this is also a museum that has great exhibits as well as ancient Incan ruins behind it; musical performances also take place in the auditorium
located at Calle Larga y Huayna Cápac
- El Parque Calderón** this is the park in the middle of the city by the Cathedral; it's a nice place to sit and relax
- La Catedral** this generally refers to the huge “new” Cathedral (brick colored, construction begun in 1885, called Catedral de la Inmaculada) in the middle of the city by the park; across the park is the “old” Cathedral built

on an Inca structure (the white one, construction begun in 1557 when Cuenca was founded, called El Sagrario)

Museums ask the Project Directors because there are quite a few

Jewelry Store the owner of this store has also been around since the first OSSO group; he makes all kinds of silver jewelry, including CTR rings; this is a popular spot to buy a little nicer jewelry than the Hippie market
located on Presidente Borrero, next to the Red Cross, just a half a block down from Presidente Córdova

Malls/Stores

Supermaxi yes, funny name, but this is Ecuador's supermarket/grocery store (it's the Supermaxi "El Vergel"); their prices are more American-rate, but still good; the discounted prices are only available with a membership; most of the house purchases are made here by the Food Committee
located at Avenida José Peralta y A. Cordero—close to the "Estadio de Fútbol" (there's another Supermaxi across town, but it's smaller and a lot further away, so we don't go there)

Milenium Plaza this "mall" has various shops, including a t-shirt shop where you can buy "100% Cuencano" t-shirts
it's near Supermaxi and within walking distance from the house—you can't miss it

Mall del Río this is a new mall in Cuenca and has 150 shops, complete with a movie theater and food court; this mall is too far away to walk to, so just get in a taxi and tell the driver "Mall del Río"

Explorador Andino this is a definite favorite and quite frequented by our volunteers who most often buy the kangaroo waist packs
located at Presidente Borrero y Mariscal Sucre

E-mail/Phone Calls there are several good internet cafes along Honorato Vásquez and along Presidente Borrero

Printing Digital Pics SilvaColor—this is pretty much our designated shop...they know us and like us
located at Presidente Borrero y Mariscal Sucre

Money

ATMs Visa—Banco de Guayaquil
located at Presidente Borrero y Mariscal Sucre

MasterCard—MasterCard Office
located at Simón Bolívar y Tomás Ordóñez

Traveler's Checks Banco de Guayaquil, upstairs
located at Presidente Borrero y Mariscal Sucre