

# Exploring Guatemala

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## 10 Days Antigua – Lake Atitlan – Chichicastenango – Yaxha – Tikal & Copan

### Day 1. International Airport / Antigua

Arrive into Guatemala City at (time to be confirmed), where our driver will be there to greet you and transfer you directly to your lovely charming hotel in Antigua. Spend an afternoon/evening enjoying this magical colonial town, considered by some to be the most beautiful in the world. Walk its romantic cobble stone streets and enjoy fine cuisine at one of the many excellent gourmet restaurants in the area.

**Overnight in Antigua, Hotel Soleil**

### Day 2. Antigua Cultural Walking Tour

Breakfast, our English guide will pick up you at your hotel, at 9:00 a.m., and take you to the magical colonial village of La Antigua to get a first impression from La Antigua, once the third most important Spanish colony in the Americas & home to more than 30 monastic orders, stunning monasteries, convents and cathedrals from the Spanish colonial days. In the afternoon is free.

**Overnight in Antigua, Hotel Soleil**

### Day 3. Antigua / Tour Lake Atitlan

Breakfast, our driver and English guide pick up in your hotel at 7:30 a.m. and take you on a panoramic 2 hour drive to Lake Atitlan, upon arrival we take you by boat to three Indian villages along the shore of the lake. We visiting **Santiago de Atitlan, San Juan La Laguna, & San Pedro**. Your guide will share many insights on local customs and traditions with you. Enjoy the spectacular scenery the lake has to offer and learn more about the villagers, whose traditional costumes still vary from one village to the other, as well as their history. In the late afternoon you will be transferred directly to your hotel in Panajachel

**Overnight in Panajachel, Porta Hotel Antigua**

### Day 4. Chichicastenango Market Tour / Antigua

Breakfast, our English guide will pick up you at your hotel 8:00 a.m. and take you to Central Americas largest market: The Mayan Market of Chichicastenango. This spectacular and brightly colored market is truly a magical experience and a great insight into the Mayan Culture. You can witness various religious and pre Hispanic ceremonies being celebrated in the Cathedral and will be left with a unique memory from this must have Guatemalan experience. After the excursion you will be transferred to Antigua directly to your hotel.

**Overnight in Antigua, Hotel Soleil**

### Day 5. Antigua /Copan Honduras

Breakfast, Our driver and English guide will pick up at your hotel at 8:00 am for transfer to Honduras' border and the lovely colonial town of Copan. Arrive at your beautiful hotel Marina Copan, overlooking the Central Plaza in the charming town of Copán, which has been at the heart of the Copan Experience since 1945. In the afternoon at 14:30h will be transferred to The ruins of Copan, one of the most visited most important archaeological site: the tour includes the Acropolis, the golf ball game, the stands with hieroglyphs and the great square of Mayan Stele, hailed by experts as unique in the world Maya. Upon conclusion of this tour transfer directly to your Hotel in Copan.

**Overnight in Copan, Hotel Marina Copán**

### Day 6. Copan Honduras/ Quirigua / Rio Dulce

Breakfast, our driver and English guide will pick up in your hotel at 8:00 a.m. and take you to visit the ruins of Quirigua which are located in the Motagua River valley. Founded between 250-550 AD by people who came from the area of Tikal, it is now one of the most impressive archaeological sites of

the Maya Classic period. UNESCO declared a world heritage in 1979. This site has the largest stelae in the Mayan world. At the end we continue the journey to the Caribbean town Rio Dulce, directly to your hotel in Livingston.

**Overnight in Livingston, Hotel Villa Caribe.**

### **Day 7. Tour Rio Dulce / Flores**

After a hearty breakfast, your private "lanchero" (boat driver) and English guide will pick you up at 9h00 (TBC) to take you on a cruise through the Rio Dulce canals and lagoons for a closer view of this region's amazing water flora and fauna. Closer to the Caribbean coast, you will go through the amazing Rio Dulce canyons, a truly awe inspiring experience. Then you will be transferred to Flores. Spend the evening relaxing lake side, or opt for a visit & possibly dinner in the lovely town of Flores, the capital of the Petén region.

**Overnight in Flores, Hotel Casona del Lago**

### **Day 8**

#### **Yaxhá & Topoxte Tour / Flores**

Breakfast, our English Guide will pick you up at your hotel at 8:00 a.m. and transfer to Yaxhá & Topoxte; both cities were built on islands in the Yaxhá lagoon and connected to land by boulevards and canals. Yaxhá is about 30 kilometers distant from Tikal and has plazas and an acropolis that connect by boulevards known as Sachés. The hieroglyphic inscriptions indicate that it was inhabited between the Early Classical Period and the Late Classical Period, making it a Post-classical Period city. Discover the site and the lagoon with its abundant wildlife. In the late afternoon you will be transferred back to your hotel in Flores.

**Overnight in Flores, Hotel Casona del Lago**

### **Day 9. Tour Tikal**

Breakfast, our English Guide will pick you up at your hotel 7:30 a.m. Transfer to Tikal to explore it, one of the largest and most magnificent Mayan archeological cities in existence, which in its heyday (c. 700 AD,) was the capital of a vast Mayan empire. Your expert guide will share many insights on this Mayan city and provide a feel for the mysteries of this ancient culture. Have lunch in the midst of Mayan ruins and breathtaking flora and fauna; return in the late afternoon. Take lunch in the midst of Mayan ruins and breathtaking flora and fauna. Late in the afternoon enjoy a fantastic lunch in the park, and return in the afternoon 3:30h back to Flores airport flight back to Guatemala City. Upon arrival immediately be transferred to your hotel in Guatemala City.

**Overnight in Guatemala City, Hotel Barceló**

### **Day 10. Hotel / International Airport**

Departure from your Hotel in Guatemala City to International Airport, (time TBC) flight back to home.

#### **Price Includes:**

- Accommodation **Hotels 5\***
- Daily American breakfast
- English speaking guide in Guatemala & Honduras
- Transportation in A/C microbus all trip
- entrances fees Guatemala, Honduras
- Boat transfer Lake Atitlan & Rio Dulce
- Lunch in Tikal
- Border fees in Honduras & Guatemala
- Local Flight in Guatemala

#### **Price does not include:**

- International Flights
- Visas
- Laundry services

- Personal expenses
- All extras in hotels
- All meals not mentioned
- Tip for driver and guide
- Entrances to Museums • tax border

**Price per person:**

Hotel	4 Pax	6 Pax	8 Pax
<b>SGL</b>	<b>\$ 3432</b>	<b>\$ 3165</b>	<b>\$ 2937</b>
<b>DBL</b>	<b>\$ 2842</b>	<b>\$ 2542</b>	<b>\$ 2347</b>

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