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Ministry of Tourism of Ecuador
Official Statement

To the international community, partners in the tourism industry, and future visitors to Ecuador:

Ecuador remains a welcoming and safe destination, open to all who wish to explore the natural and cultural riches our country offers. Despite reports of isolated incidents in specific areas not frequented by visitors, we emphatically affirm that no violent incidents affecting foreign tourists have been recorded.

The National Government is committed to effectively ensuring the safety of both Ecuadorians and foreigners across the country. In line with this, the Ministry of Tourism of Ecuador reiterates its dedication to safety and hospitality, essential components in transforming visits to our country into truly memorable and impactful experiences.

The isolated and exceptional events that have been reported by some media outlets do not reflect the harmonious and tranquil spirit that has characterized our nation or its tourism industry. Our ports and airports are fully operational, without any flight reductions or cancellations. This uninterrupted and secure flow of arrivals and departures underlines the normalcy and accessibility of all the wonders that Ecuador has to offer.

Iconic destinations within Ecuador, such as the Galapagos Islands, the Amazon, and culturally rich cities like Cuenca, Quito, Riobamba, among others, have not reported any security concerns, providing peaceful and enriching experiences for all visitors.

Ecuador is ready to welcome those in search of authentic adventures, rich culture, and unmatched landscapes. We encourage everyone not to miss the opportunity to experience the warmth and beauty of our country.

To further address any concerns, we invite you to explore the following content that showcases the beauty and safety of our destination:



- For a detailed perspective and recent experiences about safety in Ecuador, please read the complete analysis at The Planet D: <https://theplanetd.com/is-ecuador-safe-to-travel/>
- Over the past two months, more than 4,341 visitors have arrived via four cruises at Ecuador's Pacific ports, notably Silversea Silver Nova, part of Royal Caribbean, docking at the port of Guayaquil with 728 tourists on-board. This event emphasizes the confidence and peace international visitors have in Ecuador: <https://ecuador.ladevi.info/guayaquil/guayaquil-arriba-crucero-silversea-728-turistas-bordo-n64830>
- Quito's selection as the host city for Adventure Elevate Latin America 2024 showcases Ecuador's international recognition as a leader in adventure tourism and sustainability: <https://events.adventuretravel.biz/adventureelevate/latin-america-2024>
- This inspiring article in Esquire highlights why Ecuador is a safe and exceptional destination for all travelers: <https://www.esquire.com/uk/food-drink/a46296697/travel-guide-ecuador-the-galapagos-peru/>

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With gratitude and hope,

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