



Dear friends,

Here is the program of the **Ethnological tour**.

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Best regards.

Mayaexplor team



14 days/13 nights trip

From the **highlands**, populated by Indian villages, where colored markets and richly embroidered clothing mix, to the jungle of **Petén** and the ancient ceremonial center of **Tikal** is located, and passing by the quiet and friendly **Caribbean region**, without forgetting the old majestic colonial capital of **Antigua** , we offer you **an original and complete tour** .



THE PROGRAM

D1 sat

Arrival

Reception at the airport. Travel to Antigua (45 minutes) Spend the night in Antigua.



D2 sun

Antigua

A visit to this splendid colonial jewel, former capital of Guatemala during the Spanish era. In this once-flourishing capital, although victim of devastating earthquakes, one can feel the ambiance of its colonial architecture. Side-streets are enlivened by the interaction of Indians, "Ladinos" and tourists.



D3 mon

Antigua - Lake Atitlán

Conclusion of the visit to Antigua: In addition to the principal monuments, today explore the interior of a 17th Century home. Travel to Lake Atitlán (2 hours). Spend the night in Panajachel.



D4 tue

Market of Sololá

Visit of the market of Sololá. Because of the geographical position of this village, located between the highlands and the coastal plain, one witnesses, on market days, a remarkable convergence of different populations—the market becomes a physical intersection of disparate cultures. In the afternoon, we visit the Maya Cakchiquel village of San Antonio Palopó. There, we will explore its weaving workshops and its inhabitants. Spend the night in Panajachel.



D5 wed

Lake Atitlán

We travel by boat to Santiago Atitlán, a Maya Tzutujil village. There we will meet Maximon, a contemporary Maya god. Spend the night in Panajachel.



D6 thur

Chichicastenango

Market day of Chichicastenango. The village is known for the colors of its market, and also for the religious syncretism which one can observe there. In addition to the market, we will visit a workshop/exposition of masks. Then we will walk in the vibrantly colored village cemetery. For the people of Chichicastenango, the cemetery is a favorite place to communicate with the supernatural. Travel to Quetzaltenango, Indian capital of the highlands. Spend the night in this city.



D7 fri

San Francisco El Alto

Visit of the market of San Francisco El Alto, the largest Indian market of Central America. The area of Quetzaltenango, surrounded by volcanoes, is one of the most important centers of production of Mayan textiles of the country. In the village of Salcajá, we will visit traditional workshops of dyeing and weaving where the intricate procedure of jaspe (or ikat) is used. Near the market of San Francisco El Alto, we will attend Mayan ceremonies in their spectacular natural setting. In the afternoon, we will travel to Antigua (3½ hours) and spend the night in that city.



D8 sat

Río Dulce

Departure in the early morning to Río Dulce where we will visit to the castle of Castillo San Felipe. By boat on the Río Dulce, we will enjoy tropical fauna and flora until reaching Livingston, a Caribbean village. Garifunas, Livingston's native ethnic inhabitants, come from the fusion of African slaves, Caribe Indians and Arawak Indians. Spend the night in Livingston.



D9 sun

Livingston

Relax in Livingston (optional excursions to the beach of Playa Blanca and on the Cocoli river). Spend the night in Livingston..



D10 mon

Quirigua

Boat to Puerto Barrios. Travel by bus to Antigua. In route, visit the archeological site of Quirigua, whose steles are the tallest of the Mayan world. Spend the night in Antigua.



D11 tue

Volcano Pacaya or Antigua

In the morning, excursion to the National Park of the Volcano Pacaya (optional excursion). In the afternoon, visit to the museum of indigenous music and the museum of coffee. Spend night in Antigua.



D12 wed

Tikal

Early in the morning, travel to the Guatemala City airport. Flight to Flores (1 hour) and travel by bus to the archeological site of Tikal. Visit this incredible ceremonial center located in the heart of the tropical forest. Of all the Mayan sites, Tikal is certainly the one that most impresses its visitors: the verticality of its structures, the peaks of which emerge through the crown of the jungle. The magic of the sounds emanating from the forest, allow us to understand why Tikal continues to be the principal sacred place of the Mayan priests. Spend the night in a lodge, on the site of Tikal.



D13 thur

Tikal - Guatemala City

End of the visits to Tikal. In the afternoon, travel to the Flores airport. Flight to Guatemala City. Spend night in the city.



D14 fri

Flight back

Return to the international airport of Guatemala City. (Depending on the departure time of the flight, we may have the opportunity to visit Guatemala City, and in particular see its Central Park, a 3-D map of the country, the National Museum of Archeology and Ethnology, etc.). Flight back.



PROGRAM SUMMARY

D1	sat	Arrival
D2	sun	Antigua
D3	mon	Antigua - Lac Atitlán
D4	tue	Sololá (Market)
D5	wed	Santiago Atitlán
D6	thur	Chichicastenango - Quetzaltenango
D7	fri	San Fransico El Alto - Antigua
D8	sat	Rio Dulce - Lívingston
D9	sun	Lívingston
D10	mon	Quiriguá
D11	tue	Antigua or Volcano Pacaya
D12	wed	Tikal
D13	thu	Tikal - Ciudad de Guatemala
D14	fri	Flight back

Prices (2010) in US \$, per person, double room accommodation, for groups of:

2 people		3 people		4 people		5 people		6 people		7 people	
A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B
2,640	2,890	2,070	2,320	1,785	2,035	1,785	2,035	1,510	1,760	1,510	1,760

N.B.: prices are based on adults.Reductions for children under 12.

➤ **Prices include:**

- guide services for the duration of the trip;
- 13 nights in 2 / 3 star hotels (A option) or 3 / 4 star hotels (B option), accommodations in double room with "American breakfast";
- all transportation;
- flights from Guatemala City to Flores and from Flores to Guatemala City;
- boat transfers : on Lake Atitlán, in the Caribbean.

➤ **Prices do not include:**

- international flights;
- airport taxes;
- drinks and personal expenses;
- other meals;
- sites entrance fees;
- Insurance.

➤ **Additional costs, in US \$, (prices per person):**

Half board supplement (dinners)		Single room supplement		Triple room reduction	
A	B	A	B	A	B
230	295	295	470	95	75