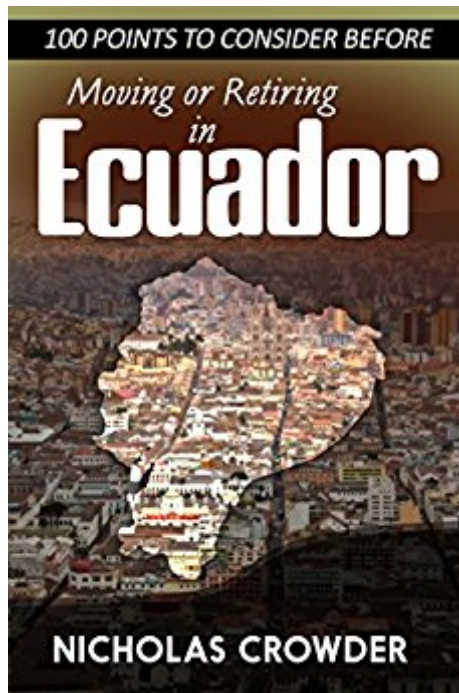




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# 100 Points To Consider Before Moving Or Retiring In Ecuador



## Synopsis

As a long-time resident of Ecuador, I can say with certainty that you won't find a book like this with profound cultural insights, Do's and Don'ts, as well as invaluable "must-know" information on what to expect when setting up residence in Ecuador. In this book, Nicholas Crowder draws on his 30-plus years of first-hand experience in Ecuador, marrying into an Ecuadorian family, and dealing with locals and situations on all levels. While many of the "how to" books are written from the personal perspective of one or two people who have lived here in Ecuador for a few years.... Crowder hits us with bulleted fact after fact, replete with colorful anecdotes; this is an easy and entertaining read. Your life in Ecuador may very well depend on it!

Margaret Goodhart "Ali Shungu Mountaintop Lodge - Otavalo, Ecuador -----This book is not a sugar-laden milkshake of feel-good, fuzzy dribble telling you what a paradise Ecuador is for expatriates. For over 32 years author Nicholas Crowder has been intimately involved in a deep study of this intricate and complex country. The author shares his vast knowledge, rare insight and experience of an often misunderstood hierarchical and patriarchal society, that can grind up and spit out an expat before they know it. The information contained in this book will arm potential future expats with valuable inside cultural information that is invaluable for anyone researching Ecuador as a living destination. If you are already an expat in Ecuador, much of the information contained in this book will also enhance your current knowledge of what Mr. Crowder refers to as the "Emerald of the Andes". This book will provide you with literally hundreds of nuggets of information that anyone considering moving to or already living in Ecuador will find pertinent. Ecuador is different than anywhere you have been and it is not what it appears to be on the surface. Having a deeper knowledge of the culture will enhance your quality of life in Ecuador. Don't misunderstand; the author holds a deep love and respect for Ecuador. His purpose is to inform others about the complications of this fascinating country in order to increase the reader's chances of having a successful experience in Ecuador. This book also provides readers no holds barred interviews with expatriates who have left Ecuador and those who are currently residing there. And, the author also provides relevant inside secrets of living in Ecuador from an infamous and often misunderstood Ecuadorian, "Don Nadie" who tells you the way it is in Ecuador. Thinking of moving to Cuenca? This book will reveal little known information as to why Cuenca is one of the most attractive places for expatriates. To many expatriates the people from Cuenca are known as Cuencanos but, revealed here is another name which is not widely known as to how Cuencanos are known by throughout Ecuador. If you dream of moving to Ecuador to open a business, this book will disclose some of the critical pitfalls of operating an enterprise in Ecuador. If you are visiting Ecuador as a tourist, you will

find it full of cultural cues and do's and don'ts to enhance your travel. Word Count 80,476

