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DAY OF THE DECEASED

Traditions, Flavors and Memories

A cultural journey
with Milo 



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Welcome to Ecuador!

 Hi, I'm Milo!

I'm your cultural guide, and I'm here to take you on a little adventure through Ecuador.

Have you ever tasted a purple drink, eaten a sweet bread shaped like a little person, or discovered a tradition that brings families together?

Today, we're going to explore a very special celebration: **the Day of the Deceased**. You'll learn about its history, traditions, delicious foods, and useful Spanish words along the way.

Are you ready? ¡Vamos! 

 **Milo's tip:**
Learning a few Spanish words helps you connect with people and culture!

Your first Spanish words

¡Hola!
Hello!



¡Vamos!
Let's go!



¡Gracias!
Thank you!





THE TRADITION

What Is the Day of the Deceased?

In Ecuador, November 2 is the **Día de los Difuntos** – the Day of the Deceased – a day dedicated to remembering people who have died.

For many families, it is a time to visit cemeteries, bring flowers, share food, and remember loved ones. In some communities, the day also includes indigenous traditions connected to ancestors and the deep relationship between the living and the dead.

The celebration is not exactly the same everywhere. Each family and community has its own way of remembering.

For many Ecuadorians, this day is not only about sadness. It is also about **love, family, memory, and keeping traditions alive.**



MILO'S CULTURAL NOTE

Día	= day
Difuntos	= deceased people
Tradición	= tradition
Familia	= family
Memoria	= memory



Useful Spanish words

Cementerio
Cemetery



Flores
Flowers



Recordar
To remember





THE MAGIC OF Colada Morada

A flavor full of memories

Colada morada is a traditional drink from Ecuador, especially popular around the Day of the Deceased. It has a deep purple color, a unique flavor, and a very special meaning.

It is made with purple corn flour (harimás morado), fruits such as pineapple, naranjilla, blackberries, babaco, and spices like cinnamon, cloves, and fragrant herbs.

For many Ecuadorians, preparing colada morada is a way to bring families together, share stories, and remember loved ones. Each family has its own recipe, passed down from generation to generation.

Milo's tip:

Colada morada tastes even better when you share it with family and friends!

Milo

Main ingredients



Harina de maíz morado
Purple corn flour



Piña
Pineapple



Naranjilla
Naranjilla



Moras
Blackberries



Babaco
Babaco



Canela
Cinnamon



Clavo de olor
Cloves

Useful Spanish words

Colada morada	= purple drink
Ingredientes	= ingredients
Receta	= recipe
Preparar	= to prepare
Compartir	= to share
Tradición	= tradition
Delicioso/a	= delicious
Familia	= family



Guaguas de Pan

Bread with a Story

Guaguas de pan are traditional sweet breads that are especially popular around the Day of the Deceased in Ecuador.

They are shaped like babies or small human figures and decorated with colorful icing. You can find them in bakeries, markets, and family tables all over the country.

Guaguas de pan represent life, innocence, and the cycle of generations. They are often enjoyed together with colada morada, and they are a delicious way to bring families and communities together.



Milo's tip:

Guaguas de pan are even more special when you share them with your family and friends!

Main ingredients



Harina de trigo
Wheat flour



Azúcar
Sugar



Huevos
Eggs



Mantequilla
Butter



Leche
Milk



Esencia de anís
Anise essence

Useful Spanish words

Guagua de pan	= sweet bread
Pan	= bread
Dulce	= sweet
Decorar	= to decorate
Compartir	= to share
Familia	= family
Tradición	= tradition
Delicioso/a	= delicious



A cultural note

In many families, **guaguas de pan** are offered as a sign of love and remembrance. They remind us of the importance of family, tradition, and keeping our loved ones in our hearts.

Let's practice!

¿Te gustaría probar una guagua de pan?
Would you like to try a guagua de pan?





How Do Ecuadorian Families Celebrate?

Family, food and beautiful memories

On November 2, many Ecuadorian families visit cemeteries to bring flowers, clean the tombs, and remember their loved ones. It is a time to honor, share, and keep family bonds strong.

Families often prepare colada morada and guaguas de pan, which are shared at home or at the cemetery. People tell stories, remember special moments, and feel close to those who are no longer with them.

