

Guatemala's Mayan Legacy**13 days – 12 nights****Guatemala City, Chichicastenango, Lake Atitlan, Antigua Guatemala, Orquigonía, Coban, Semuc Champey, Polochic Valley, Copan, Quirigua, Rio Dulce, Flores, Yaxhá, Tikal
Adventure, Discovery, Culture, Archeology**

This program may be operated for individuals or for groups

The Guatemalan Maya Legacy encompasses some of this ancient civilization's most impressive sites with glyph-covered stelae, giant pyramids and vast temples scattered over many kilometers through the tropical rainforests. The Mayans' impressive achievements included a calendar system, knowledge of astronomy, the creation of agricultural terraces and intricate metalwork, including gold, silver and copper. Many of the largest Mayan sites appear to have been abandoned by around 150 CE. While the cause is unknown, archaeologists have speculated that their advanced agricultural systems and love of stucco plastering could have resulted in their demise.

Day 1: Guatemala City

Welcome to the land of eternal spring! On arrival at Guatemala's La Aurora Airport, our representative will transfer you to your hotel for overnight accommodations.

Day 2: Guatemala City, Chichicastenango

At 07:00 a.m., you will be picked up at your hotel for your transfer to Chichicastenango. Visit the most colorful and picturesque Indian open-air market in the country. Hundreds of Indians from the surrounding countryside gather to barter their goods and products. Also, witness the captivating religious ceremonies held on the steps and inside the 400-year old Church of Santo Tomás (No shorts or bathing suits are allowed inside the Church, PLEASE NO PHOTOGRAPHS INSIDE THE CHURCH). Overnight accommodations in Chichicastenango. [B/D]

Day 3: Chichicastenango, Lake Atitlán

In the morning, you will be picked up at your hotel for your transfer to Sololá Market which is an authentic indigenous market where men and women wear typical clothing from their communities and come from the different surrounding villages, which makes it even more colorful. Today, Sololá is still one of the few villages from the highlands where people proudly wear their traditional clothes, which, depending on the fabrics and threads used, as well as the amount of embroidered motives, portray the social and economic status and position of the civil and religious hierarchies. Continue to Lake Atitlán, one of the most beautiful in the world, with its crystalline-azure waters in the crater bowl below. Atitlán is the ideal place to come in contact with Guatemalan folklore. Twelve Indian villages surround the Lake, and their inhabitants are descendants from the great Quiché, Cackchiquel, and Tzutuhil nations. Overnight accommodations at Lake Atitlán. [B/D]

Day 4: Lake Atitlán, Antigua Guatemala

At 09:00 a.m., you will board the motor launch to cross Lake Atitlán to the picturesque Indian village of Santiago Atitlán, one of the twelve lake-shore villages surrounding the Lake. Enjoy this bustling Indian community, where weavers work the colorful textiles. Continue, your transfer to Antigua Guatemala, the most important and enchanting city of colonial Guatemala. Founded by the Spaniards in 1543, nowadays Antigua is a beautiful blend of ruins, restored colonial buildings, and new buildings in colonial style. It was declared "Monument of America" in 1965. Overnight accommodations in Antigua Guatemala. [B/D]

Day 5: Antigua Guatemala, Guatemala City

This morning, you will be picked up at your hotel for your Antigua Guatemala sightseeing tour. Visit the Central Plaza, which is surrounded by the antique Cathedral, the Municipal Government Building, and the Palace of the Captains General; colonial churches and monasteries, and a jade factory where

this stone is worked into beautiful jewelry. In the afternoon, you will be transferred to Guatemala City for overnight accommodations. [B/D]

Day 6: Guatemala City, Orquigonía, Coban

At 7:00 am, the trip to Coban will begin, to visit the Biotopo del Quetzal. It was created for the protection of the Quetzal, which is the national bird and is in danger of extinction. This protected habitat was established in 1976 by Mario Dary and since then it is one of the most important tourist destinations in the country. Given its location and wooded area, the place has a variety of fauna and flora that can be found from hummingbirds to orioles. You will also visit Orquigonía, a wonderful place that is a corner of exuberant nature where the visitor can see and learn of orchids, other forest plants, admire its beauty in its natural state and breathe the pure air peace and tranquility in the green heart of Guatemala. It is a relatively small area but it has a great biodiversity, since its acquisition in 2007, the wooded land has been regenerated naturally and now it is a refuge not only for orchids but also for a large number of plants such as: tree ferns, tillandsias, bromeliads, forest species with fruits and epiphytes with flowers. Overnight accommodations at Coban. [B/D]

