



Ultimate Guatemala Adventure

Your Tour

Explore Guatemala's best highlights in this fully escorted 8 day 7 night tour. Your Ultimate Guatemala Adventure has it all: Mayan ruins, rainforests, River Dulce Canyon, Antigua the Colonial City, Atitlan Lake, volcanos, Chichicastenango Market, and wildlife. This is the perfect way to explore the beauty of Guatemala.

Be amazed with the majestic archaeological site of Tikal, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. At Tikal you will also have opportunities to see a variety birds, monkeys, and coatis in their natural habitat; you may even spot or hear a howler monkey. The adventure takes you to the beautiful and lush Caribbean where you will be staying at a bungalow on the water of the Dulce River. Explore the natural beauty of the famous Rio Dulce Canyon. Visit the tallest Mayan Stelae (monuments) of Quirigua and the Fortress of San Felipe. Enjoy a guided tour in Antigua, the most beautiful colonial city in Guatemala. Follow your adventure exploring the breathtaking beauty of Panajachel and Lake Atitlan, guarded by three volcanos. Learn about the Mayan handcrafts and ceremonial traditions at the Chichicastenango Market.

Note: You can extend your magical adventure and combine this tour with our Pacaya Volcano Tour, or our Mexican Mayan Route. This tour needs a minimum of 2 guests to operate. Ask for our discounted prices for groups of 4 or more guests. Options to tailor your trip are available.

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Overview

Activities:

- ❖ Mayan archaeological sites.
- ❖ Colonial architecture.
- ❖ Boat rides at Atitlan Lake & Dulce River Canyon.
- ❖ Mayan Market of Chichicastenango.
- ❖ Hiking.
- ❖ Wildlife.
- ❖ Mayan culture.

Places you will be visiting:

- ❖ Mayan archeological sites:
- ❖ Tikal.
- ❖ Quirigua.
- ❖ The charming colonial city of Antigua.
- ❖ The majestic Dulce River Canyon.
- ❖ The Afro-Caribbean city of Livingston.
- ❖ Mayan market of Chichicastenango.

Difficulty: Moderate to medium easy.

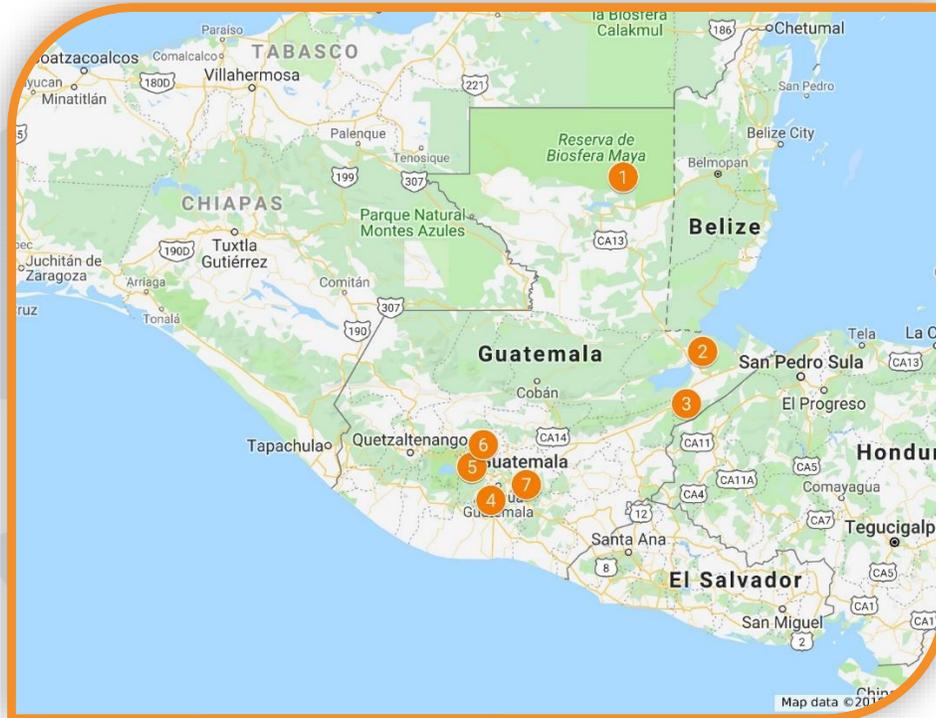
Tour Starts: Monday or Friday

Trip Length: 8 days 7 nights





Map



Itinerary

Day 1 - Arrive to Guatemala City

Upon arrival into Guatemala City International Airport you will be greeted and transferred to your hotel in Guatemala City. Depending on your arrival time, you may want to join our Guatemala City Tour or prepare for Day 2.

Day 2 – Tikal: A majestic site

Early in the morning, you will be transferred to the Guatemala City International Airport and fly to Tikal's Santa Elena Airport. Upon arrival you will be greeted by your full time and licensed guide. Next, you will enjoy a delicious breakfast at a restaurant near Lake Peten Itza. The day continues for an amazing visit of the splendid Mayan site of Tikal. Take in the site, the culture, and the rich history of this enchanted location. Climb to the top of temples and pyramids for breathtaking views of the green and lush tropical forest encapsulating even more temples and pyramids. You will have chance wildlife sightings of monkeys, coatis, and a variety of birds; don't forget to bring binoculars.