The celebration can be different in each region, but everywhere it is a time of respect, love, and gratitude.



Milo's tip:

Families bring flowers and share food to remember and celebrate the lives of their loved ones.

Typical activities

1 Visit the cemetery



Bring flowers, clean the tombs, and remember loved ones.

2 Share traditional food



Enjoy colada morada and guaguas de pan with family.

3 Tell stories



Remember special moments and keep their memory alive.

4 Spend time together



Share love, gratitude, and family traditions.

Useful Spanish phrases

Visitar	= to visit
Llevar flores	= to bring flowers
Recordar	= to remember
Compartir	= to share
Familia	= family
Estar juntos	= to be together
Tradición	= tradition
Amor	= love
Gratitud	= gratitude
Vivir en el corazón	= to live in the heart

A cultural note

For many Ecuadorians, the Day of the Deceased is not a sad day, but a meaningful time to celebrate life, remember loved ones, and feel that they continue to live in the hearts of their families.

Let's reflect!

How does your family remember and celebrate your loved ones?



A Tradition That Connects Generations

Family, memory and cultural roots

The Day of the Deceased is a time that connects past, present, and future. It brings together different generations: grandparents, parents, and children.

Older family members share stories about their loved ones, traditions, and life lessons. Children learn about their family history, cultural values, and the importance of keeping these traditions alive.

Through food, stories, and shared moments, this celebration helps Ecuadorian families feel more connected and reminds everyone that **the people we love always remain in our hearts.**



Milo's tip:
Traditions are special because they help us remember, share, and feel close to each other.

Generations together



Grandparents

Share stories and traditions.



Parents

Prepare traditional foods and keep the customs alive.



Children

Learn, ask questions, and continue the tradition.

Useful Spanish words

Abuelos	= grandparents
Padres	= parents
Hijos	= children
Familia	= family
Historia	= story / history
Generación	= generation
Tradición	= tradition
Recuerdos	= memories
Compartir	= to share
Mantener	= to keep / maintain

A cultural note

In many Ecuadorian families, telling stories about loved ones is a very important part of the celebration. It keeps their memory alive and helps younger generations learn about their roots and identity.

Let's talk!

Who are the people in your family that you like to remember? What stories do they share?



Cemeteries Places of Memory

Respect, love and remembrance

On November 2, many Ecuadorian families visit cemeteries to bring flowers, clean the tombs, and remember their loved ones.

Cemeteries are not sad places. They are places of memory, respect, and love. Families decorate the graves with colorful flowers, pray, and sometimes share food, such as colada morada and guaguas de pan.

During this day, cemeteries become spaces for family reunions, where people talk about their loved ones, keep their memories alive, and feel a special connection with their past.

Visiting the cemetery is a way to show **gratitude** for the lives of those who are no longer with us.



Milo's tip:

We bring flowers to show love, respect, and gratitude to our loved ones.

Typical scenes



Bring flowers
Llevar flores



Clean the tombs
Limpiar las tumbas



Pray or reflect
Rezar o reflexionar



Share food
Compartir comida

Useful Spanish words

Cementerio	= cemetery
Tumba	= tomb / grave
Flores	= flowers
Limpiar	= to clean
Visitar	= to visit
Recordar	= to remember
Respetar	= to respect
Agradecer	= to be grateful
Vela	= candle
Rezar	= to pray
Familia	= family

A cultural note

In Ecuador, cemeteries are decorated with beautiful and colorful flowers, especially chrysanthemums. These flowers represent love, respect, and the continuation of life.

Let's practice!

Have you ever visited a cemetery with your family?
What do you think is important to remember about loved ones?



Indigenous Traditions and Cultural Diversity

Different regions, shared respect

In Ecuador, the Day of the Deceased is also celebrated by many Indigenous communities, each with its own customs, beliefs, and traditions.

For many Indigenous peoples, this day is a time to honor **Pachamama** (Mother Earth) and to maintain a spiritual connection with their ancestors. They believe that life continues in a different form, and that the souls of their loved ones remain close, protecting their families.

In regions such as the Andes, families offer traditional foods, flowers, and prayers. In other communities, music, dances, and ceremonies are part of the celebration, showing the richness and diversity of Ecuadorian culture.

