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A colonial-style home sits on a street corner in Quito, Ecuador. The home has a tiled roof and several decorative accents made of wrought iron. Several outdoor umbrellas are visible, possibly denoting a cafe. Quito is the capital of Ecuador, though with a population of 1,865,541 (2005) it is the second-largest city in Ecuador behind Guayaquil. The urban center of Quito encompasses 112 square miles and is 9,300 feet above sea level. The pre-Colombian city of Quito was destroyed by the last Inca ruler. Therefore, the historic center of the city dates from its founding by Francisco Pizarro in 1534. While this home appears to be of relatively new construction, many buildings in Quito date from the colonial period. The historic center of Quito was declared the first world heritage site by UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization).



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