After the approximate 5 hour visit of Tikal you will continue to the exquisite and traditional restaurant of Katok for a delicious lunch. After lunch, you will journey by boat on Lake Peten Itza to Las Flores Island for your hotel accommodation.

Day 3 – Exuberant Caribbean

Following breakfast at the hotel you will be board your air-conditioned vehicle and head towards the Caribbean state of Izabal to Rio Dulce (approximately 3 hours). Upon arrival, you will enjoy a delightful boat ride on the Rio Dulce. Discover Little Island of the Birds, mangrove paths, water gardens, the incredible Dulce River Canyon, and explore the Afro-Caribbean town of Livingston.

After lunch at a restaurant with great views of the river shoreline you will venture to your river front hotel surrounded by astonishing lush gardens. Enjoy the day in your wonderful bungalow on the water and relax the afternoon away. Please note the hotel is accessed by a 10-minute boat ride.

Day 4 - San Felipe Fortress, Quirigua, and the City of Antigua

After breakfast you will visit the San Felipe Castle which is actually a fortress built by the Spaniards to protect the area from pirates. The fortress is located in a strategic location, the point where the biggest lake in Guatemala, Lake Izabal, meets the Dulce River.

Next you will head to the archaeological site of Quirigua. This Guatemalan site is known for its rich Mayan history and famous Mayan Stelae. The stelae are the tallest Maya Mesoamerica monuments built in the colonial times of the new world. Enjoy lunch before heading to the charming city of Antigua Guatemala where you have the evening to enjoy your spectacular colonial style hotel or explore the city's main square only a few minutes away by foot. The hotel also delivers great views of Volcano del Agua.

Day 5 - Charming Antigua Guatemala

After breakfast explore the magical city of Antigua Guatemala on a half day walking tour; the best way to discover the city's spectacular architecture and colourful homes. You will discover the city hall, the main square park, the picture famous Arch of Santa Catalina, the main cathedral, and the ruins of the original cathedral. Other highlights include the Cerro de la Cruz for a fantastic photo opportunity of the entire city with Volcano del Agua in the background.

At the end of the walking tour you will have lunch at the beautiful restaurant of El Tenedor del Cerro. The restaurant is located on a hill overlooking Antigua Guatemala and provides a great photo opportunity of the astonishing city view and the two volcanos del Agua and del Fuego.



Day 6 – Panajachel, Atitlan Lake, & Volcanos

Early in the morning you will head to Panajachel. Panajachel is located on the shore of Atitlan Lake and famous for its natural beauty and surrounding volcanos. You will have breakfast at the well-known and traditional restaurant of Katok before check-in to your hotel.

Next is a full day tour with a remarkable and interesting 100% Mayan local guide who speaks Mayan. Enjoy a boat ride on Atitlan Lake as you journey towards San Juan de la Laguna and Santiago de Atitlan. You will learn how Mayan and Spanish traditions merged. Time and weather permitting, you will be able to discover Mayan art galleries, the traditional process of chocolate production at a Mayan family owned business, and beautiful handmade Mayan clothing. This is a very rewarding portion of your tour as you will have close contact with traditional Mayan families and realize your visit helps promote tourism in the area. Afterwards, you will have the evening to enjoy the charming town of Panajachel.

Day 7 – Mayan Market of Chichicastenango

Today you will be visiting one of the most colorful places you have ever seen; the Mayan Market of Chichicastenango. You will also enjoy this day with a 100% Mayan local guide. Your guide will not only share his/her interesting life and traditions with you, but also show you the highlights of Chichicastenango, the market, the colorful cemetery, traditional dances, costume fabric, and the historical hotel museum. You will also have time for some souvenir shopping at the market.

Following lunch, you will head to Antigua Guatemala and check-in to your hotel for one more night in Guatemala.

Day 8 – Farewell and thank you!

Your transfer to the Guatemala City International Airport will be planned according to your flight departure. We hope you enjoyed this journey and accumulated some incredible memories and beautiful pictures. Travel safe and see you on your next adventure with us.

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Flexibility is one of our values, if you would like to extend your visit, please let us know and we can assist with your accommodation bookings. You can extend your magical adventure and combine this tour with the following tour(s):

Pacaya Volcano Tour – Guatemala

Mayan Route - Mexico

Includes

- ✓ 7 nights accommodation - double occupancy.
- ✓ 7 breakfasts.
- ✓ Air conditioning of all land transfers.
- ✓ Full time tour guide for the entire duration of the tour, starting in Tikal.
- ✓ Entrance fees to all sites.
- ✓ Boat ride on the Dulce River.
- ✓ Boat ride on Atitlan Lake.
- ✓ Local guide at Panajachel.
- ✓ Local guide at Chichicastenango.

NOT included

- ✗ Airfare to and from Guatemala City.
- ✗ Travel insurance.
- ✗ One-way airfare to Tikal - we can book this flight for you upon request.
- ✗ Lunches and dinners throughout your adventure.
- ✗ An all-inclusive option is available - kindly ask for prices.
- ✗ Beverages for lunches and dinners.
- ✗ Tips for your driver(s) and guide.
- ✗ Personal expenses.
- ✗ Other expenses mentioned in our 'Terms & Conditions'.

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