This historic stroll takes you through the ruins of the first European settlement along the Pacific, founded on August 15, 1519 by Spanish conquistador Pedro Arias de Ávila.

**Start** Puente del Matadero

**Distance** 3.5km

**Duration** 1½ to two hours

1. **Enter the sector over a modern bridge parallel to Puente del Matadero.** An old stone bridge named after a slaughterhouse.

2. **Continue two blocks east along Av Cincuentenario to the ruins of Iglesia y Convento de La Merced** (Av Cincuentenario s/n).

3. **Also bordering the avenue are the remains of Iglesia y Convento de San Francisco,** erected by the Franciscans.

4. **The Jesuits built Iglesia y Convento de la Compañía de Jesús,** whose stone ruins are visible today.

5. **Catedral de Nuestra Señora de la Asunción,** built between 1619 and 1626, is the best-preserved building of the ruins.

6. **Just north lies the Iglesia y Convento de Santo Domingo.** The convent dates from the 1570s, though the church was built 20 or more years later.

7. **Puente del Rey,** possibly the oldest standing bridge in the Americas, is visible from Av Cincuentenario.

Take a Break: Indulge post-walk at nearby Maito.