

## Ground transport between Cuenca and Loja



For flights to/from Cuenca without ground transport included, individual ground transport between Cuenca and Loja can be done by bus, minibus or taxi. To keep the risk of accidents as low as possible it's not recommended to travel at night. Travel times can vary between companies, due to weather and road conditions.

### Bus (appr. 4.5 h)

The bus terminal of Cuenca is on the same avenue (Av. España) 600 m west of the airport (turning left when you leave the airport). With luggage or at night take a Taxi for 1 USD. In total there are around 20 frequencies per day in each direction and the trip costs around 7 - 8 USD.

The following bus companies offer trips between Cuenca and Loja:

- Cooperativa Loja Internacional <http://cooperativoaloja.com/>
- Cooperativa Viajeros Internacional <http://www.viajerosinternacional.com/>
- Cooperativa San Luis

Please note: Cooperativa Santa is NOT recommended. They had several accidents with fatalities between Cuenca and Loja in 2011 and 2012.

### Minibus (appr. 3.5 h)

There're two companies offering shuttle service between Cuenca and Loja: Elite Tours and Fasaytursa both with around a dozen of frequencies between 4 am and 8 pm in each direction. You have to reserve one day in advance and also advice them when you want to be picked up at the airport of Cuenca. Both companies have an office at Cuenca airport and city offices in Cuenca (Av. Remigio Crespo y Santa Cruz) and also Loja (Av. 18 de Noviembre, close to the Puerta de la Ciudad) are almost face to face. The price is 12 USD.

The phone numbers are:

	Cuenca city office	Loja city office
Elite Tours	+593 7 4203088	+593 7 2560731
Fasaytursa	+593 7 4213030	+593 7 2585299

### Taxi (appr. 3.0 h)

Depending on your negotiating skills a Taxi should cost around 90 to 100 USD.

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