These traditions remind us of the deep respect for nature, life, and the wisdom of past generations.



Milo's tip:

Ecuador is a diverse country. Many Indigenous traditions are part of our identity and help us value our culture even more!

Examples from different regions



Andes

Offer food, flowers, and prayers to honor ancestors.



Otavalo

Music, dances, and community ceremonies.



Amazon

Special rituals to connect with nature and their ancestors.



Coast

Family gatherings, food, and prayers for loved ones.

Useful Spanish words

Pachamama	= Mother Earth
Pueblo indígena	= Indigenous people
Ancestros	= ancestors
Creencia	= belief
Ceremonia	= ceremony
Danza	= dance
Música	= music
Respeto	= respect
Naturaleza	= nature
Diversidad	= diversity
Identidad	= identity

A cultural note

Ecuador is a multicultural country. Its Indigenous communities maintain important traditions that enrich our culture and remind us to respect nature, our ancestors, and all forms of life.

Let's talk!

Which of these traditions interests you the most?
Why do you think it is important to respect different cultures?



Day of the Deceased, Día de Muertos, and Halloween

Different traditions, similar meanings

The Day of the Deceased in Ecuador, Día de Muertos in Mexico, and Halloween in other countries are different celebrations, but they all have something in common: they remember people who have died.

In Ecuador, families visit cemeteries, bring flowers, and share traditional foods like colada morada and guaguas de pan. It is a time of love, respect, and family reunions.

In Mexico, Día de Muertos is a joyful celebration filled with colorful altars, marigold flowers, candles, and favorite foods to honor loved ones.

Halloween, celebrated mainly in the United States and other countries, has different origins and is more focused on costumes, fun activities, and spooky symbols.

Each tradition is unique, but all of them show that remembering our loved ones is important.



Date



Main purpose



Main activities



Traditional foods



Main symbols

Ecuador
Day of the Deceased

Mexico
Día de Muertos

United States
Halloween



Milo's tip:

Even though these celebrations are different, they all teach us to remember, value, and keep our loved ones in our hearts!

A quick comparison

	Ecuador Day of the Deceased	Mexico Día de Muertos	United States Halloween
Date	November 2	November 1–2	October 31
Main purpose	To remember and honor loved ones	To honor and celebrate the lives of loved ones	To have fun with costumes and traditions
Main activities	Visit cemeteries, bring flowers, share food	Create altars, decorate with marigolds, share food	Wear costumes, trick-or-treat, parties
Traditional foods	Colada morada, guaguas de pan	Pan de muerto, traditional dishes	Candies and sweets
Main symbols	Flowers, candles, guaguas de pan	Marigolds, altars, calaveras (skulls)	Pumpkins, costumes, spooky decorations



A cultural note

Although these celebrations are different, they all show the universal importance of remembering our loved ones, keeping their memory alive, and celebrating the connection we continue to feel with them.



Let's think!

How is the Day of the Deceased similar or different to Halloween? Which tradition would you like to experience? Why?





Your Essential Spanish Vocabulary

Key words for the Day of the Deceased



Milo's tip:
Learning these words will help you talk about traditions, family, and culture in Ecuador.



Family and people



Abuela
grandmother



Abuelo
grandfather



Madre
mother



Padre
father



Places



Cementerio
cemetery



Tumba
tomb / grave



Altar
altar / ofrenda



Casa
home



Traditional food



Colada morada
purple corn drink



Guagua de pan
sweet bread



Frutas
fruits



Comida tradicional
traditional food



Symbols and elements



Flor
flower



Vela
candle



Fotografia
photograph



Incienso
incense



Actions and common verbs



Llevar
to bring



Limpiar
to clean



Rezar
to pray



Compartir
to share



Recordar
to remember



Celebrar
to celebrate



A cultural note

These words are part of an important tradition in Ecuador. Learning and using them shows respect for the culture and helps you communicate about a meaningful celebration that connects families and generations.



Let's practice!

1. Which words are new for you?
2. Which traditions would you like to learn more about?
3. Try to create a short sentence using three of these words.



