

#### The Best of Guatemala

10 days / 09 nights

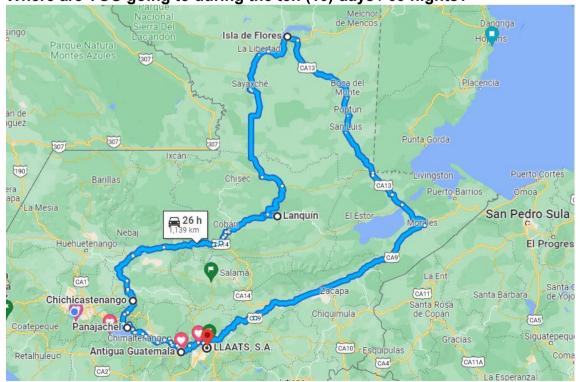
**Minimum 2 persons with hotels** (A = low budget, B = tourist class, to be compared with 3\*\*\* or C high end, to be compared with 4 \*\*\*\*)

Guatemala is one of those rare finds, with a good mix of travel options to satisfy adventurers, culture seekers, beach worshippers, and travelers looking for a little relaxation. The country is a cultural hot spot in Central America, from the colonial architecture and cobbled streets of Antigua Guatemala to the majestic Mayan ruins of Tikal; small towns in the highlands and on the shores of beautiful Lake Atitlan offer a chance for unique cultural encounters.

The tropical jungle, active volcanoes, mountain lakes, cloud forests, and the beaches of the Pacific coast will entice nature lovers, if you venture down to the Caribbean coast, you'll find a paradisiac scene ideal for relaxing, enjoying solitude in a hammock and a great chance to interact with Garifuna ethnic community of Livingston. Throughout the country there are Indian markets held on certain days of the week, offering local goods for sale and particularly colorful textiles.

Other popular tourist attractions are the many National parks and protected areas such as Rio Dulce, lake Isabel, Semuc Champey canyon and the Maya Biosphere Reserve in the Peten region, among many other spots of impressive natural beauty; all of this and the warmth of its friendly people, make Guatemala an amazing vacation experience for you as one of our many clients since 1996.

Where are YOU going to during the ten (10) days / 09 nights?



## Day 1 > TUESDAY or FRIDAY > Arrival Guatemala City and transfer to Antigua, in private

- We will pick you up in private (all plans) at the exit of the airport La Aurora in front of café baretto, waiting as long as necessary as well as following up online your flight. The driver will be identified and will have a sign with your name on it.
- Time to help you out with buying a SIM CARD or to change money

Hotels (A = low budget, B = tourist class, to be compared with 3\*\*\* or C high end, to be compared with 4 \*\*\*\*)

Posada La Merced (plan A) low Budget, Hotel Las Farolas (plan B) Tourist class or Casa Santo Domingo and if not available El convento Boutique hotel (plan C) high end. / 2 nights in ANTIGUA

Antigua, since 1979 on UNESCO, s list of World heritage, considered the most beautiful city in Central America and Guatemala. Always a great atmosphere, set amidst magnificent volcanoes and filled with historic monuments.



#### Day 2 > Explore ANTIGUA

- Cultural tour with bilingual and certified guide for about 3 hours, without entrance fees (because you choose where you want to get in). You will visit the main attractions walking through the streets, from "Parque Central "to various convents such as Las Capuchinas, Santo Domingo and San Francisco, a jade factory, the yellow arch (Antigua's famous symbol) and many other places depending a bit of your interest. Talk to your guide!
- ➤ In the afternoon optional: (not included)
  - Tour with transfer from/to Antigua to the Coffee Growers of San Miguel Escobar. Indulge in the richness these coffee professionals have been perfecting for the past eight years. Cultivated between 4,900 and 6,500 feet, this authentic flavor is full of sweet spices and citrus notes with a pleasant, complex body. You will be emerged in the coffee from beginning to end ... from planting to the cup of coffee!



- Tour with transfer from/to Antigua to the active volcano PACAYA, including local guiding
- ATV tour sunset ANTIGUA
- Tour with transfer from/to ANTIGUA to surrounding villages, such as San Juan del Obispo, Ciudad Vieja, macadamia farm and other villages, please advise us what you are interested in!

#### Day 3 > Antigua to Chichicastenango to Lake Atitlan (Panajachel)

Plan A and B > collective shuttle service from Antigua at 07.00am to Chichicastenango (this should be a THURSDAY or SUNDAY) / Plan C (high end) always private ground transportation. The trip takes about 3 hours.

The city of Chichi (as locally know) is situated in the central highland region of Guatemala where you will be visiting the famous colorful market, the Santo Tomas church, the Calvario church, the museum Rossbach as well as the cemetery where indigenous people come to celebrate their Mayan ceremonies. If you still have enough energy, please walk up to the sacred place called PASCUAL ABAJ. No guiding provided except plan C.

