

The Blues and Greens of Ecuador

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Blue and green represent my native country, Ecuador, and they give it its beauty, which I love so much.

The color blue represents the beaches and the water that provide the people of Ecuador with a good time.

There are many beaches in Ecuador, such as *Punta Blanca*, which means White Point, *Esmeralda*, which means Emerald, the beach at *Tarqui*, and others. We refer to *Punta Blanca* this way because it is located on the edge of Jarramijo City. Nobody lives there and there are no houses there; there is nothing but beach and sand. The beach at *Esmeralda* is located in Esmeraldas City, and this is the only beach there so it is special. The beach at *Tarqui*, which is located near Manta City, is near the Tarqui parish.

There is one tourist attraction in particular where people from many other countries around the world come to visit and to sunbathe and this is *Las Islas Galapagos*, known in English as *the Galapagos Islands*.

Green is the other important color, and it represents the trees. Ecuador is known for having many trees. It has fruit trees such as mango, banana, papaya, and apple, and vines such as watermelon. It also has rose bushes and flowers. My country is especially famous for Oriqueira's Rose, which is very beautiful and which many people buy. There are many kinds of flowers, especially in Manta City, which makes this city especially beautiful.

This is why the colors blue and green represent my native Ecuador and give it its natural beauty.

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