At the Market

Your First Conversation

Practice useful phrases in a real situation

Markets are an important part of Ecuadorian culture. Here you can find traditional foods, flowers, and much more for the Day of the Deceased. This short conversation will help you practice useful Spanish phrases while learning about local products.



Milo's tip:

You can use these phrases at local markets to practice your Spanish and connect with Ecuadorian culture!

¡Buenos días!

¿Qué desea?

Good morning!
What would you like?

Quisiera una
guagua de pan,
por favor.

I would like a
guagua de pan,
please.

Guaguas
de pan

Colada
Morada

Useful phrases

¡Buenos días!	Good morning!
¿Qué desea?	What would you like?
Quisiera...	I would like...
¿Cuánto cuesta?	How much does it cost?
Por favor.	Please.
Gracias.	Thank you.
De nada.	You're welcome.
¿Me puede dar...?	Can you give me...?
¿Tiene...?	Do you have...?
Sí, tenemos.	Yes, we have it.
No, lo siento.	No, I'm sorry.
Está muy rico/a.	It's very delicious.
Volveré pronto.	I will be back soon.

A sample conversation



Vendedora: ¡Buenos días!
¿Qué desea?
Good morning! What would you like?



Tú: Quisiera una guagua de pan,
por favor.
I would like a guagua de pan, please.



Vendedora: ¿Algo más?
Anything else?



Tú: Sí, también una colada morada.
¿Cuánto cuesta?
Yes, also a colada morada.
How much does it cost?



Vendedora: La colada morada
cuesta dos dólares.
The colada morada costs two dollars.



Tú: Perfecto. Aquí tiene. ¡Gracias!
Perfect. Here you go. Thank you!



Vendedora: ¡De nada! Que la disfrute.
You're welcome! Enjoy it.



Key vocabulary at the market



Guagua de pan
sweet bread



Colada morada
purple corn drink



Flores
flowers



Frutas
fruits



Puesto
market stall



Dinero
money

A cultural note

Ecuadorian markets are colorful and lively places where people buy traditional foods, flowers, and other items for the Day of the Deceased. Visiting a market is a great way to practice Spanish, meet local people, and experience Ecuadorian culture.



Let's practice!

- Write a short dialogue between you and a vendor at the market.
- What traditional food would you like to buy? How much do you think it costs?
- Practice saying the useful phrases out loud.



Speak Spanish with Milo

Everyday Expressions

Useful phrases for real life situations

These expressions will help you communicate during the Day of the Deceased and in your travels around Ecuador. You can use them at the market, at the cemetery, with friends, and with local families.



1. At the market En el mercado



¿Cuánto cuesta?	How much does it cost?
Quisiera una...	I would like a...
¿Tiene...?	Do you have...?
Aquí tiene.	Here you are.
Gracias.	Thank you.
Está delicioss/a.	It's very delicious.



2. With people Con personas



¡Buenos días!	Good morning!
¡Buenas tardes!	Good afternoon!
¡Buenas noches!	Good evening!
¿Cómo está?	How are you?
Mucho gusto.	Nice to meet you.
¿Cómo se llama?	What's your name?
Yo me llamo...	My name is...



3. About traditions Sobre las tradiciones



Es una tradición.	It's a tradition.
Honramos a nuestros seres queridos.	We honor our loved ones.
Llevamos flores.	We bring flowers.
Compartimos comida.	We share food.
Es muy especial.	It's very special.
Me gusta esta tradición.	I like this tradition.



4. About food Sobre la comida



Quiero una colada morada.	I want a colada morada.
Quiero una guagua de pan.	I want a guagua de pan.
Está muy rico/a.	It's very tasty.
¿Puedo probar?	Can I try it?
¡Qué delicioso!	How delicious!



5. At the cemetery En el cementerio



Venimos a recordar.	We come to remember.
Es un lugar de paz.	It's a place of peace.
Llevamos flores.	We bring flowers.
Es muy bonito.	It's very beautiful.
Respetamos esta tradición.	We respect this tradition.



6. Useful responses Respuestas útiles



¡Sí!	Yes!
No.	No.
Por supuesto.	Of course.
De acuerdo.	Okay / I agree.
¡Qué interesante!	How interesting!
¡Qué lindo/a!	How nice!
¡Hasta luego!	See you later!

