

THE MAYAN ROUTE

Guatemala - Honduras



10 day tour
Weekly departures

DAY 01 Toronto - Guatemala City

WELCOME TO THE LAND OF ETERNAL SPRING! On arrival at Guatemala's La Aurora Airport, our representative will transfer you to Barceló Hotel (Guatemala City) for overnight accommodations.

DAY 02 Guatemala City - Copan

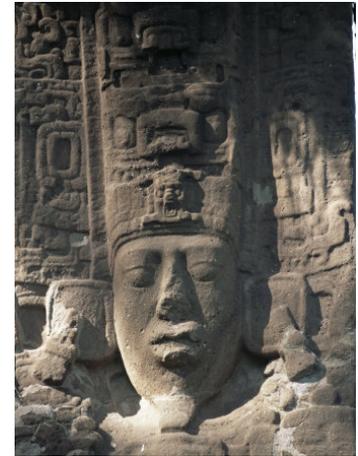


At 07:00 a.m., departure to Copán, Honduras. After completing official immigration formalities, continue to the archaeological site of Copán. As you step inside the park, witness elaborate stone sculptures everywhere. As you walk into the dramatic expanse of the Great Plaza you are witness of the cultural 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 Marina Copan Hotel. (B)

DAY 03 Quiriguá – Guatemala City

This morning, transfer to the Mayan site of Quiriguá, where extraordinary monuments include 12 carved stelae, 4 zoomorphs, enormous carved stones of mythological animal forms, and unrestored temples. Dates recorded are at exact intervals of 800 days. In the afternoon, transfer to Guatemala City. Overnight accommodations at Barceló Hotel. (B)



DAY 04 Chichicastenango Market



Today is market day in Chichicastenango! At 07:00 a.m., you will be picked up at your hotel for 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 at Mayan Inn Hotel. (B)

DAY 05 Sololá Market - Lake Atitlan

In the morning visit 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 Atitlan, 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 Posada de don Rodrigo Hotel. (B)

DAY 06 Lake Atitlan



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, 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 at Posada de Don Rodrigo Hotel. (B)

DAY 07 Antigua - Guatemala City

Visit the Central Plaza that is surrounded by the antique Cathedral, the Municipal Government Building, and the Palace of the Captains General; colonial churches and monasteries, primitive foot- looms where colorful textiles are woven, and a jade factory where this stone is worked into beautiful jewelry.

In the afternoon, transfer to Guatemala City. Overnight accommodations at Barceló Hotel. (B)



DAY 08 Tikal National Park



Today you will go back more than 2,000 years in time when you visit the Tikal National Park. At 05:00 a.m., you will be picked up at your hotel for transfer to the airport to board the flight to Flores, Petén. On arrival, our representative will take you to the Mayan City of Tikal which is located in the center of the National Park that bears its name, and has an extension of 222 square miles. Tikal was inhabited from 600 BC., till 869 AD. Its highlight was between 690 till 850 AD., a time period known by archaeologists as the Late Classic. Visit the Twin-Pyramid Complexes “Q” and “R”, Lost World Complex where the Great Pyramid and Temple 5C-49 are the most important. Also, visit Temple III and the Palace of the Windows, the Great Plaza, squared off with the pyramids of the Grand Jaguar and the Masks, the Palace of the Nobles, and Pyramid IV. This one is the highest of the Mayan pyramids, from its top a complete view of Tikal and its surrounding jungle can be enjoyed. Overnight accommodations at Camino Real Tikal Hotel. (B, L)

DAY 09 Flores - Guatemala City



At 06:30 a.m., you will be picked up at your Hotel for transfer to Santa Elena's Airport, in Flores, Petén, to board your flight to Guatemala City. Overnight accommodations at Barceló Hotel. (B)

DAY 10 Guatemala City - Toronto

You will be transferred to the airport for the return flight to Toronto three hours prior your flight's departure time. (B)

**HAVE A PLEASANT STAY IN GUATEMALA AND COME AGAIN
HASTA LA VISTA...**

Tour Cost: **\$ 1888.00** per person based on double occupancy

Taxes & Service Charges: **\$242.00** per person

This comprises of hotel taxes and service charges, government imposed fees and taxes, all airport taxes, all entrance fees to monuments and sights visited.

Tour Cost Includes: Local airfares
All private transfers
Hotel accommodation
All Breakfasts
Lunches & Dinners as specified in the daily itinerary
All tours/excursions/sightseeing as outlined in the program.
Professional English speaking local guides to assist throughout the entire holiday

Not Included: International Airfare
Meals not specified in the itinerary
Personal items such as laundry, telephone calls, beverages etc
Gratuities and any other items not mentioned in the program.