Day 7: Coban (Semuc Champey, Polochic Valley)

This morning you will be picked up at your hotel to visit Semuc Champey which is located in the municipality of Lanquin, on the Cahabón river. Semuc Champey is built by a natural bridge of about 1,640 feet long, inside which the Cahabón River circulates underground, in what is known as a siguán. In the upper part a great variety of pools of 3 to 10 feet deep is formed, which are fed by mountain springs. These pools are located in a small canyon formed by sedimentary rock and limestone typical of the highlands of the Polochic valley. Overnight accommodations at Coban. [B/D]

Day 8: Coban, Copan

At 7:00 a.m., depart to Copán, Honduras. After completing official immigration formalities, continue to the archaeological site of Copán. As you step inside the park, witness elaborate stone sculptures everywhere. As you walk into the dramatic expanse of the Great Plaza you are witness of the cultural achievements of the ancient Maya. Copán's main plaza contains the greatest collection of Maya sculptures in Central America. Take time to explore and marvel at the beautiful Mayan stelae, majestic temples, and complete ball court. Overnight accommodations at Copan. [B/D]

Day 9: Copan, Quiriguá, Rio Dulce

This morning, transfer to the Mayan site of Quiriguá, where extraordinary monuments include 12 carved stelae, 4 enormous zoomorphic carved stones representing mythological animal forms, and unrestored temples. Dates recorded are at exact intervals of 800 days. Overnight accommodations at Rio Dulce. [B/D]

Day 10: Rio Dulce, Flores

You will be transferred by launch to Río Dulce, undoubtedly one of the country's most unique tourist attractions. The enormous Río Dulce offers a natural experience; while navigating on its beautiful waters one enjoys the riverine forest and listens to the sounds of the howler monkeys. The nice spots on the riverside include natural forests and bathing places in a unique natural environment. Several islands and islets along the river are the nesting grounds for thousands of aquatic birds which offer beautiful displays as they set flight and when they feed in large groups on the river waters. A section of the river is much wider, thus forming a 23 square mile water deposit, called El Golfete, which can be considered a river and a lake at the same time. Continue by land to Flores, Peten for overnight accommodations. [B/D]

Day 11: Flores (Yaxha)

This morning you will be picked up at your hotel for your transfer to Yaxhá. Upon arrival, you will begin with the visit of the archaeological site including Group A, Group B, Group C, Temple 216, North Acropolis Malher Group, imposing Causes and an unparalleled landscape of the two Sacnab-Yaxhá lagoons and the jungle of the Yaxhá National Park. Then they will visit the archaeological site of Topoxté which

they will arrive navigating through the Yaxhá lagoon. Departure from Yaxhá to return to Flores to your hotel for overnight accommodations. [B/L/D]

Day 12: Flores, Tikal, Guatemala City

This morning you will be picked up at your hotel for your transfer to the Tikal Site. Upon arrival, the visit will begin with the observation of the model of Tikal and then continue with the visit of Complexes Q and R, Temples I, II, III and IV, the Central Plaza, the Central North Acropolis and the Plaza del Mundo Perdido. At the end, you will be transferred to the Flores airport to board your flight to Guatemala City. Upon arrival our airport representative will transfer you to your hotel for overnight accommodations. [B/L/D]

Day 13: Guatemala City, USA

You will be transferred to the airport three hours prior your flight's departure time. [B]



This itinerary operates with arrivals to Guatemala on Wednesday. Itinerary may have slight changes to accommodate local conditions in order to provide the best possible experience in the country.

[B] = Breakfast | [B/D] = Breakfast and Dinner | [B/L/D] = Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Your Tour includes:

- Roundtrip airfare New York/Guatemala
- Roundtrip transfers between airports and hotels
- 12 nights' accommodation at chosen hotels:
 - Guatemala City 3 nights
 - Chichicastenango 1 night
 - Lake Atitlan 1 night
 - Antigua Guatemala 1 night
- Meals
 - American breakfast daily
 - 2 barbeque lunches
 - 9 dinners
- Visit to Chichicastenango
- Excursion to Lake Atitlan
- Visit Sololá Market
- Motor launch ride to Santiago Atitlan
- Tour of colonial Antigua Guatemala
- Visit the Biotopo del Quetzal conservation Center
- visit Orquigonía orchid farm
- Transfer by a 4x4 open-air vehicle from main highway to Semuc Champey