A cultural note

Learning and using these expressions is a great way to connect with local people, show respect for their traditions, and have meaningful experiences in Ecuador.

Let's practice!

1. Choose 5 expressions from this page.
2. Use them to create a short dialogue.
3. Practice with a partner or read it out loud.
4. Try to use the expressions in a real situation!



Cultural Comparison Let's Explore!

Different traditions, shared values

The Day of the Deceased in Ecuador, Día de Muertos in Mexico, and Halloween in the United States are different celebrations, but they all show respect for life, death, and the importance of remembering our loved ones. Let's compare them!



Ecuador
Day of the Deceased

Mexico
Día de Muertos

United States
Halloween

Milo's tip:

Different traditions can teach us new perspectives and help us appreciate the diversity of our world!

Aspect	 Ecuador Day of the Deceased	 Mexico Día de Muertos	 United States Halloween
 Date Fecha	November 2 2 de noviembre	November 1-2 1 y 2 de noviembre	October 31 31 de octubre
 Main purpose Propósito principal	To remember and honor deceased loved ones. Recordar y honrar a nuestros seres queridos fallecidos.	To honor and celebrate the lives of loved ones. Honrar y celebrar la vida de nuestros seres queridos.	To have fun with costumes and traditions. Divertirse con disfraces y tradiciones.
 Main activities Actividades principales	Visit cemeteries, bring flowers, share food, and pray. Visitar cementerios, llevar flores, compartir comida y rezar.	Create altars, decorate with marigolds, share food, and tell stories. Crear altares, decorar con flores de cempasúchil, compartir comida y contar historias.	Wear costumes, trick-or-treat, decorate houses, and enjoy festive activities. Usar disfraces, pedir dulces, decorar casas y disfrutar actividades festivas.
 Traditional foods Comidas tradicionales	Colada morada, guaguas de pan Colada morada, guaguas de pan	Pan de muerto, tamales, traditional dishes Pan de muerto, tamales, platos tradicionales	Candies, sweets, and snacks Dulces y golosinas
 Main symbols Símbolos principales	Flowers, guaguas de pan, crosses Flores, guaguas de pan, cruces	Marigolds, altars, candles, calaveras (skulls) Cempasúchil, altares, velas, calaveras	Pumpkins, costumes, spooky decorations Calabazas, disfraces, decoraciones de terror
 Similar values Valores similares	All three celebrations show love, respect, and the importance of remembering our loved ones. Las tres celebraciones muestran amor, respeto y la importancia de recordar a nuestros seres queridos.		

A cultural note

Each tradition is unique and special. Learning about different cultures helps us be more open, respectful, and curious. Even though the celebrations are different, they all remind us to value our families, friends, and the people who came before us.



Let's think!

1. Which tradition is most similar to the Day of the Deceased in Ecuador?
2. Which tradition would you like to experience?
3. What do you think these celebrations teach us about life and family?



Let's Practice Spanish Cultural Activities

Use what you have learned!

Milo's tip:
Practice these activities to remember new vocabulary and feel more confident speaking Spanish!



1. Match the words

Connect each image with the correct word in Spanish.



1. ____ colada morada
2. ____ guagua de pan
3. ____ flor
4. ____ vela



2. Complete the dialogue

Use the words in the box to complete the conversation.

Quisiera ¿Cuánto cuesta? Aquí tiene
Gracias por favor



Tú: ¡Buenos días!



Vendedora: ¡Buenos días!
¿Qué desea?



Tú: _____ una
guagua de pan, _____.



Vendedora: _____
dos dólares.

Tú: _____.

Vendedora: _____.
¡Disfrúte!



3. Choose the correct option

Circle the best answer in Spanish.



1. ¿Qué es esto?
a) una flor
b) una casa
c) una vela



2. ¿Qué bebida es?
a) guagua de pan
b) colada morada
c) agua



3. ¿Dónde están?
a) en un parque
b) en un cementerio
c) en un mercado



4. ¿Qué es esto?
a) una comida
b) una vela
c) una fruta



4. Put the words in order

Write the correct sentence in Spanish.

1. pan / una / Quisiera / guagua / de

2. cuesta / ¿Cuánto / eso?

3. morada / colada / Está / la / rica.

