

Latin America Guatemala 06 nights / 07 days

Day 01 Antigua

Arrive Guatemala 1304hrs, meet and greet, hotel transfer to Antigua, overnight Antigua.

Day 02 Antigua



La Merced Church

Enjoy breakfast in the comfort of your hotel; day begins with your private **Antigua Walking Tour**. Guide shall meet you at reception; your half day walking tour will cover cultural, historical and social highlights of the colonial city with a behind the scenes look at some of the many ruined churches, convents and cathedrals.

Visit **Iglesia San Francisco** and the **Cathedral** followed by **La Merced Church**; explore the church and see the façade in baroque style flanked by two bell towers of low height, on top looms the effigy of San

Pedro Nolasco who founded the Order of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Mercy in the 13th century.

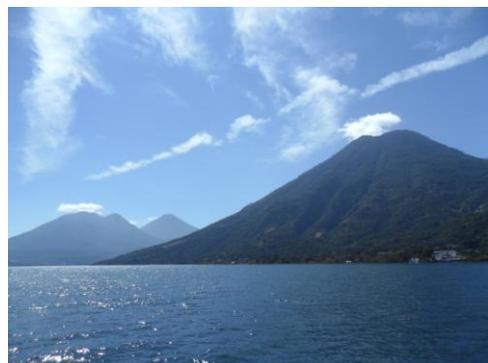
Evening hotel transfer, overnight Antigua.

Day 03 Antigua – Lake Atitlan

Breakfast at hotel, check-out, you will be escorted to **Chichi Market**, located in the town of Chichicastenango. Pass through the central highland region, locals can be seen working in fields, collecting firewood and travelling between markets, selling their wares. Explore the famous market, fruits, vegetables, textiles, wooden and ceramic crafts. See **St. Thomas Church**, hike up to **Pascaul Abaj Ritual Site** and enjoy lunch at a local restaurant.



Chichi Market



Lake Atitlan

Transfer to **Lake Atitlan**, surrounded by rugged hills, a trio of towering volcanoes and a handful of small villages. This incredible lake was formed over 80,000 years ago during a violent volcanic eruption, Tz'utujil and Kaqchiquel Mayas can be seen wearing vibrant clothing and practicing age-old Maya customs. **Panajachel** is the lake's main hub; the area also offers great opportunities to kayak, bike and zip-line.

Evening hotel transfer, overnight Atitlan.

Day 04 Lake Atitlan – San Juan

Hotel breakfast, check-out, transfer to **San Juan La Laguna Village**, for your full day **Lake Tour**. Visit a local textile cooperative to see the back strap loom in use, learn how they still dye with natural dyes, enter the home and workshop of local naïf painters before boarding the boat onto Santiago Village for lunch.

After lunch, you will be escorted to the house where the Maya God Maximon is living; you may see local shaman performing rituals. Learn the history about this traditional town at the local church, evening hotel transfer, overnight San Juan.

Day 05 San Juan – El Peten

Enjoy breakfast in the comfort of your hotel, check-out, you will be driven to the town of **Comalapa**, upon arrival you can see the famous painted mural that the school children of the town painted depicting major events in Guatemala's history up to the signing of the peace accords in 1996. Visit some local painters, who continue the tradition of naïve paintings that the town is so famous for. Visit the small museum dedicated to the composer who wrote Guatemala's national anthem who came from Comalapa, lunch is included.



Comalapa



Tikal Archaeological Site

Your private tour continues with **El Peten**, parrots and monkeys far outnumber people while the crumbling ruins of the ancient Mayas stand in for modern cities. A large tract of this area belongs to the Maya Biosphere Reserve; a wildlife haven stretching from Belize through Guatemala to Mexico. Archaeological buffs will enjoy Yaxha, Ceibal, Aguateca, Uaxactun and the **Tikal Archaeological Site**.

Evening hotel transfer, overnight El Peten.

Day 06 El Peten

Hotel breakfast followed by your **Tikal Tour**, your private guide shall escort you from the hotel to **Tikal National Park**, where some 3,000 ancient structures rise from the rainforest floor. Explore impressive *UNESCO World Heritage Sites*; experience the sights and sounds of tropical birds, monkeys and other animals.

Follow in the footsteps of Maya royalty and commoners as your guide leads you to the majestic **Great Plaza**, the **Temple of the Jaguar**, **Temple of the Masks**, the **Acropolis** and more. Lunch will be provided, evening hotel transfer, overnight El Peten.

Day 07 El Peten – onward destination

Breakfast at hotel, airport transfer.