



ART & CHOCOLATE

Combine a stimulating Ecuadorian Art experience with an epicurean chocolate tasting

Our Arts & Art of Chocolate Tasting tour is the perfect complement to discovering Quito's historical heart, markets and monuments. Explore the former home of Ecuador's most celebrated painter, Oswaldo Guayasamín (1919-1999) before treating yourself to a gourmet chocolate tasting experience with renowned Ecuadorian chocolatier, To'ak.

Art

The tour takes place in northern Quito, in the Guayasamin Foundation Museum, one of the city's most iconic attractions. You are welcomed through a private entrance and guided through the artist's former residence. You will learn about Guayasamin's most significant works of art, admire his own private collection of paintings, visit his most intimate chambers, including his bedroom and workshop, and discover the role that his art played in Latin American politics.



Chocolate

The second half of the tour – the chocolate tasting – is led by an expert To'ak ambassador and takes place in Guayasamin's wine cellar. To'ak employs the oldest and rarest variety of cacao on earth to confection extremely limited editions of single-origin Ecuadorian dark chocolate. Its flagship creation was aged for four years in a French oak cognac cask and is considered the most valuable chocolate in the world. To'ak is pioneering the way the world experiences dark chocolate, elevating its making and tasting to the level of fine wine and aged whisky.

Seated around an intimate table, you will be given a tasting plate with samples of four different editions of To'ak chocolate and guided through a comprehensive tasting and pairing experience, with a focus on Ecuador's famous 'Nacional cacao' variety. Cacao genetics, terroir, fermentation methods, barrel-aging, and other production decisions are all explained in the context of how these variables influence the aroma and flavor profile of each expression of chocolate. Comparable to a course in Wine 101, but with the most luxurious and elaborate dark chocolate on the planet.

- **Recommended:** comfortable urban clothes
- **Duration:** 2 hours (1 hour tour of museum, 1 hours tasting)
- **Rate:** \$150 per person
- **Available:** Tuesday to Saturday, 10am-12pm / 12pm-2pm / 3pm-pm

For further information see [The Chocolate and Arts Tour](#)