4. flores / al / Llevamos / cementerio.



5. Describe the image

Use 3-5 sentences in Spanish.
You can use the vocabulary from previous pages.





6. Talk about you

Answer the questions in Spanish.
Use complete sentences.

1. ¿Cuál es tu tradición favorita del Día de los Difuntos?

2. ¿Qué comida te gustaría probar?

3. ¿Te gustaría visitar un cementerio en Ecuador? ¿Por qué?



A cultural note

Practicing Spanish with real situations helps you remember new words and feel more confident. These activities connect language learning with Ecuadorian culture and allow you to use Spanish in a meaningful and fun way!



Let's reflect!

1. Which activity was the easiest for you?
2. Which activity was the most challenging?
3. What new words did you learn?
4. How can you use these expressions in a real conversation?



Let's Make Colada Morada Traditional Recipe

Follow these steps to prepare a delicious colada morada, a traditional drink for the Day of the Deceased.



¡Hola!
Hoy vamos a preparar una colada morada. Es una bebida tradicional de Ecuador y es muy deliciosa.

Hi! Today we're going to make a colada morada. It's a traditional drink from Ecuador and it's very delicious.

Milo's tip:

You can help an adult in the kitchen and practice new Spanish words while cooking!



1. Ingredients (Ingredientes)



moras
blackberries



mortño
Andean blueberry



piña
pineapple



naranja
lulo fruit



babaco
babaco fruit



frutillas
strawberries



maicena
cornstarch



azúcar
sugar



canela
cinnamon



clavo de olor
cloves



agua
water



hojas de naranjo
orange leaves



2. Steps (Pasos)



1
Cocina las frutas.
Cook the fruits.



2
Cuela la mezcla.
Strain the mixture.



3
Regresa el líquido a la olla.
Put the liquid back in the pot.



4
Disuelve la maicena en un poco de agua.
Dissolve the cornstarch in a little water.



5
Agrega la maicena, azúcar, canela y clavo.
Cocina hasta que espese.
Add the cornstarch, sugar, cinnamon, and cloves. Cook until it thickens.



6
Sirve y disfruta.
Serve and enjoy.



3. Useful vocabulary (Vocabulario útil)

cocinar	to cook	hervir	to boil
mezclar	to mix	espesar	to thicken
colar	to strain	probar	to taste
agregar	to add	servir	to serve
disolver	to dissolve	delicioso/a	delicious



4. Let's practice! (¡Practicemos!)

- ¿Cuál es tu fruta favorita en la colada morada?
What is your favorite fruit in colada morada? _____
- ¿Te gustaría preparar esta receta en casa?
Would you like to make this recipe at home? _____
- Escribe tres ingredientes en español.
Write three ingredients in Spanish. _____

A cultural note

Colada morada is a traditional drink prepared during the Day of the Deceased. It is made with Andean fruits and spices, and it represents the richness of Ecuador's culture and biodiversity.



Let's reflect!

- What did you learn about this recipe?
- Which ingredient would you like to try?
- How does food help us remember and celebrate our traditions?



Milo's Spanish Challenge

Let's see what you can do!



¡Hola!
Este es tu desafío de español.
Completa las actividades
y demuestra todo lo que
has aprendido.

Hi! This is your Spanish
challenge. Complete the
activities and show
what you have learned.



Milo's tip:

You can do it!
Use the vocabulary
and expressions
from the previous pages.
Practice and have fun!



1. Complete the sentences

Use the words in the box.

colada	guagua	flores	cementerio	tradición
familia	mercado	deliciosa	celebrar	Ecuador

- En el Día de los Difuntos, muchas personas llevan _____ a los cementerios.
- La _____ morada es una bebida tradicional.
- La _____ de pan es muy popular en Ecuador.
- Visitar el _____ es una forma de recordar a nuestros seres queridos.
- Es importante _____ nuestras tradiciones con la familia.



2. Match the phrases

Match the Spanish phrase with its English meaning.

- | | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. ¡Buenos días! | ☐ | a. We bring flowers. |
| 2. ¿Cuánto cuesta? | ☐ | b. It's very tasty. |
| 3. Quisiera una guagua de pan. | ☐ | c. How much does it cost? |
| 4. Está muy rico/a. | ☐ | d. Good morning! |
| 5. Llevamos flores. | ☐ | e. I would like a guagua de pan. |
| 6. ¿Dónde están? | ☐ | f. See you later. |
| 7. Gracias. | ☐ | g. Where are they? |
| 8. Hasta luego. | ☐ | h. Thank you. |



3. Put the words in order

Write the correct sentence in Spanish.

- una / Quisiera / colada / morada.

- está / La / comida / deliciosa.

- flores / Llevamos / al / cementerio.

- pan / ¿Cuánto / cuesta / la / guagua / de?

- esta / Me / encanta / tradición.



4. Look at the image and write

Use 3-5 sentences to describe the image in Spanish.



- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____



5. Choose the correct option

Circle the correct word.

- Es una (bebida / flor / tradición).
- Las guaguas de pan son (dulces / bebidas / frutas).
- En el mercado, puedo (comprar / visitar / recordar) flores.
- La colada morada es (roja / morada / naranja).
- El Día de los Difuntos es una (fiesta / comida / costumbre).



6. Answer the questions

Write short answers in Spanish.

- ¿Cuál es tu comida tradicional favorita?

- ¿Te gustaría visitar un cementerio en Ecuador?

- ¿Qué tradición te gusta más: el Día de los Difuntos, el Día de Muertos o Halloween? ¿Por qué?



A cultural note

Every time you practice Spanish, you also learn more about Ecuadorian culture, its people, and its beautiful traditions. ¡Sigue practicando! Keep practicing!



Milo's final challenge!

- ☐ I can use basic Spanish phrases.
- ☐ I can talk about Ecuadorian traditions.
- ☐ I can name traditional foods and items.
- ☐ I can have a simple conversation at the market.
- ☐ I am ready for more Spanish adventures!



Discover More Ecuador with Milo

Amazing places, people and experiences!

Ecuador is a beautiful and diverse country. From the Andes mountains to the Amazon rainforest and the Pacific coast, there are many incredible places to explore.



¡Hola!
Ecuador tiene muchos
lugares increíbles.
Te invito a conocer más
de mi país.
Hi! Ecuador has many
incredible places.
I invite you to learn more
about my country.

Milo's tip:

Learning about
Ecuador's places and
people helps you
understand the culture
and use new
vocabulary.



1. Places to visit

Lugares para visitar



Quito

The capital city
La capital del país



Cotopaxi

A beautiful volcano
Un volcán impresionante



2. Things to do

Cosas para hacer



Hike in nature

Hacer caminatas
en la naturaleza



Meet local people

Conocer gente local



Galápagos Islands

Unique wildlife
Fauna única



The Amazon

Lush rainforest
Selva amazónica



Try traditional food

Probar comida
tradicional



See amazing wildlife

Ver fauna increíble



3. Useful phrases

Frases útiles

¿Cómo llego a...?	How do I get to...?
¿Cuánto cuesta?	How much does it cost?
Quisiera visitar...	I would like to visit...
¿Qué puedo hacer aquí?	What can I do here?
¿Dónde está...?	Where is...?
¿Me puede ayudar?	Can you help me?
Es muy bonito.	It's very beautiful.
Quiero tomar fotos.	I want to take photos.
¡Qué interesante!	How interesting!
Muchas gracias.	Thank you very much.



4. Plan your trip!

¡Planifica tu viaje!

Choose a place and complete the information in Spanish. Puedes usar las frases y el vocabulario de esta página.

1. Quiero visitar: _____
2. ¿Cómo llego? _____
3. ¿Qué puedo hacer? _____
4. ¿Qué me gustaría probar? _____
5. ¿Por qué quiero ir? _____



Let's reflect!

1. Which place in Ecuador would you most like to visit? Why?
2. What activity sounds most interesting to you?
3. What new words or phrases did you learn on this page?

A cultural note

Ecuador is a country full of natural beauty and cultural diversity. By learning about its regions, people, and traditions, we can appreciate and respect its unique heritage.



Continue Your Spanish Journey with Spondylus Languages

You've learned about Ecuador, its traditions, and new Spanish words. This is just the beginning! Keep learning and discover more of the language and culture.



