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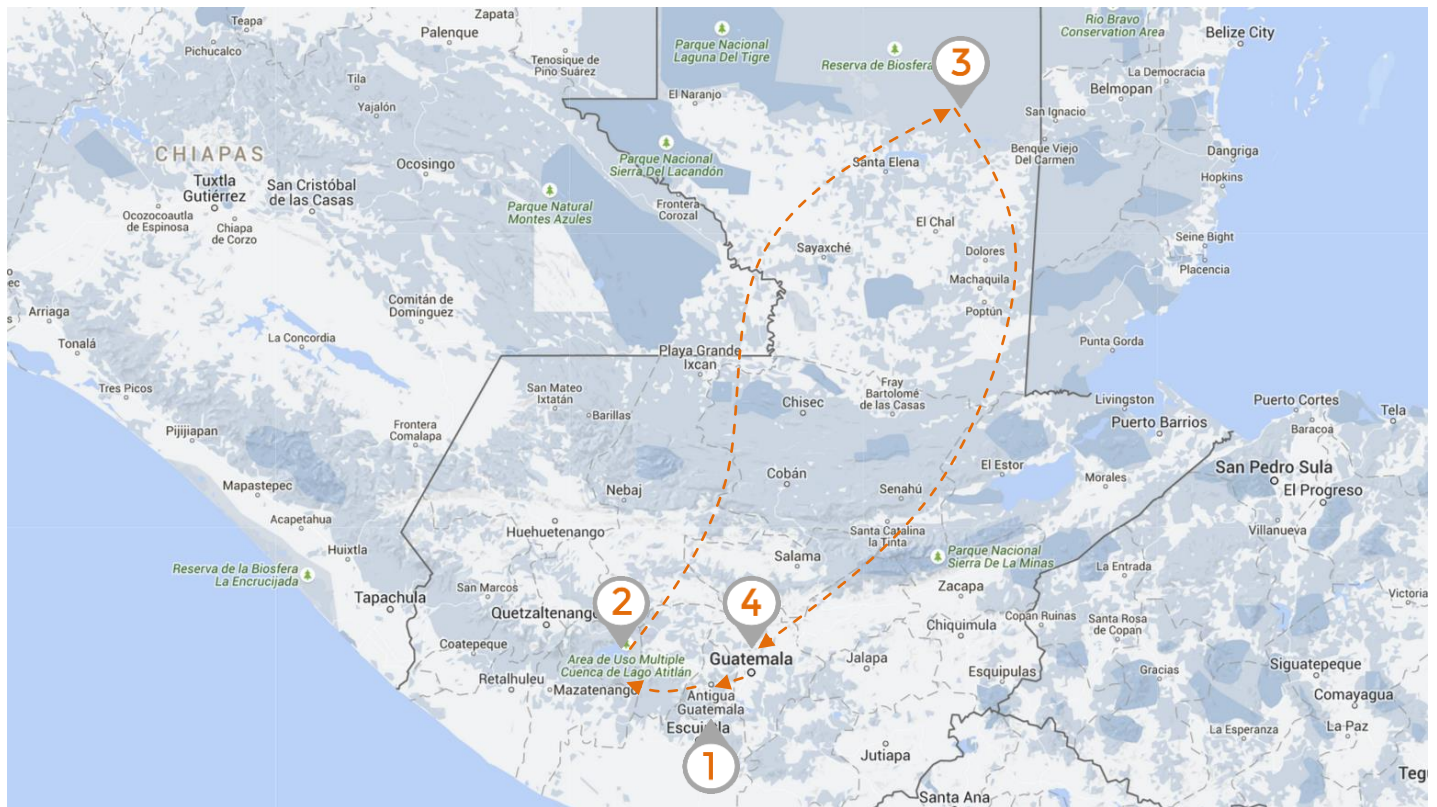
Distinctive Guatemala

11-days / 10-nights



Itinerary Summary

No.	Date	Location	Details	Meals	Hotel	Nts
1	Day 01	ANTIGUA	Fly into Guatemala City & meet a road transfer to Antigua	-	Panza Verde	2
	Day 02		Half day walking tour of Antigua	B		
	Day 03		Half day shared Fair Trade coffee tour	B	Casa Palopo	3
2	Day 04	LAKE ATITLÁN	Road transfer to Lake Atitlán			
	Day 05		Half day tour of San Juan La Laguna and Lake Atitlan	BL		
	Day 06		Day at leisure	B		
3	Day 07	FLORES	Air & road transfer to Flores market excursion en-route	BL	La Lancha	2
	Day 08		Full day Yaxha and Topoxte tour	BL		
4	Day 09	GUATEMALA CITY	Full day excursion to Tikal, then transfer to Guatemala City	BL	Camino Real	1
	Day 10	DEPART	Meet the return flights to the UK	B	-	
	Day 11	HEATHROW	Arrive back in the UK	-	-	





Detailed Itinerary



Day 01 HEATHROW - GUATEMALA CITY - ANTIGUA

Depart Heathrow flying with Iberia.



