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## Day 1: Thursday, October 22 Arrive in Quito

Our pilgrimage begins today as we depart on a flight from our local airport to Quito Ecuador (flights not included but can be booked on your own or through Canterbury Pilgrimages.) Upon arrival in Quito, we'll transfer to our hotel and settle in. Later, we'll gather for our welcome dinner. Overnight in Quito

## Day 2: Friday, October 23 Catholic Quito

Today, we'll visit several landmarks, starting with the Basílica del Voto Nacional. This neo-Gothic basilica stands as a testament to Ecuador's spiritual dedication. Its very construction was rooted in a vow to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. We'll tour the Catedral Metropolitana, admire the Baroque altars at the Convento de San Francisco, and view President Gabriel García Moreno's relic at his monument. Continue to the Convento de la Inmaculada Concepción, home to the statue of Our Lady of Good Success. End the day at the Convento San Ignacio de Loyola de La Compañía de Jesús. Here, we'll venerate Saint Mariana of Jesus de Paredes, patron saint of Ecuador. Overnight in Quito

## Day 3: Saturday, October 24

### El Quinche Sanctuary & Trip to Riobamba City

After breakfast, we visit the Estatua del Sagrado Corazón de Jesús in Guápulo, a symbol of Christ's love. Next, we stop at the Santuario de Nuestra Señora de El Quinche, where we'll see the revered statue of the Virgin Mary and learn about its miracles and historical renovations. After visiting, we travel to Riobamba, enjoying the changing landscapes. Overnight in Riobamba

## Day 4: Sunday, October 25

### Visit to La Balbanera Church, Religious Museum of the Conceptas, and Cotopaxi National Park

The day starts at La Balbanera Church at Colta, the first Catholic church in Ecuador, followed by the Religious Museum of the Conceptas, which houses colonial-era religious art. We wrap up with a panoramic view of Cotopaxi from a designated viewpoint before returning to Quito. Overnight in Quito

## Day 5: Monday, October 26

### Visit the Peace Grotto & Cathedral of Tulcán

We drive to La Gruta de la Paz, a cave sanctuary dedicated to the Virgin Mary, uniquely located within a

river canyon. Later, we explore the Cathedral of Tulcán, notable for its golden altar and vibrant paintings. Overnight in Tulcán

## Day 6: Tuesday, October 27

### Visit to Las Lajas Church & Tulcan Cemetery

Today involves a trip to the Sanctuary of Las Lajas in Colombia, a church famed for its dramatic architecture over a canyon and a site of Marian apparitions. Then, we explore the creatively sculpted Cemetery of Tulcán. Overnight in Ibarra

## Day 7: Wednesday, October 28 Visit to San Antonio de Ibarra, Hacienda La Compañía, Flight to Lima

We visit the wood-carving artisans of San Antonio de Ibarra and then proceed to Hacienda La Compañía, where we'll tour its rose gardens and the 17th-century chapel. The day ends with a flight from Quito to Lima, Peru. Overnight in Lima

## Day 8: Thursday, October 29 Lima/Plaza de Armas

After enjoying breakfast, we'll explore Lima - capital of Peru and a city is rich in cultural sites and remarkably preserved architecture. This splendid city, being founded on the feast of the Epiphany, was first named "City of Kings" (Ciudad de los Reyes), in reference to the "Three Wise Men." We'll visit the colonial heart of the city - Plazas de Armas, the Cathedral and the ornate Archbishop's Palace, the Church of Santo Domingo which houses the remains of St. Martin de Porres and St. Rose of Lima, the Monastery of St. Francis with its catacombs, and the National Museum. Overnight Lima

## Day 9: Friday, October 30 Lima/Our Lady of the Rosary

Following breakfast, we will tour the oldest religious complex in Lima, Nuestro del Santísimo Rosario (Our Lady of the Rosary), including the beautiful Church and Convent of Santo Domingo where St. Martin de Porres spent most of his life. There, we will venerate his tomb, which lies in the same crypt as the tomb of St. Rose of Lima. Afterwards, we'll enjoy leisure to experience all that Lima has to offer. Overnight Lima

## Day 10: Saturday, October 31 Return Home

With a renewed sense of pilgrimage and an invigorated love for our Catholic faith, we'll bid farewell and return home today (flights not included but can be booked on your own or through Canterbury Pilgrimages.)

## Your Pilgrimage Includes

- ✓ 4-star hotel accommodations
- ✓ Private motorcoach transportation
- ✓ Flight from Quito to Lima
- ✓ Daily rosary, devotions, & Mass
- ✓ Breakfast & dinner served daily
- ✓ Wine served with welcome & farewell dinners
- ✓ Dedicated Canterbury tour director
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