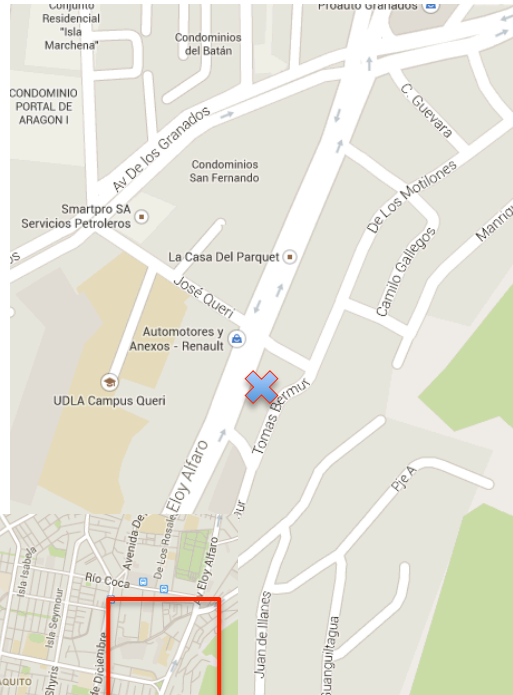


To get Cargo out of Airport Quito:

1. Get SOAT (you may get it later as well, but you have less trouble to get the bike out if you already have it)
2. Go to Cargo Area (there are signs at the roundabout)
3. Go to your forwarder (e.g. Iberia)
4. You have to pay a fee there (for 2 motorbikes it was 18\$) and receive the shipping papers.
5. Go to Customs.
6. At the receipt show your papers (you need passport, shipping papers, registration, SOAT)
7. Be ready to wait... read a book.
8. First they will check the data of your moto (chassis-number).
9. Have tools ready to decreate your bike (they have nothing but a screwdriver)
10. After that be ready to wait some more.. Read another book.
11. You have to pay customs (for us 210\$ for two BMW F650 GS). Have it cash! No credit cards, not ATM! Next ATM is in the Airport.
12. Take your bike out.
13. They wont allow you to work on the bike (connect battery, fill up gas...) but there is a big area outside.
14. When leaving customs the signs tell you to go left to Quito. That's a really small, steep, bad and most of all very busy road which is blocked from traffic very often. Instead take a right. Nice new road.

There were not many people when we have been there but it took us a whole day to get the bikes out (including figuring all the above out).



To get your SOAT in Quito, Ecuador

It is the law that you have the SOAT with you when riding a bike.

A lot of travellers don't get it, but I think it is not worth the pain.

It is 3\$ for one month, and in a case of accident you may have some real problems.

This is how you get it:

1. DON'T go to any other place than the one described. A lot of places say they do it, but this is only for renewals.
2. Go to QBE Seguros Colonial
3. Address: *Av. Eloy Alfaro N40-270 y José Queri PBX:* (593) 3989800 / (593) 3989700
4. Bring your passport, driving licence and registration of the bike. Also bring the paper that you get when entering the country. It will say how long you are allowed to stay.
5. There are different options you can choose from: 1 month is minimum, 3 months, 6 months, 1 year.
6. We paid 6,58\$ for 1 month and 2 bikes.
7. The whole procedure took no longer than 10 minutes.