After lunch (not included) 14pm collective shuttle to the LAKE ATITLAN, to the village of PANAJACHEL (1.30hours drive), Plan C in private at the time you want. Hoteles y Planes (A, B or C)

Hotel Kamol be (plan A) low Budget, Hotel Jardines del lago (plan B) Tourist class or Hotel Atitlan (plan C) high end. / 2 nights in PANAJACHEL / Other hotels available





#### Day 4 > LAKE ATITLAN TOUR

At 08.15am pick up at the hotel and boat tour, guided to SAN JUAN la Laguna with textiles and many workshops, galleries, colorful streets, SAN PEDRO la Laguna and SANTIAGO ATITLAN, visiting the church / local market and the strange Mayan God, symbol of the mixed pagan-indigenous religion MAXIMON. Plan A and B is a collective/shared tour, Plan C is with a private boat and private guide. You will be back at the hotel at about 16.00pm

Hotel Kamol be (plan A) low Budget, Hotel Jardines del lago (plan B) Tourist class or Hotel Atitlan (plan C) high end. / 2 nights in PANAJACHEL, other hotels available



#### Day 5 > PANAJACHEL to LANQUIN

Leaving at 7.30am in Plan A and B in collective shuttle, driving through the mountains called the "Cuchumatanes "... a long ride but the only way to get to one of the most emblematic places in Guatemala ... in Plan C in private with as many stops as you want ... in SACAPULAS away from the beaten path or anywhere on the way ...

Hotel (plan A) low Budget, Hotel Oasis or the glamping site Guayaha (plan B) Tourist class or Hotel El Recreo (plan C) best available. / 2 nights in LANQUIN

#### Day 6 > ENJOY SEMUC CHAMPEY (Lanquin)

Lanquin is a name in Q'egchi-which means "town surrounded by straw "or "mirror straw". Nature has privileged this town with numerous rivers, waterfalls, deep pools and caves with stalactite and stalagmite formations. In the inner side of the vaults, ceremonies of requests and gratitude to Ajaw (God) and ancestors are carried out. Lanquin CAVES make up a beautiful complex of rooms, domes, and capricious calcareous forms which gives this place mysticism. The world-famous Semuc Champey, breathtaking waterfalls are about 45 minutes away from the village after a rough 4x4 wheel dirt-road drive. This is a surreal swimming attraction, a natural monument consisting of a 300-meter-long limestone bridge with a series of stepped turquoise pools filled with cool crystal-clear mountain spring water. There is a waterfall that goes into the Cahabon river and the river itself runs beneath the pools. By many people considered the most beautiful spot in all of Guatemala.

In plan A and B, included collective tour with entrance fees and guiding / in plan C private tour with entrance fees / guiding and lunch

Hotel (plan A) low Budget, Hotel Oasis or the glamping site Guayaha (plan B) Tourist class Hotel El Recreo (plan C) best available. / 2 nights in LANQUIN



#### Day 7 > LANQUIN to FLORES

Leaving at 8.00am in Plan A and B in collective shuttle, including the ferry on the Passion river in Sayache ... in Plan C in private with as many stops as you want ... with possibility to visit the caves of Candelaria or the blue crater away from the beaten path or anywhere on the way ...

Hotel Casa Azul (plan A) low Budget, Hotel Casona de la isla (plan B) Tourist class or Hotel Bolontiku / Hotel La Lancha (plan C) best available. / 2 nights in FLORES

#### Day 8 > VISIT TIKAL

08am Collective guided tour TIKAL from FLORES with transfers and guiding as well as lunch, in plan C private tour ALL included (except entrance fees)



#### Day 9 > FLORES to Guatemala City

Leaving at 6.00am in Plan A and B in collective shuttle to Guatemala City with estimated arrival time 18.00pm (taxi or Uber included to your hotel) ... in Plan C in private with as many stops as you want ... with possibility to visit RIO DULCE or/and Quirigua or/and to extend your stay with extra days on the Caribbean (Livingston)/ Ask for prices.

In Plan C in the price INCLUDED if not wanting to drive > one-way domestic flight to Guatemala City at 8am or 13.00pm or evening flight giving you the option as well to add YAXHA or a helicopter flight to EL MIRADOR (Yaxha or El Mirador not included)

Hostel <u>Dos Lunas</u> (plan A) low Budget, <u>Hotel Meraki</u> (plan B) Tourist class or Hotel Barceló / Hotel Camino Real (plan C) best available. / 1 night in Guatemala City.

#### Day 10 > Transfer to AIRPORT and OUT

In all plans private ground transportation to International airport FIN

Note > if your flight is leaving in the late afternoon, possible to add (not included) guided city tour with transport of Guatemala City with its historic center (National Palace, cathedral), one or two museums, relief map ... Kaminal Yuju archeological site or any other place you would like!!

# Pricing and what is included / excluded: Prices in USD and per person

Included > all hotels in double or triple room as mentioned with breakfast / all ground transportation, in plan C always in private / all tours, in plan C in private / All tours as mentioned.

Excluded > entrance fees, lunch and dinner, tips to driver(s) and guide(s), single supplement (room)

# **PRICES 2022 – 2023** except 1-15 January (New Year period) / Holy week and 15<sup>th</sup> December to 31th Dec. (Christmas period)

	Plan A (low	Plan B (tourist	Plan C (high
	budget) price	class) price	end) price per
	per person	per person	person
2 people	<mark>999 USD p.p.</mark>	+295 USD p.p.	2099 USD p.p.
3-4 people	975 USD p.p.	+295 USD p.p.	1959 USD p.p.
5 – 8	955 USD p.p.	+295 USD p.p.	1899 USD p.p.
people			
SGL supl.	199 USD	295 USD	950 USD

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If paying with credit card or PayPal add 7 %

#### > For plan A and B > price per person without hotels 575 USD



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