



PLACES TO EXPLORE

BY THE END OF THIS UNIT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO:

- » Students will use “passive voice with simple past and simple present” to describe events.
- » Students will use several tourism vocabularies to talk about their dream trip.

Lesson A

Have you ever visited these places?

WARM-UP

Amazing facts about some wonderful landmarks in Ecuador.

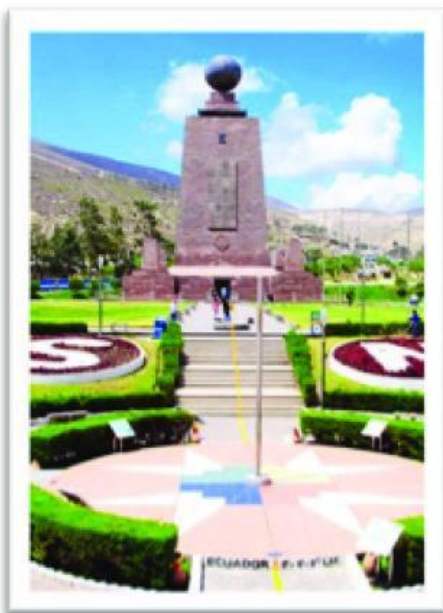
1. Ingapirca Ruins

- Where: Cañar Province
- What: The largest Inca ruins in Ecuador

Ingapirca is a site rich in history. It was built by both the Inca and the Cañari people, first the Cañari and later the Inca. You can see the different styles of architecture between the two peoples which makes for a very interesting exploration. The Inca people had very smooth stones and no mortar, where the Cañari use mortar and their stones are a little rougher.



2. Mitad Del Mundo (Middle of the World)



- Where: Pichincha Province (Quito)
- What: Middle of the World Monument

The middle of the world monument marks where French explorers determined the location of the equatorial line in 1736 (after which Ecuador is named). Comically, the explorer's calculations were off by 250 meters as is the monument. Even so, it was quite a feat at the time.



3. Leon Dormido (Kicker Rock)

- Where: San Cristobal Island (Galapagos)
- What: A large volcanic cone in the ocean



Kicker Rock is a highly sought after snorkeling site in the Galapagos. Much like an iceberg, what you see above the water only tells part of the story. Above the water, Kicker Rock is 152 meters tall – making it an ideal roost for frigatebirds, blue-footed boobies, and other native birds.

I've been to Mitad del Mundo! It's a cool place where you can stand in both the Northern and Southern Hemispheres at the same time. I really enjoyed learning about its history.

Have you ever visited Mitad del Mundo or any of these places? Which one/s?

I would like to go to the Galápagos Islands because I want to see the amazing animals like giant tortoises and blue-footed boobies. I'm excited about snorkeling to see the beautiful underwater life too. Plus, I think it's cool to learn about Charles Darwin and his discoveries there!

Which would you like to visit and why?

CONVERSATION

Alex:	Hey Jamie, have you heard about the Mitad del Mundo?
Jamie:	Yeah! That's the place where you can stand in both the Northern and Southern Hemispheres, right?
Alex:	Exactly! I went there last summer. It was so cool to be right on the equator!
Alex:	That sounds awesome! I've always wanted to visit the Galápagos Islands too. The wildlife there looks amazing.
Jamie:	I'd love to go there as well! Imagine seeing giant tortoises and snorkeling with sea lions!
Alex:	I know! Plus, the history with Charles Darwin makes it even more interesting. What about El Panecillo in Quito? Have you been there?
Alex:	Yes! The views from the top are incredible, and the statue of the Virgin of Quito is really impressive.
Jamie:	I've seen pictures of it! And what about Ingapirca? I heard it's a significant Inca site.
Alex:	Yes, it's the largest Inca site in Ecuador! The architecture is fascinating. I loved exploring the ruins.
Jamie:	That sounds like such a rich experience. I need to plan a trip to see all these places!
Alex:	Definitely! There's so much to see in Ecuador. You'll have a great time.

1. Fill in the blanks in the sentences below using the words provided, based on the conversation between Alex and Jamie about Ecuador's landmarks.

A. Alex mentioned visiting _____, where you can stand in both the Northern and Southern Hemispheres.

B. Jamie wants to visit the _____ to see amazing wildlife like _____.

C. The views from _____ in Quito are incredible, and it has a statue of the Virgin of Quito.



D. Alex enjoyed exploring the ruins of _____, which is the largest Inca site in Ecuador.

E. Jamie is excited to learn about _____ and his discoveries related to evolution.

GRAMMAR

Passive Voice

Passive with by (simple past)

The passive changes the focus of a sentence. For the simple past, use the past of 'be' + past participle.	
Active	Passive
Tourists explored the Galápagos Islands last year.	The Galápagos Islands were explored by tourists last year.
The guide showed us the ruins of Ingapirca.	The ruins of Ingapirca were shown (to us) by the guide.
Visitors admired the views from El Panecillo.	The views from El Panecillo were admired by visitors.

1. Complete the sentences with the simple past passive form of the verbs.

A. The first Star Wars film _____ (write) and _____ (direct) by George Lucas.

B. The Eiffel Tower _____ (build) for the 1889 World's Fair.

C. The ancient city of Machu Picchu _____ (discover) by Hiram Bingham in 1911.

D. The book "The Old Man and the Sea" _____ (write) by Ernest Hemingway.

E. The Great Wall of China _____ (construct) over many centuries.



- F. The Mona Lisa _____ (paint) by Leonardo da Vinci.
- G. The pyramids of Giza _____ (create) as tombs for pharaohs.
- H. The Amazon Rainforest _____ (label) as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- I. The film "Avatar" _____ (release) in 2009 and _____ (direct) by James Cameron.
- J. The Statue of Liberty _____ (gift) to the United States by France.

2. Complete the sentences with the simple past passive form of the verbs.

* The teacher graded the exams.

Example: The exams were graded by the teacher.

- A. The artist Pablo Picasso painted "Guernica." _____.
- B. The scientists discovered a new species of frog. _____.
- C. The author J.K. Rowling wrote the "Harry Potter" series. _____.
- D. The chef prepared a delicious meal. _____.
- E. The explorers mapped the Amazon River. _____.
- F. The engineer designed the new bridge. _____.

WRAP-UP ACTIVITY

1. Identify the Voice

- A. "The ancient city of Ingapirca was discovered by Hiram Bingham."
- a) Active
- b) Passive



B. "The giant tortoises roam freely on the Galápagos Islands."

a) Active

b) Passive

C. "The stunning views from Chimborazo were admired by many travelers."

a) Active

b) Passive

D. "J.K. Rowling wrote the famous Harry Potter series."

a) Active

b) Passive

E. "The Catedral de Quito was built in the 16th century."

a) Active

b) Passive

