

QUITO CITY TOUR & MIDDLE OF THE WORLD



This morning we will explore Quito's colonial center, enjoying this urban jewel and its artistic and architectural treasures. One of the largest and best preserved colonial centers in South America, Quito's "Old Town" area was declared the first "World Heritage Site" by UNESCO, in 1978.

The visit to the historic center begins with the Basilica del Voto Nacional, one of the largest churches in Ecuador and one of the most important works of Ecuadorian neo-gothic architecture. We will continue to Plaza Grande ("Independence Square"), which is surrounded by the Cathedral, the Presidential Palace, the Municipal Building and the Archbishop's Palace. We will then visit the church of the "Compañía de Jesús" to find its impressive interior inlaid in gold. Your tour of historic Quito will end with a birds-eye view of the city from the panoramic "Virgin of Quito" monument atop El Panecillo Hill, which overlooks the capital.

Afterwards we have approximately one-hour drive to Mitad del Mundo meaning 'middle of the world'. This is the point where you can stand with one foot in the Southern hemisphere and the other in the North. The Intiñan Museum shows an interesting range of experiments to demonstrate the uniqueness and magic of this special location. After the visit, we will drive you back to your hotel.

Meals included: **None**

NOTE:

- For logistical reasons, on Sundays we will visit the Mitad del Mundo complex in the morning and Quito's historic district in the afternoon.

Price per person	1	2	3	4	5	6	8	10	12	14	16
City line	252	161	132	136	122	120	111	106	101	99	94

Included in the price

- Private transportation
- Services of a professional bilingual guide
- Lunch
- Entrance fees

Not included in the price

- Personal items and expenses
- Tips and gratuities
- Alcoholic and bottled drinks