

EXPLORE EL CENTRO
& MEET OUR NEIGHBORS



PLUS: DISCOVER THE SECRETS OF OUR MANSION

Step Outside

We invite you to venture into Quito's Historic Center. To stroll along the cobblestone streets, admire the iconic churches and plazas, learn about our cultural heritage and experience the vibrant and welcoming life of our neighborhood...

The Historic Center is alive, a place of contrasts and celebrations... of Colonial and architectural wonders; of colorful and kitschy *piñatería* stores; of museums that house pre-Incan treasures and shops that display baby Jesus figures dressed as police or firemen. It's a place of skills that have taken more than a century and several generations of families to perfect, juxtaposed with young and emergent artists in their creative new spaces... and they all coalesce in Ecuador's iconic capital!

It is a privilege for us at Casa Gangotena to be part of this neighborhood. Quito's Historic Center is vast and generous: it holds a myriad of cultural, historic, culinary and artistic treasures. We're sure you'll find something to delight you and we hope you'll also create unique connections with the people who make this place what it is.

Wander, be curious and meet our neighbors!



Key

LANDMARKS & CHURCHES

- A San Francisco Church & Monastery
- B La Compañía Church
- C El Sagrario Church
- D Metropolitan Cathedral of Quito
- E Carondelet Palace
- F Plaza Grande (Independence Square)
- G Palacio Arzobispal (Archbishop's Palace)
- H San Agustín Church
- I Teatro Bolívar
- J Santo Domingo Church & Square
- K Arco de la Reina (The Queen's Arch)
- L La Ronda Street

MUSEUMS

- M Museo Casa del Alabado
- N Museo Carmen Alto
- O Museo de la Ciudad (City Museum)
- P Museo del Pasillo
- Q Museo María Augusta Urrutia
- R Museo Casa de Sucre
- S Museo Numismático
- T Centro Cultural Metropolitano
- U Museo Alberto Mena Caamaño

- Pedestrian street
- Street

LOCAL GASTRONOMY

- Casa Gangotena
- 1 La Bodega de Cantuña
- 2 Yumbos Chocolate
- 3 Rocafuerte Street candy
- 4 Cafetería Modelo
- 5 Casa Manuela
- 6 República del Cacao
- 7 Heladería San Agustín
- 8 Chez Tiff & Crustum (Casa del Higo)
- 9 La Caponata & Runa Tulpa Andina (Casa Santa Bárbara)
- G Palacio Arzobispal

HERBS & PLANT MEDICINE

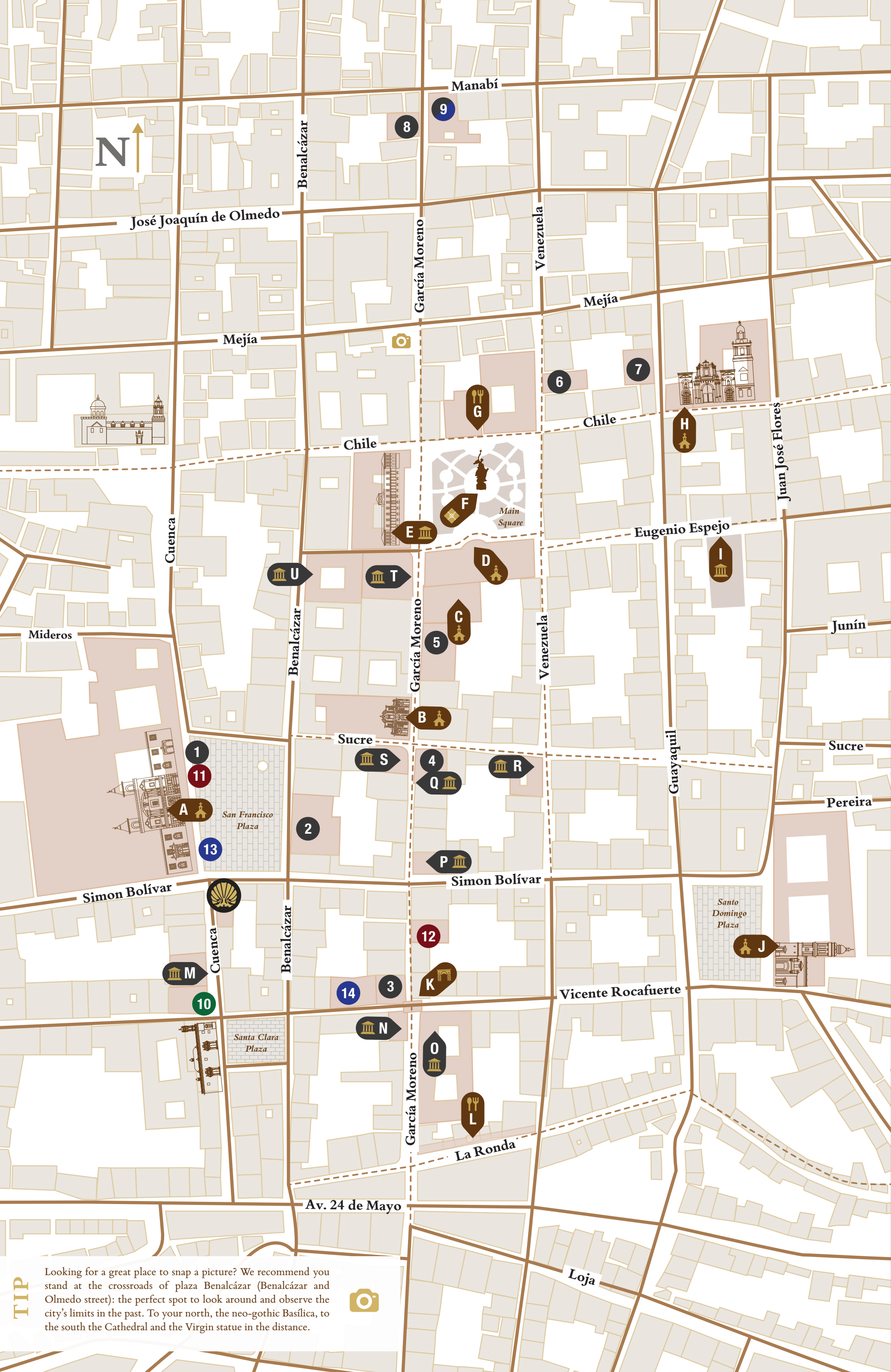
- 10 El Secreto de las Plantas

SHOPPING

- 11 Ecuador Shops
- 12 Sombreros López
- Casa Gangotena

ART & HANDCRAFTS

- 9 Casa Santa Bárbara
- 13 Small shops underneath San Francisco Church
- 14 Almacén Manto Sagrado



TIP

Looking for a great place to snap a picture? We recommend you stand at the crossroads of plaza Benalcázar (Benalcázar and Olmedo street): the perfect spot to look around and observe the city's limits in the past. To your north, the neo-gothic Basílica, to the south the Cathedral and the Virgin statue in the distance.