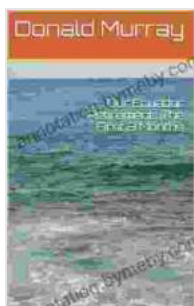


Our Ecuador Retirement: The First Months

We are a couple from the United States who retired to Ecuador in 2020. We chose Ecuador because of its low cost of living, beautiful scenery, and friendly people. We have been living in Cuenca, a city in the Andes Mountains, for the past six months.



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The first few months of our retirement have been a whirlwind of activity. We have been busy getting settled into our new home, exploring our new city, and meeting new people. We have also been learning about the Ecuadorian culture and way of life.

One of the biggest challenges we have faced is the language barrier. We are both native English speakers, and Spanish is not our first language. We have been taking Spanish lessons, but we are still not fluent. This has made it difficult to communicate with some people, especially in rural areas.

Another challenge we have faced is the bureaucracy. We have had to deal with a lot of paperwork and red tape since we moved to Ecuador. This has been frustrating at times, but we have eventually been able to get everything sorted out.

Despite the challenges, we have also had many positive experiences in Ecuador. We have met some wonderful people, both Ecuadorians and expats. We have also enjoyed exploring the beautiful scenery of Ecuador. We have hiked in the Andes Mountains, visited the Our Book Library rainforest, and relaxed on the beaches of the Pacific Ocean.

Overall, we are very happy with our decision to retire in Ecuador. We have found the people to be friendly and welcoming, and we have enjoyed the low cost of living and the beautiful scenery. We are looking forward to many more years of happy retirement in Ecuador.

Tips for Retiring in Ecuador

If you are considering retiring in Ecuador, here are a few tips:

- Learn some basic Spanish before you move. This will make it easier to communicate with people and get around.
- Be prepared for some bureaucracy. You will need to deal with a lot of paperwork and red tape when you move to Ecuador.
- Don't be afraid to ask for help. There are many people who are willing to help expats adjust to life in Ecuador.
- Be patient. It takes time to adjust to a new culture and way of life.

- Enjoy the experience! Retiring in Ecuador can be a wonderful experience.

About the Authors

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