

#### Old Town of Quito + Cable Car(TeleferiQo)



Amazing views from the **TeleferiQo**. The perfect place to **observe active volcanoes**. A place surrounded by **Andean vegetation** such as polylepis trees and paramo straw. Nice hike to **the cloud swing**. Visit one of the best places in **Quito city**.

Explore, hike and admire the **old town of Quito**. This city with an almost European architecture built by Spaniards, Italians, Mestizos and Indigenous people. An interpreter from Quito will dramatize you with **stories and legends**. Quito the Light of the Americas.

# **Itinerary**

Our tour starts in your hotel in Quito city or airport. Then, we head out to the east of the city in order to get the TeleferiQo or tram, to have spectacular views from the Cruz Loma hill which tops out 4,050 msl / 13,287 feet.

# Up in the Cable car:

On the Cable Car, you can enjoy a panoramic view of the city from the Pichincha mountain and reach out a swing, located at the end of the first of the track. The best option in this place is to enjoy the landscape. Take pictures from different angles. Play with swing to remember our childhood or just contemplate the city and the volcanic complex of the Pichinchas.



At the end, we go down to take the cable car to head towards the historic center. Always, we have to bring warm clothes. Most of the year in these mountains there is good weather. Although, the first months of the year are rainier.

#### Walking tour in the old town of Quito:

Walking through the narrow streets of Quito gives us a relaxing atmosphere. The bustle of people distracts you but at the same time you realize that it is part of daily life in this dynamic part of Quito.

## Many photos in the Plaza Grande:

The square is the political, commercial and religious center of the city. A beautiful monument juts out from the center to represent the end of Spanish colonization. To one side, you can see a building that dates back to the late 1570s. The classic beauty of a cathedral can be seen towards the south of the square.

#### Be dazzled by the Golden church (La Compañia de Jesus):

This catholic church is the Summit of the Latin American baroque style. Its interior causes admiration for its details of five different architectural styles. Walking through the corridors covered with semicircular arches is impressive. We cannot imagine how much gold the famous artisans, painters and sculptors worked with to decorate the altars.

#### Remembrances in San Francisco Plaza:

The impressive concave-convex staircase that is found when going up to the church reproduces a design by Donato Bramante. Italian Renaissance painter and architect. With this detail, we already have an idea of how valuable architecture we can find inside the church and its facades.

# Walking around La Ronda street:

Cradle of intellectuals, poets, musicians, writers, where bohemian nights take place and serenades are offered to the beautiful Quiteña ladies. Restored because the weight of the years fractured its rich history and elegance, it is now a nightlife center of small bars and restaurants that offer traditional food and drinks such as "canelazo". Return to the hotel.



### The tour includes:

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

### The tour does not include:

- Entrance fees or admissions
- Personal expenses
- Lunch, tips