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November 3rd

This week you will find Cuenca in the midst of a full week of celebrations. Many streets and shopping plazas are closed to car traffic and music is being performed around the city from morning to night. Vendors from all over Ecuador are here in Cuenca to sell crafts and artwork. Most local business are closed so employees can celebrate with their families.

These “Fiestas de Cuenca” are one of the city’s largest annual festivals. The main reason for the party is “Tres de Noviembre” or November 3rd, a celebration of the independence of Cuenca from the Spanish. On November 3rd, 1820, Cuencanos achieved their freedom and so, like each major city in Ecuador, Cuenca celebrates its own independence day in addition to the national independence celebration honoring May 24th, 1822.



As you take it all in, we invite you to enjoy this week of festivities and remember the importance of independence, liberty, and freedom. Cuencanos celebrate it today, but you can live it everyday in your new life in Ecuador.

