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WALKING TOUR, LUNCH & MIDDLE OF THE WORLD DAY TOUR

9:00 AM Departure from your hotel with a certified tourism guide to begin a special visit to Quito. This experience will reveal the rich history of the city Pre-Colombian times, to the colonial period, then the city's transition into the capital of a Republic and finally it's modern splendor that inspired UNESCO to recognize Quito as the first "Cultural Heritage Site "in 1978.



Begin at the Basilica del Voto Nacional an impressive neogothic church facing Quito's colonial city is considered one of the biggest neogothic churches in Latin America, the hill offers a great view.

Continue to Quito to visit the independence square, also known as Plaza Grande, which is the symbol of the Executive Power of the Nation. Its main feature is the monument to the independence heroes of August 10, 1809, date remembered as the First Cry of Independence of the Royal Audience of Quito from Spanish monarchy. The visit will allow a brief stroll in order to observe the main buildings including the Archbishop's Palace, the Government Palace and the National Cathedral.

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Continue to La Compañía church. The building of this Colonial Jewel started in 1605 and was finished in 1650. The restoration was both structural and artistic, in its 4500 square meters. Its interior, entirely gilded, shines like a jewel and its paintings, sculptures, altars, cupola and pulpit have been carefully illuminated so that all details can be appreciated where visitors will discover why this church is considered the Crown Jewel of the colonial baroque in the Americas.



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Reach the domes for a breathtaking opportunity for a wonderful view of the cupulas including the Panecillo (little bread) hill.



Continue to reach the heart of the historical town, San Francisco Church the city's largest colonial structure, began only a few weeks after the Spanish establishment of Quito in 1534, but wasn't finished for another 70 years. Although much of the church has been rebuilt because of earthquake damage, some is original. The chapel of Señor Jesús del Gran Poder, to the right of the main altar, has original tile work. The main altar itself is a spectacular example of baroque carving, while the roof shows Moorish influences.



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Next visit, The Virgen del Panecillo stands on a hill in the center of Quito, visible from almost everywhere in the city. Not only is it the tallest aluminum statue in the world, but it is also the tallest winged representation of the Virgin Mary in the world.



Before the arrival of the Spaniards, El Panecillo was called "Shungoloma" which in the Quichua language means "hill of the heart". The Incas used the place to worship the sun. Before them, the Yavirac, a local native tribe, had it as a sacred place. Clearly the hill has always held an important place for the local community.

Enjoy a delicious lunch in one of the most emblematic restaurants of Quito.



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After lunch we continue to the Middle of the World.



The name Ecuador is a result of the visit of the Geodesic Mission in the 18th century. This mission came to Quito to measure the latitude and define the shape of the earth. During this mission, it was established that the earth was round and that the “middle of the world” was in our country.

Inside the emblematic Equatorial Monument, you will be able to observe several thematic and interactive exhibits. The museum includes practical explanations of topics such as:

- The French Geodetic Mission
- Electromagnetic Levitation Exhibition
- Ethnographic floors
- Solstices and equinoxes
- Photomontage of the regions of Ecuador

Return to your hotel.

End of our services.

PRICE PER PERSON:

TOUR	5- 6 people	7-9 people	10-15 people
Walking Tour & Middle of the World with lunch	\$155.00	\$130.00	\$115.00

General conditions:
* Credit Card using secure payment through PayPal (Note: a 6% PayPal additional fee will be added to your account)
* A wire transfer to our Mytoureec Bank account in USA.

RATE INCLUDES:

- Private tourism transportation
- Private English-speaking guide
- All entrance fees to la Compania Church, the domes. San Francisco Convent, the towers and the complex in the Middle of the World
- Lunch (set menu)

RATE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Extra drinks
- Unspecified extras