

## Traditional clothing and dress of Ecuador

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In Otavalo, it's common to see the indigenous group known as the Otavaleños. Otavaleño men dress in white calf-length trousers, a poncho, and a fedora or felt hat. The Otavaleños men also wear the Shimba, a long brad that they grow to reach their waists. The Shimba is an important marker of Ecuadorian indigenous identity. Women often dress in a white blouse with a blue or black skirt. They often wear shawls as an accessory. Otavalo women in particular wear necklaces of gold beads with red coral bracelets.



Men in coast regions commonly wear 'Guayaberas,' a shirt that often takes the place of a jacket and the women usually dress in light dresses. Some ethnic groups have more distinctive clothing traits. The Montubio people are often identified by their hats that are wide-brimmed style. The Montubio people are also known to carry machetes and wear wellington boots.



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