

Middle of the World + Quito Old Town



Enjoy two of the best attractions of the **city of Quito**. Venture the latitude 0° in **the Middle of the World**. The **equator line in Quito** is the most visited monument in Ecuador. Jump from **one hemisphere to another one in seconds**. Live **scientific activities** that describe the effects of the **centre of the world**. Balance an egg over a nail. Visit an active volcano inhabited by human beings.

Explore the Old Town of Quito that dresses in European architecture. Walk through its narrow streets full of charming Spanish balconies. Stand in the middle of pre-Hispanic plazas and admire the beauty of the city known as the face of God. Enter ancient churches to see their altars garnished with gold leaf. Undoubtedly, Quito city tour and equator line are both the best in your visit to Ecuador.

Itinerary:

Pick up from your hotel in the city or Quito Airport. Then, we are going to the North part of the City for approximately 45-minute drive.

- **Admire the Pululahua crater;**

Pululahua is a potential active volcano. Also, it is a sunk caldera formed out 2,200 years ago. From a natural view point, you can observe several volcanic domes, the big one is in the middle of the caldera. The Geo-botanical reserve houses the crater. It was created as reserve or national park in 1966 by the Ecuadorean Government. The best time to visit is in the morning since is clear.

- **Have fun in the Intiñan museum (Sun trail);**

The Intiñan is an educational museum that offers different experiments about the Equator line. This exhibition place was set up by the ancestral houses from the zone. One of the experiments is to balance an egg over a nail or walking on the line with your eyes close to lose the direction. The equator line was measured with GPS. Certified in this way that we are in the middle of the world.

- **Discover the Statue of Panecillo:**

Discover the Statue of Panecillo from here we can observe all the historical centre, the new and south of the city. An interesting walk on the Ronda Street to remember the old days of Quito. Visit one of the jewel of the Americas, this church is considered the best expression of the baroque art style. Time to taste traditional sweets from Quito, still handmade, such as the “Colaciones”.

- **Walking tour in the old town:**

Walk on the **Plaza Grande**. We can observe the most important landmark which point out the end of the Spanish emancipation. A glimpse to see the Archbishop palace that currently is working as a commercial area. Besides, we can look up the massive Cathedral that keeps essential tells about the Quito`s political events. Finally, drop-off at the hotel. **La Compañía de Jesus** is one of the important must-do places to visit due to the Baroque beauty. **La Ronda Street** a historical place with around twenty colonial houses. **San Francisco Convent** with its architectural treatises.

The tour includes:

A certified Guide/driver (English/Spanish-speaking)
Comfortable transportation
Activities according to the program

The tour does not include:

Travel insurance
Entrance fees
Meals and tips