

POPULAR PLACES IN QUITO

Food/Restaurants

- Crepes y Waffles** a very popular and relatively cheap place to eat; their crepes, both meal and dessert, are very good and their ice cream great
located at Ave. Francisco de Orellana y La Rábida
- Pim's** a good with a variety of food...including great hamburgers and milkshakes; it's about \$8/person, but the food is well worth it
located at Ave. Isabela la Católica 915 y Luis Cordero; there's another nicer Pim's that's located on the Panecillo
- Red Hot Chili Pepper** not only the name of a popular band, but also a popular restaurant which serves a variety of wonderful Mexican dishes in a fun atmosphere; prices range about \$6-\$9 dollars a plate
located at Foch y Juan León Mera esquina (at the same intersection as Magic Bean, but down Foch street a little bit...if you can't find it, ask a guard for help)
- Spaghetti** a very popular restaurant that is right next to Crepes and Waffles; it costs about \$8 a plate and is very nice; no one has ever ordered something that they didn't like here
located at Ave. Fransisco de Orellana y La Rábida (next to Crepes and Waffles) and at Plaza de las Américas, Ave. de la República y Naciones Unidas (same building McDonald's is in)
- Magic Bean** a VERY delicious choice, this restaurant specializes in their early morning pancakes or bagels; for lunch and dinner you can buy the best hot sandwiches and potato wedges
located at Foch No. 681 (E5-08) y Juan León Mera
- Happy Panda** this Chinese restaurant has excellent quality food for slightly higher prices (averaging around \$5-\$8) and they deliver (please talk to the Project Directors if you're interested in ordering in)
located at Ave. Isabela La Católica y Luis Cordero
- El Brasero** this restaurant serves typical dishes with an emphasis of many different grilled meats
located at Colón y 9 de octubre
- La Tablita** full name is La Tablita del Tártaro; this restaurant/fast food place serves great grilled chicken/meat with delicious potato wedges and also large hamburgers
located in numerous places throughout the city, so ask the Project Directors

La Choza this restaurant serves typical Ecuadorian food, is a little higher in price, but is really good
located at 12 de octubre 1955 y Cordero

Tourism Places

Mitad del Mundo The Middle of the Earth (see Activity write-up about this)
located at the Equator

Artisan Market (La Mariscal) this is the place to buy native stuff and you can find almost any type of souvenir here (though you can find most of these same things and more in Otavalo and for less money); most things are very well priced, but you must bargain as well
located at Juan León Mera 1517 y Roca

Art Park the Art Park is a great place to find native works of art—everything from expensive paintings to having your picture sketched; it's open only on weekends
located at Ave. Patria y Seis de diciembre, Parque El Ejido

La Basílica this is a huge Catholic gothic cathedral and is a fun place to go; the towers are very tall and, if you can get over your fear of heights, then it offers a great view of the city (see Activity write-up about this)
located in Old Town

El Panecillo this is a huge angel Virgin Mary that watches over the city and is one of the must-sees while in Quito; it has a few little stands that sell stuff around her base; under no circumstances should you walk up or down the hill—take a taxi—it's not a good neighborhood
located in Old Town and very close to the baby orphanage—you'll see it every time you go there (see Activity write-up about this)

Old Town a favorite place to go and do some shopping; this is not a place to buy very native things, but electronics and shirts and such can be bought here for very reasonable prices; Old Town can be dangerous—please see rules pertaining to visiting Old Town
located in the old part of Quito

Malls/Stores

El Jardín this is the largest mall around and it has a lot of American clothes stores at outrageous prices
located at Río Amazonas y Avenida de la República

- QuiCentro this mall has a bowling alley on the top floor and a few good bookstores (all Spanish of course); it also has a really large food court with some great restaurants and fast food places
located at Seis de diciembre y Ave. Naciones Unidas
- CCI another popular mall; aside from stores, it has a movie theatre, laser tag and an ice skating rink; it also has a McDonald's, Burger King and Tony Roma's (Tony Roma's is not recommended)
located at Naciones Unidas y Río Amazonas
- Supermaxi yes, funny name, but this is Ecuador's supermarket/grocery store; their prices are more American-rate, but still good; the discounted prices are only available with a membership; most of the house purchases are made here by the Food Committee; there are four Supermaxis that are convenient to go to:
one located at Ave. 12 de octubre y Madrid S/N, one located at Pinzón y La Niña, one in El Jardín and one in the CCI mall; there's also a Megamaxi located at Seis de diciembre 6116—it is like a Super Target

Money
ATMs

there are three locations that are convenient to go to:
one is located inside the side door of the Swissôtel on Luis Cordero y 12 de octubre; another is located in Banco del Pichincha—a bank one block up the street on 12 de octubre; the third is located inside Banco de Guayaquil, a bank that's located on the corner of Reina Victoria y Colón; there's usually one in the malls, but in order to use your ATM card it must be a "BanRed" ATM

Travelers Checks

Visa Travelers Checks can be cashed at Banco de Guayaquil
located at the corner of Reina Victoria y Colón

American Express Travelers' Checks can be cashed at Banco del Pacífico
the bank across the street on 12 de octubre or at the Swissôtel