- Excursion to Cahabón underground river
- Tour of Copan archeological site
- Visit Quirigua stelae complex
- Stay at Rio Dulce tropical forest
- Tour of Yaxha archeological site
- Visit Topoxté archeological site
- Tour of Tikal archeological site
- Excursion to Tikal Archeological site
- Entrance fees to visiting sites
- Tips to porters at hotels
- Guatemala/Copan border tax
- Airport Security Tax domestic flight (US\$3.00 per person, per flight FRS/GUA)
- 12% VAT and 10% Tourism (Inguat) Tax
- The permitted luggage weight for the domestic flight is 20 pounds* for checked luggage and 10 pounds for hand luggage per person.

**The airline will charge US \$1.00 for each extra pound upon check-in which has to be paid directly by passenger*

Tour does not include:

- International airfare taxes & fees
- WiFi access at hotels and restaurant
- Travel insurance
- All alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks
- Other meals not mentioned in itinerary
- Extras and gratuities
- Early check-in, late check-out
- Expenses of personal nature

Domestic Flights Schedule (TAG Airlines):

Flight #	From	Airport	Departure	To	Airport	Arrival
5U111	Flores	FRS	7:55 pm	Guatemala	GUA	8:55 pm

Schedules subject to change

Hotels in your Tour:

City	Hotel Name	Tripadvisor
First Class		
Guatemala City	Barceló Hotel	4.5
Chichicastenango	Mayan Inn Hotel	4
Lake Atitlan	Porta Hotel del Lago	4
Antigua Guatemala	Mesón de Maria Antigua	4.5
Coban	Park Hotel	4
Copan	Marina Copan	4.5
Rio Dulce	Hotel Catamaran	3.5
Flores	Hotel Del Patio	3.5
Deluxe		
Guatemala City	Westin Camino Real	4.5
Chichicastenango	Mayan Inn Hotel	4
Lake Atitlan	Hotel Atitlan	4
Antigua Guatemala	Camino Real Antigua	4.5
Coban	Park Hotel	4
Copan	Marina Copan	4.5
Rio Dulce	Hotel Catamaran	3.5
Flores	Villa Maya	4

Hotels will be confirmed at time of booking

Tour Prices:

No. in Party	2 Pax	3 Pax	4 Pax	5-9 Pax	10-15 Pax
First Class					
Double	\$4,145	\$3,389	\$3,049	\$2,859	\$2,449
Triple	N/A	\$3,309	\$2,969	\$2,779	\$2,369
Single	\$4,689	\$3,935	\$3,595	\$3,405	\$2,995
Deluxe					
Double	\$4,395	\$3,639	\$3,299	\$3,109	\$2,699
Triple	n?A	\$3,499	\$3,165	\$2,975	\$2,565
Single	\$5,129	\$4,375	\$4,039	\$3,849	\$3,439

Fares available from all US gateways. Prices above are valid through 2022 and may change without notice. These programs can be customized for individuals and for groups. Changes to this program may be requested by phone (1855-55-TOURS) or using the web FIT Quote Request

- Airfare
We also be glad to add the necessary airfare from your gateway so you take advantage of our special discounted leisure fares
- Program
You may add or remove;

- Trip days
- Cities and sites
- Meals

- **Other options**
 - The program was designed with private services, however, we may substitute shared sight-seeing where available
 - If you prefer deluxe services we may operate this program including private driver, private guide and concierge service.

- **Quotation**

Once we have designed the program the way you want we'll give you a quote within 2 business days.

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Options:

- Lunches and dinners can be arranged for individuals, families and groups at top restaurants or any restaurant requested by you.
- We can revise the itinerary to spend more time and provide more depth in those areas that you are interested on.
- Any other changes to the itinerary will be accommodated depending on the facilities available in the area.
- Car can be upgraded upon request

Group Quotations

- If you wish to use these programs for your group or as the basis for a customized journey please either call us (1-855-55-TOURS or use the web Group Quote Request.
- In either case our specialists will work with to refine all the details and they will get you a quote with 2 business days. Quotes may be obtained for the air and land portions of just for the land journey.
- Booking both air and land with us will represent savings for you because of our buying power and longtime relationship with the airlines.

We will also may have the choice between regular fares and special leisure fares not available to the public.