



Ximena was born in Cuenca, the third largest city of Ecuador. Located in the Andes Mountains, Cuenca is known as the cultural capital of Ecuador and is listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Trust site because of its many historical buildings. Ximena gained experience with American culture as an exchange student in southern California and later, while living and working at the United Nations in New York City for a few years.

Ximena returned to Ecuador and became a graphic designer. She came to the Galápagos and began working for the Charles Darwin Foundation; one of her responsibilities at the Foundation was translating the technical research into an easier, more readable format. After six years as a designer at the Darwin Center, Ximena was promoted to manager of interpretation and gained experience as a nature interpreter.

Since first arriving to the islands in 1988, Ximena has been in love with the Islands. In 2004, she was certified as a naturalist guide and since then has been working as one for various prestigious companies that tour the archipelago on a weekly basis.

Today she personally attends the guests at Mi Playa, making sure they have an absolutely wonderful Galapagos Experience.