IB7443 Economy Dep: Heathrow 07:30
B6341 Economy Dep: Madrid 12:45

Arr: Madrid 10:50
Arr: Guatemala City 16:00

Private Transfer on arrival to Antigua and your hotel.

Panza Verde



1 x Junior Suite on a bed & Breakfast basis for 3-nights

Established in 1986, Meson Panza Verde was the first luxury boutique hotel and restaurant in a European style in Antigua. It is ideally just 5 minutes' walk down cobbled streets from Antigua's main plaza and Cathedral. The hotel also boasts patios and gardens, an art gallery, restaurant, bar, yoga studio and solar heated pool. The hotel restaurant is in an exquisite setting with romantic vaulted ceiling and serves international cuisine with a twist. The Junior Suites are luxurious with beautiful period features such as antique tables and fireplaces. Each suite is individual with different features. All have private balconies to ensure guests can enjoy the picturesque surroundings.



Day 02 ANTIGUA



Private half day walking tour of Antigua including entrance fees & use of Tuc-Tucs

Your private guide will meet you at our hotel reception to begin our half day walking tour of Antigua. The tour will cover the highlights of the colonial city, which include San Francisco Church, the Cathedral, Central Park and La Merced Church. The tour is flexible and we can choose to visit other sites if we wish. After the tour the guide can accompany you back to the hotel or take you to a place of your choosing. After your tour you'll have the afternoon to relax and explore Antigua.



Day 03 ANTIGUA



Shared half day shared Fair Trade coffee tour with private transfers.

'As Green as it Gets' (AGAIG) is a charity working to support small independent coffee producers and promoting environmentally responsible agriculture in Guatemala. This tour takes guests to visit some of the families supported by this organization where they can work side-by-side with small coffee farmers in their daily coffee processing, pick, pulp, ferment, wash, dry, trilla, sort, and grade the coffee (depending on the season), roast coffee over an open fire and grind by hand on a grindstone before sampling their handiwork. The coffee season is from November to March. This tour includes a donation to GAIG organization. After your tour you'll have the afternoon at leisure.



Day 04 ANTIGUA - LAKE ATITLÁN

Private transfer to Lake Atitlan and your hotel.

Casa Palopo

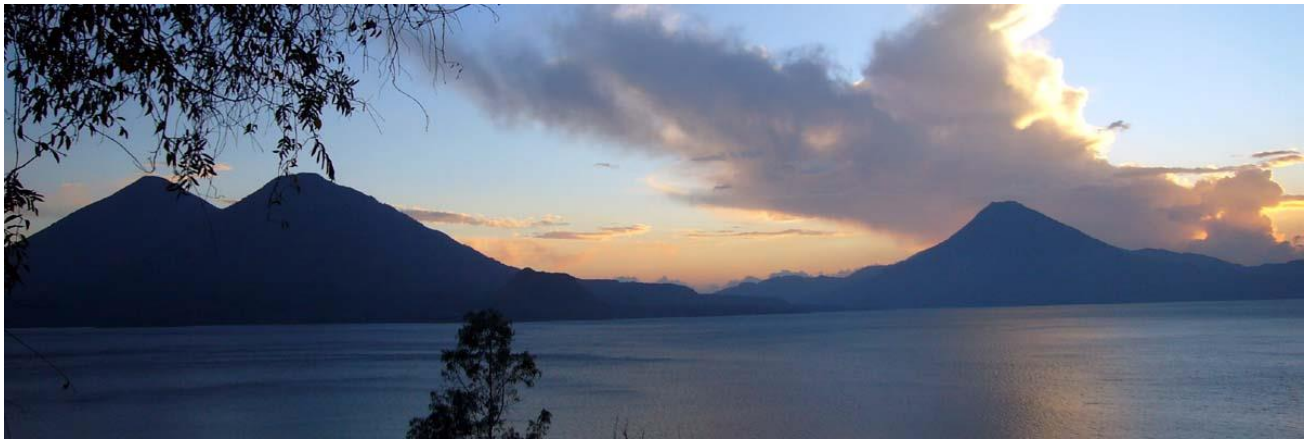


1 x Deluxe Room on a Bed & Breakfast basis for 3-nights

Casa Palopo is a beautiful villa which has been converted into a boutique hotel, situated on the shores of Lake Atitlan. The views of the lake from this hotel are superb. The hotel has just eight beautifully decorated guest bedrooms, with private sun decks and floor to ceiling windows. Facilities at the hotel include a swimming pool and several outside terraces, all with views of the lake and volcanoes and a gourmet restaurant



Day 05 LAKE ATITLÁN



Private half day tour of San Juan La Laguna and Lake Atitlan including lunch

You will be picked up from your hotel and transferred by boat to San Juan La Laguna village where you will visit a local textile cooperative to see the back strap loom in use, as well as to the home and workshop of a local naïf painter before boarding a boat to go to Santiago village for lunch. After the meal, you and your guide will find the house where the Maya God Maximón is living and have a ceremony performed if you wish. You can also see the local church and market to learn about the history and tradition of this town. When ready the driver will transfer you back to the hotel.



