

Guatemala Past and Present**9 days – 8 nights****Guatemala City, Iximché, Chichicastenango, Quetzaltenango, San Andrés Xecul, Lake Atitlan,
Antigua Guatemala, Flores, Yaxhá, Tikal
Adventure, Discovery, Culture, Archeology****This program may be operated for individuals or for groups**

Guatemala is located in the heart of the Mayan world, but having only belatedly benefited from a tourist attraction, the Mayan sites of Guatemala are much less known than those of neighboring countries such as Mexico! And yet! Today, let's dive together into the heart of the two most beautiful Mayan sites in Guatemala, some of which are still buried in the middle of the jungle. During your trip to Guatemala, you will have the opportunity to discover markets of all types. Children, adults and all generations meet there. So, awaken your senses and come live this powerful experience! The markets are a true exhibition of colors and flavors and it is pure happiness for your eyes and your taste buds. The hubbub, the incessant agitation, the fragrant atmosphere amaze travelers. A real kaleidoscope.

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, Iximché, Chichicastenango

At 08:00 a.m., you will be picked up at your hotel a panoramic sightseeing tour of Guatemala City where the principal sites you will see include the National Palace, Cathedral, and Civic Center Complex. You will also visit residential areas, for an overall view of our rapidly growing metropolis (NO shorts or bathing suits permitted). Then continue to Iximché, which dates from the 15th Century and it was the Capital of the Chackchiqueles. The architecture of the site included a number of pyramid-temples, palaces and two Mesoamerican ball courts. Excavators uncovered the poorly preserved remains of painted murals on some of the buildings and ample evidence of human sacrifice. The ruins of Iximché were declared a Guatemalan National Monument in the 1960s. The site has a small museum displaying a number of pieces found there, including sculptures and ceramics. Continue to Chichicastenango for overnight accommodations. [B/D]

Day 3: Chichicastenango, Quetzaltenango

Today is market day in 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 (Photography, shorts or bathing suits are not allowed inside the Church). Continue your transfer to Quetzaltenango. It is currently considered as the second most important city of Guatemala, due to its size, industrial, cultural, and commercial activity. It has preserved its colonial architecture. Several neo-classical buildings can be seen, among which those are located around the Centroamerica Park, considered the hearth of the city. East of the plaza lies the Espiritu Santo (Holly Spirit) Cathedral with its two facades. The first one, first constructed in 1535, is very ornamented, and the latter, of neo-classical style, forms part of a structure made of several domes which dates back to 1899. on the south end of the park is another building with such characteristics, called La Casa de la Cultura, where the Natural History Museum is housed, and which contains a collection of pre-Hispanic pieces and historical memorabilia. Upon arrival you will be transferred to your hotel for overnight accommodations. [B/D]

Day 4: Quetzaltenango, San Andrés Xecul, Lake Atitlan

This morning you will visit Almolonga market known for its vegetables and fruits cultivated on small parcels and from which products are exported to Central America and Mexico. Continue your visit to San Andrés Xecul which has an important XVI century temple, with a fabulous bright-yellow façade, the color which is representative of the local huipil (or indigenous blouse). There are saints and angels

sitting next to corncobs and quetzal birds on the facade. Then you will visit San rancisco El Alto, with its typical market where people gather in front of City Hall to sell their products and handicrafts. Continue your transfer 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 5: Lake Atitlan, 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 6: 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 7: Guatemala City, Yaxhá, Flores

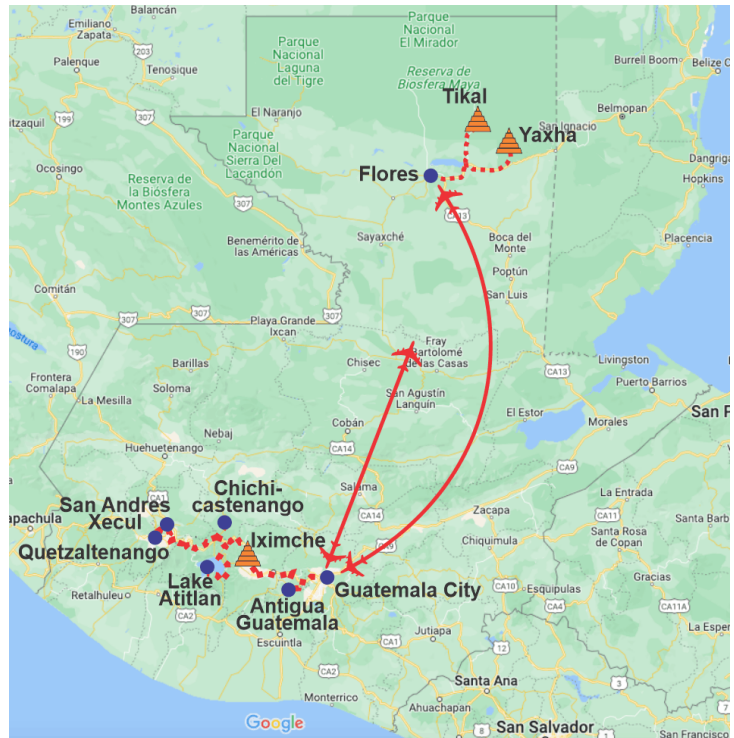
At 04:30 am you will be picked up at your Hotel for your transfer to La Aurora Airport to board the flight that will take you to Flores, Petén. Upon arrival our representative will transfer you to Yaxhá. Upon arrival, you will begin with the visit of the archaeological site including Group A, Group B, 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. 15:30 p.m. Departure from Yaxhá to return to Flores to your hotel for overnight accommodations. [B/L]

Day 8: 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 9: 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 Tuesday and Saturday. Itinerary may have slight changes to accommodate local conditions in order to provide the best possible experience in the country.

{B} = Breakfast | [B/L] = Breakfast and Lunch | [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
- 8 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
 - 6 dinners
- Visit to Chichicastenango
- Excursion to Lake Atitlan
- Motor launch ride to Santiago Atitlan
- Visit Sololá Market
- Tour of colonial Antigua Guatemala
- Excursion to Tikal Archeological site
- Entrance fees to visiting sites
- Tips to porters at hotels

- 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
5U110	Guatemala	GUA	6:30 am	Flores	FRS	7:30 am
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
Quetzaltenango	Pension Bonifaz	3.5
Lake Atitlan	Porta Hotel del Lago	4
Antigua Guatemala	Mesón de Maria Antigua	4.5
Flores	Hotel Del Patio	3.5
Deluxe		
Guatemala City	Westin Camino Real	4.5
Chichicastenango	Mayan Inn Hotel	4
Quetzaltenango	Pension Bonifaz	3.5
Lake Atitlan	Hotel Atitlan	4
Antigua Guatemala	Camino Real Antigua	4.5
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	\$2,839	\$2,359	\$2,159	\$2,029	\$1,769
Triple	N/A	\$2,305	\$2,109	\$1,979	\$1,719
Single	\$3,225	\$2,745	\$2,545	\$2,419	\$2,155
Deluxe					
Double	\$2,839	\$2,359	\$2,159	\$2,029	\$1,769
Triple	N/A	\$2,305	\$2,109	\$1,979	\$1,719
Single	\$3,225	\$2,745	\$2,545	\$2,419	\$2,155

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 sightseeing 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.