



## Tour Name

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Quito Legends and Culture Tour

## Tour City

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Quito

## Tour Snapshot

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Learn the legends of Quito on this tour that'll get your hands dirty and your taste buds tingling! You'll explore the city's historic centre and hear the tales behind Quito's oldest streets before getting a lesson in old-school woodcarving techniques, taught to you by local artisans. From there, it's a sweet treat with a visit to a local chocolate factory and a traditional ice cream shop serving up crazy flavours you'll only find in Latin America.

### Highlights

- Walk through Quito's Old Town and hear the stories and legends of this historic centre
- Visit one of Quito's oldest woodcarving workshops and try your hand at the craft
- Pop into a local chocolate factory to sample what just might be the best chocolate in the world
- Enjoy ice cream made from unique South American ingredients
- Uncover the stories that line one of the most traditional colonial streets of Quito

Inclusions: Local English-speaking guide, entrance fees, chocolate-making session and tasting, ice cream.

Exclusions: Additional food and drink, items of a personal nature, tips / gratuities for your guide, transportation to and from the main square.

### **Schedule details**

- Duration: 4 hours
- Meeting point:  
Old town Plaza Grande (main square) at the Independence monument
  
- Find the exact meeting point with what3words: [///included.fully.drove](https://www.what3words.com/#!/included.fully.drove)
  
- Starting time: 2.00 PM
- Ending point:  
Old town Plaza Grande

### **Full Itinerary**

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Set off on your Quito adventure by heading for the cobblestone streets of the city's historic centre, where gold churches and ancient convents dot the wealth of colonial sites.

We'll walk from the heart of the Old Town – Independence Plaza – on to the impressive Independence Monument, the city's cathedral, the Archbishop's Palace, and the Government Palace. Along the way, we'll learn about the significance of these sites, and the roles they've played in Ecuador's rich history. There are lots of stories and legends behind the façades of the city's most famous buildings, and you'll hear all the tales as you gain insight into this fascinating city.

We'll then continue on to La Compañía de Jesús, a breathtaking old Jesuit church with a façade carved entirely out of volcanic stone and an interior covered in gold leaf. Explore the old University of San Gregorio and then continue walking through ancient streets on our way to La Ronda, one of the most traditional old Quito streets.

Next up, we'll visit a woodcarving workshop where the artisans still work in the old Quito school style — and maybe even get to try it out ourselves! We'll learn how to carve, gold plate, and set just as Ecuadorian ancestors used to do. Talk about a hands-on experience! While we're there, you'll get the chance to talk with these incredible artists and learn more about their craft.

Then, it's time for a sweet delight as we learn how to make chocolate — in the local old-fashioned way, of course. And, best of all, you'll get to try all the varieties of what just might be the best chocolate in the world. Finally, we'll stop at one of the most traditional ice cream shops of Old Town, where amazing new flavours will be waiting for us. Are you brave enough to try a morocho corn ice cream or maybe even quinoa?!

With all that Quito culture in our heads (and bellies!), we'll walk back to the main square meeting point to end this amazing Urban Adventure.

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Dress standard: We suggest wearing comfortable clothing, a sweater or light jacket, comfortable walking shoes, sunglasses and a hat.

Your Trip: For your Urban Adventure you will be in a small group of a maximum of 12 people.

Confirmation of booking: If you have your voucher, your booking is confirmed. We'll see you at the start point. Get in touch if you have any concerns or require more information via the email address or phone number (business hours only) on your voucher.

Child Policy: Children between the ages of 6 and 11 inclusively are permitted on this tour at the rate listed above. Please select 'child' above when booking. Children below the age of 6 are not permitted on this tour.

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