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## **Customer Reviews**

My husband and I have been living in Ecuador for over 4 years and it was refreshing to read a book that is honest about the culture differences. My husband advised me not to read the book since it validated my intuition of Ecuador and Ecuadorians in a very short period of time after moving here. We had visited Ecuador before making the final move (3 times for me, 5 times for my husband). There is a vast difference between visiting and living here. Once living here, our intention was to relate mostly to Ecuadorians and get more involved in the culture. We were in a situation where it was easy for us to meet Ecuadorians and be more involved from the very beginning. There was not a positive outcome from this intention. We were very naive in reference to culture differences. For me, personally, it is easier to accept the culture differences when there is the honest look at reality. Living here without acknowledging the culture differences is like having an elephant in the room. Everyone sees it, but no one talks about it. Before moving here, it is good to take an honest look at oneself and the culture differences before making a permanent move. They may dress like us and

seem like us in many ways but that is an illusion There are vast differences! No better or worse, just different! Ecuador is a beautiful country and there are many +’s to living here. However, reading this book before making a permanent move is highly recommended!

I really, REALLY liked this book, to me it was very informative and interesting. Some readers say the book is way too negative and the writer must not have had a good experience in Ecuador. I see it differently. The book’s title is "100 points to consider....." which is showing me kind of a warning. And I think that’s the book’s purpose. There must be thousands of wonderful things in and about Ecuador and then there are 100 things that people, who consider visiting or moving to Ecuador, should absolutely know about. I am thankful that Nicholas Crowder put this collection into a book. I really liked it however, it will not sway me in my decision to move to there. But now because of his very informative book I will know what to look out for, where to be more careful and which areas I can be a bit more relaxed. I bet there are hundreds of positive things going for any country and I am also sure there are 100 points to consider about any country as well. I would recommend this book to anyone.

Having read all the other reviews I decided to get the book for many reasons. I see this book as another point of view and will consider it’s content like any other input i have received. I never felt like he was saying don’t come--I do however know that all points of view and data will enable us to make the best decision for us. Suffice it to say I think I am far better equipped to come to Ecuador and assess its ability to be a realistic full time home. We are coming in February 2014 to do our initial assessment. All our experience overseas was based on past travel and my military career. Nick ’s no nonsense book insures I will arrive with eyes wide open as opposed to eyes wide shut. I am happy that this plus every other page of data I have read (at least 1000) from many sources better prepare me to assess this beautiful country as a new home, thanks Nick for the work that went into this.

I hesitated before pulling the trigger and buying this book. Since I’ve been living in Ecuador for nearly 4 years, I felt it would have to go a long way in filling me in on the unknown details of interest (to me). Well, I read the book and it did that and more. For example, I am fascinated by the indigenous culture. There was quite a bit of good writing in that area. I feel that my money was well spent and I say Kudos to this author! I have paid a lot more and received a lot less value in return. Many thanks for writing a truly informative and interesting book on my beloved Ecuador.

I have been expatriated to Ecuador for seven years. This book would have saved me many problems had I read it sooner. Ecuador is a complex culture, and coming here with your USA values and USA paradigm is a recipe for disappointment and disaster.

This guy has lived in Ecuador for many years, speaks the language and really tells the reader what to expect, whether they are novice or an experienced traveler to third-world countries...this is a must-read book for anyone considering moving to Ecuador...he lays it all out...some of it is depressing, but he does re-iterate that one should visit before moving there...I found it extremely honest, non-partisan and extremely helpful, and even though he's married to an Ecuadorian "Princess", he's lived there for 30 years, so it can't be that bad....I liked the book very much but as I said, some things are quite depressing to read.

I just finished Mr. Crowder's new book and I recommend it for anyone living or vacationing in Ecuador. A must read if you're only thinking about moving or visiting. Don't let the title make you think it's a small work. When you get to tip #100 you're only about 35% through the book. (más o menos) Most books about retiring abroad are written by folks who are still in the "honeymoon" phase of their move. They are wearing blinders and tinted glasses and they don't see any negatives. Or at least they don't share any negatives. This book has plenty of negatives, which is what you need when researching such an important decision as choosing a retirement country. All countries have plenty of negatives but it usually takes many visits or a long stay to realize the true picture. The book may even cause some to take Ecuador off their list, but that is okay, because it is far better to get a good look at the warts before you make the move. The purpose of the book is not to dissuade folks from moving or visiting but to give an honest overview of all there is to experience in this complicated little country.

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