

Ecuador

WHO and CDC Statements

Malaria Risk and Prevention

WHO - *International Travel and Health* (current online update, Country List)

(2017) Malaria risk – *P. vivax* (67%), *P. falciparum* (33%) – exists throughout the year below 1500 m, with moderate risk in coastal provinces. The risk is low in Quito and in provinces that are part of the Inter-Andean or Sierra region. The risk of *P. vivax* malaria is present in some provinces of the country, predominantly in the Amazon region, especially the provinces of Morona Santiago, Pastaza, Orellana and Sucumbíos. Malaria risk due to *P. falciparum* is present in some provinces of the country with predominance on the coast, especially the province of Esmeraldas as well as in the Amazon region, especially the provinces of Pastaza and Morano Santiago.

- Recommended prevention in risk areas: **C** – Risk of *P. falciparum* malaria, in combination with reported chloroquine and sulfadoxine–pyrimethamine resistance. Mosquito bite prevention plus atovaquone–proguanil or doxycycline or mefloquine chemoprophylaxis (select according to reported side effects and contraindications) ^a

^aAlternatively, for travel to rural areas with low risk of malaria infection, mosquito bite prevention can be combined with stand–by emergency treatment (SBET).

WHO Country List footnote: When available, the date of the most recent update or confirmation is indicated in parentheses in the country list. If no date is indicated, the most recent update or confirmation was provided before 2013.

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Areas with malaria: Areas at altitudes < 1,500 m (4,921 ft) in the provinces of Carchi, Esmeraldas, Morona Santiago, Orellana, and Pastaza. Rare cases in other provinces in areas < 1,500 m (4,921 ft). Not present in the cities of Guayaquil and Quito or the Galápagos Islands (see Map 3-26).

- Estimated relative risk of malaria for US travelers: Very low.
- Drug resistance⁴: Chloroquine
- Malaria species: *P. vivax* 66%, *P. falciparum* 34%
- Recommended chemoprophylaxis: Areas with malaria in Carchi, Esmeraldas, Morona Santiago, Orellana, and Pastaza Provinces: Atovaquone-proguanil, doxycycline, or mefloquine. Other areas with rare cases of malaria: Mosquito avoidance only.

⁴ Refers to *P. falciparum* malaria unless otherwise noted.

Yellow Fever Vaccination

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Country requirement: no

Yellow fever vaccine recommendation: yes

Recommended for all travellers aged 9 months or over going to the following provinces east of the Andes at altitudes below 2300 m: Morona-Santiago, Napo, Orellana, Pastaza, Sucumbios and Zamora-Chinchi.

Generally not recommended for travellers whose itineraries are limited to the following provinces west of the Andes including at altitudes below 2300 m: Esmeraldas, Guayas, Los Rios, Santa Helena, Santo Domingo de los Tsachilas and designated areas of Azuay, Bolivar, Canar, Carchi, Chimborazo, Cotopaxi, El Oro, Imbabura, Loja, Pichincha and Tungurahua.

Not recommended for travellers whose itineraries are limited to all areas above 2300 m altitude, the cities of Guayaquil and Quito, and the Galápagos Islands.

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Yellow fever vaccine recommendation:

Recommended for all travelers ≥ 9 months of age traveling to areas < 2,300 m (7,546 ft) in elevation in the following provinces east of the Andes Mountains: Morona-Santiago, Napo, Orellana, Pastaza, Sucumbios, and Zamora-Chinchi (see Map 3-25).

Generally not recommended or travelers whose itineraries are limited to areas < 2,300 m (7,546 ft) in elevation in the following provinces west of the Andes mountains: Esmeraldas, Guayas, Los Rios, Santa Elena, Santo Domingo de los Tsachilas, and designated areas of Azuay, Bolivar, Canar, Carchi, Chimborazo, Cotopaxi, El Oro, Imbabura, Loja, Pichincha, and Tungurahua (see Map 3-25).

Not recommended for travelers whose itineraries are limited to all areas > 2,300 m (7,546 ft) in elevation, the cities of Guayaquil and Quito, or the Galápagos Islands (see Map 3-25).

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