

HIGHLIGHTS OF QUITO AT A GLANCE

Full Day Tour in Quito



Located at an impressive altitude of 9,350 feet (2850 meters) and surrounded by majestic mountains, Quito is the fascinating capital of Ecuador. This extraordinary city offers visitors a vibrant immersive experience into everyday life enriched by centuries-old traditions and a spectacular mountainous background. Quito is the perfect starting point for a variety of urban and cultural adventures.

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On this day you will experience a journey into **one of South America's best-preserved historic districts**. Your Quito adventure begins as you're picked up from your hotel and transported to a vibrant tapestry of colorful buildings, winding cobblestone streets, intricately built churches and squares, where the fusion of colonial, European and indigenous art is just the beginning. Accompanied by our guide, you'll explore the Plaza de la Independencia (Independence Square), where Quito reveals itself before your eyes. Take your time to observe local life among the syncretism of history, art and culture. A short stroll from the square, will lead you to museums, colonial manors and some of the most iconic religious buildings in this part of town:



La Compañía de Jesús stands out with its remarkable murals, exquisite Baroque-style altar, façade, and lavish gold leaf ornaments throughout.



San Francisco was Quito's first church, strategically located atop the site of an important pre-colonial market. Its convent houses an impressive collection of colonial art.



The *Basilica del Voto Nacional*, features a stunning neo-Gothic structure adorned with gargoyles resembling local animal species like pumas, condors and tortoises.

Guided by our bilingual expert, you'll have the privilege of visiting two of the most emblematic establishments of this area.

Continuing with the exploration of the colonial district, a short drive will take you to an elevated viewpoint known as “**La Virgen del Panecillo**” or “Virgen de Quito” (Quito’s Virgen). This conspicuous statue of the Virgin Mary, adorned with wings, rises approximately 147 feet (45 meters) above ground. From this vantage point, you’ll marvel at the breathtaking domes and towers of the buildings in the center of Quito and the majestic mountains that surround the city.



As you continue your journey through Quito, get ready to experience 0° latitude in the **Middle of the World**. Your guide will take you approximately 16 miles north of Quito to the equator line monument. Here, you’ll discover the origins of Ecuador’s name and the international collaboration, known as Geodesic Mission, that contributed to measuring our planet back in 1739.

Don’t miss the chance to stand in both hemispheres simultaneously and have your picture taken, of course! Inside the monument, the Ethnographic Museum showcases Ecuador’s diverse native indigenous groups. Nearby, the **Intiñan Museum** will offer you a fascinating perspective on the “true” middle of the world location, as defined by the Inca civilization and confirmed by modern technology. At the end of the tour, you will be taken back to your hotel. End of services.

INCLUDED

- Private Transportation
- Bilingual Guide
- Entrance Fees
- Bottle of water

NOT INCLUDED

- Meals*
- Personal Expenses
- Soft and/or alcoholic beverages
- Extra and/or non-scheduled visit/activity
- Tips

Notes:

- The itinerary and order of visits is subject to change due to weather, municipal regulations, safety and/or unforeseen circumstances.
- *If you would like to have lunch included in this tour (3-course meal), kindly make sure to confirm this option with your trip advisor at the time of booking. Lunch would be served at a local venue.