



Splendor in the Ruins

Once glorious in their gilded baroque finery, Antigua's churches and monasteries have suffered indignities from both nature and humankind. A walk through town is therefore also a walk through time.

Start Cerro de la Cruz

Distance 2.3km

Duration 2½ hours



5 Continue a block west and turn right to reach the old **Convento de Santa Teresa** (4a Av Norte), which until recently served as a men's prison.

6 Head west, then south down 5a Av Norte, jam-packed with tourist-friendly locales, including a brilliant, sprawling handicrafts depot, **Nim Po't**.

7 Continue to Parque Central. Ascend to the balcony of the **Palacio del Ayuntamiento** (4a Calle Poniente) for photo ops of the square and nearby **Catedral de Santiago**.

Take a Break...

Hit **Café Condesa** (☎7832-0038; Portal del Comercio 4; cakes & pies Q20-26) for coffee and cake.

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1
START

2

Calle de las Ánimas

1a Av Norte

Alameda de Santa Rosa

3a Av Norte

3

2a Calle Oriente

4

4a Calle Oriente

5

4a Av Norte

7
FINISH

Parque Central

1a Calle Poniente

2a Calle Poniente

3a Calle Poniente

4a Calle Poniente

Calle de Candelaria

0 200 m
0.1 mile



Classic Photo: Cerro de la Cruz views



1 Take a taxi up **Cerro de la Cruz** for fine views looking south over town toward Volcán Agua.

2 Down the wooded slopes from the lookout point is a basketball court backed by the filigreed **Iglesia de la Candelaria** (1a Calle).



3 Twist and turn your way south-west to the ruins of the **Convento de Capuchinas**, with its unique tower.

4 Go right on 2a Calle Oriente. Passing 3a Av Norte, look down to your left to see the multicolumned facade of **Iglesia El Carmen** (3a Av Norte) and an adjacent handicrafts market.