¡Hasta pronto!
Sigue practicando
español y descubriendo
Ecuador conmigo.

See you soon!
Keep practicing
Spanish and
discovering Ecuador
with me.

Milo's tip:

Small steps
every day can
lead to big
adventures!



Why keep learning Spanish?



You can communicate
with more people.
Puedes comunicarte
con más personas.



You'll have deeper
cultural experiences.
Tendrás experiencias
culturales más profundas.



You can travel with
more confidence.
Puedes viajar con
más confianza.



You'll create meaningful
connections.
Crearás conexiones
significativas.



You'll open new personal
and professional opportunities.
Se abrirán nuevas oportunidades
personales y profesionales.



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Clases en vivo con profesores
experimentados
- ✓ Flexible schedules
Horarios flexibles
- ✓ Learn from anywhere in the world
Aprende desde cualquier lugar del mundo



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- ✓ Study Spanish in a real context
Estudia español en un contexto real
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Actividades culturales y experiencias locales
- ✓ Meet people and explore amazing places
Conoce gente y explora lugares increíbles



Customized Programs Programas personalizados

- ✓ Individual or group classes
Clases individuales o en grupo
- ✓ Focus on your goals and interests
Enfócate en tus objetivos e intereses
- ✓ Combine Spanish learning with travel,
volunteering or special activities
Combina el aprendizaje de español con
viajes, voluntariado o actividades especiales



What our students say... Lo que dicen nuestros estudiantes



"I've been taking Spanish
classes with Lorena and Javier
for several months, and I've
really loved the experience.
They are so kind, take time to
know you, and adapt the lessons
to your goals."

Kaylee Anderson



"I've loved taking classes with
Lorena and Javier! They are
native speakers, super flexible,
and make learning fun and
relevant. I would definitely
recommend them!"

Evelie ★★★★★



"We really enjoyed our first
lesson with Javier. The lesson
was engaging and easy to follow.
We look forward to the next one.
¡Gracias!"

Dale Nelson



"This lady is fantastic. The kids
love her. They enjoy the classes,
and learning a second language
is one of the best things you can
do for them."

Kitchener Head



Let's stay connected! ¡Sigamos en contacto!

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"Every language
opens a new world."

"Cada idioma
abre un nuevo mundo."

Thank You for Discovering Ecuador with Milo

You've reached the end of this guide!
Thank you for learning, exploring,
and celebrating Ecuadorian culture
with Milo.

¡Has llegado al final de esta guía!
Gracias por aprender, explorar
y celebrar la cultura ecuatoriana
con Milo.



You learned... Tú aprendiste...

- ✓ Basic Spanish vocabulary.
Vocabulario básico en español.
- ✓ Useful expressions for real situations.
Expresiones útiles para situaciones reales.
- ✓ Ecuadorian traditions and culture.
Tradiciones y cultura ecuatoriana.
- ✓ How to talk about food, places and people.
Cómo hablar sobre comida, lugares y personas.
- ✓ Tips to continue your Spanish journey.
Consejos para continuar tu aprendizaje de español.



Keep exploring! ¡Sigue explorando!



People
Gente



Nature
Naturaleza



Food
Comida



Traditions
Tradiciones



Ecuador has much more
to share with you.
¡Ecuador tiene mucho más
para compartir contigo!



Remember... Recuerda...



Be curious.
Sé curioso/a.



Practice a little every day.
Practica un poco cada día.



Connect with people.
Conecta con las personas.



Enjoy the journey.
Disfruta el proceso.



You can do it!
¡Tú puedes hacerlo!

"Language is more than words.
It's a bridge to new people,
new cultures and unforgettable
experiences."



"El idioma es más que palabras.
Es un puente hacia nuevas personas,
nuevas culturas y experiencias
inolvidables."

¡Hasta pronto!
See you soon!



Milo



Your Spanish Learning Buddy
Tu compañero de aprendizaje de español





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Why learn with us?

¿Por qué aprender con nosotros?



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Aprende a tu ritmo



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is waiting
for you!**

¡Hablemos!
Nos encantaría
acompañarte en tu
viaje de español.

Let's chat!
We'd love to be part
of your Spanish
journey. ❤️



**¡Nos vemos
en Ecuador!**



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