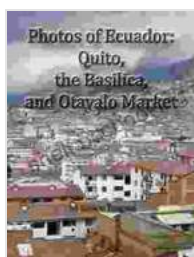


Quito's Basilica and Otavalo Market: A Guide to Two of Ecuador's Most Iconic Attractions

The Basilica of the National Vow

Quito's Basilica of the National Vow is one of the most iconic landmarks in the city, and for good reason. This neo-Gothic masterpiece is the largest basilica in the Americas, and its intricate architecture and stunning stained glass windows are a sight to behold.

The basilica was built in the late 19th century as a thank-you to the Virgin Mary for saving Quito from an earthquake. Construction took over 50 years to complete, and the result is a truly breathtaking building.



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The basilica's interior is just as impressive as its exterior. The nave is lined with towering columns, and the ceiling is adorned with intricate frescoes.

The main altar is a work of art in itself, and the stained glass windows depict scenes from the life of Christ.

If you're visiting Quito, be sure to take some time to visit the Basilica of the National Vow. It's a truly awe-inspiring building, and it's one of the most important religious sites in Ecuador.

Otavallo Market

Otavallo Market is one of the most famous markets in South America, and for good reason. This vibrant market is held every Saturday in the town of Otavallo, about two hours north of Quito.

Otavallo Market is a great place to buy traditional Ecuadorian handicrafts, such as textiles, pottery, and jewelry. You can also find a variety of other goods, such as food, clothing, and souvenirs.

The market is a great place to experience Ecuadorian culture. You can watch traditional dances, listen to live music, and sample some of the local cuisine.

If you're interested in visiting Otavallo Market, be sure to arrive early. The market starts to get crowded around midday, and it's best to avoid the crowds if you can.

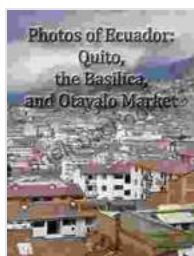
Practical Travel Tips

Here are a few practical travel tips for visiting the Basilica of the National Vow and Otavallo Market:

- **The Basilica of the National Vow is open daily from 9am to 5pm.**

- **Otavalo Market is held every Saturday from 7am to 5pm.**
- **Both the basilica and the market are located in the center of Quito.**
- **There are several ways to get to Quito, including by plane, bus, and car.**
- **Quito is a safe city to visit, but it's always important to be aware of your surroundings.**

The Basilica of the National Vow and Otavalo Market are two of the most iconic attractions in Ecuador. If you're visiting Quito, be sure to take some time to visit these two amazing places.



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