Day 06 LAKE ATITLÁN

Day at leisure in Lake Atitlan.



Lake Atitlán rightly deserves its reputation as being the world’s most beautiful lake. Three volcanoes rise between 1500 and 3100 metres on the southern shore and seeing these across a calm, tranquil, shimmering lake is an amazing experience. Motor launches connect the small towns and villages that line the lakeshore. Crossing from one side to the other takes about half an hour, the journey south takes you up close to one of the mighty volcanoes. A region of natural beauty, Lake Atitlán is the perfect base for visiting the markets and villages of the highlands.



Day 07 LAKE ATITLÁN - FLORES - TIKAL



Private transfer to Guatemala City with a visit to Chichicastenango Market and lunch en-route

Transfer approximately an hour to the highland town of Chichicastenango. Upon arrival your guide will take you to explore this famous market and see the fruit and vegetable area as well as the craft area where you can appreciate beautiful textiles and wooden and ceramic crafts. Also visit the famous St. Tomás Church where local Maya people come to perform Maya rituals. There is an optional hike up the hill to the Pascual Abaj ritual site to see if any local shamans are performing rituals.

After having lunch in Chichicastenango, continue exploring before being driven to Guatemala City airport for your onward flight with TAG.



T-03 Economy Dep: Guatemala City 17:15

Arr: Flores 18:00

Shared transfer on arrival to your hotel.

La Lancha



1 x Lakeview Casita on a Bed & Breakfast basis for 2-nights

A luxury property located halfway between Flores and Tikal on Lake Petén Itzá, La Lancha is owned by Francis Ford Coppola. It has ten guest casitas; four overlook the lake while the other six have jungle and partial lake views. Antique Belizean and Guatemalan furniture adorn each casita. Guided visits to the Mayan ruins of Tikal, bird watching, horse riding, canoeing, Spanish language classes and swimming can all be arranged locally.



Day 08 TIKAL



Private full day Yaxha and Topoxte tour including lunch

Visit Yaxha National Park for a private guided tour of this less visited, atmospheric site. Yaxha (q'equchi' for Green Water) was discovered in 1904 by architect Teobert Maler. It was occupied from Pre-Classic (800 BC) to Post-Classic (1600 AD) times and covers 3km² with more than 500 discovered buildings, including the only twin pyramid complex outside of Tikal. Nearby is Yaxha Lagoon; in the centre of which is another Mayan Site called Topoxte, where building continued after the Classic collapse until 1450.



Day 09 TIKAL - GUATEMALA CITY



Private full day guided excursion to the ruins at Tikal including lunch

Full day guided excursion to the ruins at Tikal. Unlike other major Mayan sites in Mexico and Belize, Tikal is unusual in that it is found deep in the rainforest. On a grand scale, you need to walk in excess of 15 kilometres to cover the whole site. The workmanship throughout is incredibly intricate and the 40 metre plus temples that shoot up to the sky are extraordinary. If you have a head for heights you can climb many of the temples and the views from the top are breath-taking. All around there is virgin rainforest, punctuated with other temples that surpass the forest canopy. After your excursion you will take a transfer to Flores airport for your return flight to Guatemala City, with TAG.



Day 09 TIKAL - GUATEMALA CITY ...



T-02 Economy Dep: Flores 18:30

Arr: Guatemala City 19:15

Private transfer on arrival to your hotel.

Camino Real Guatemala City



1 x Deluxe Room on a Bed & Breakfast basis for 1-night

Long regarded as the finest hotel in Guatemala, the 5-star Westin Camino Real is located in the heart of city's 'Zona Viva' district, the capital's hub of business, shopping and entertainment. The hotel offers 400 air conditioned rooms. The hotel's Cabaña Club has two heated pools, two floodlit tennis courts, gym, sauna and indoor and outdoor Jacuzzis.



Day 10 GUATEMALA CITY - OVERNIGHT FLIGHT

Transfer to Guatemala City airport for your return flights with Iberia.



IB6342 Economy Dep: Guatemala City 17:30

Arr: Madrid 14:40 (Day 11)



Day 11 MADRID - HEATHROW



IB3166 Economy Dep: Madrid 15:55

Arr: Heathrow 17:20

Arrive back in the UK.



Holiday Cost

from £3,295.00 per person

20% deposit is required to secure this booking

Suggested Itinerary

- This is just a suggested itinerary which we can amend to fit your exact requirements.

Includes

- International flights as listed.
- All pre-payable airport departure taxes.
- Hotel accommodation as listed.
- Transfers as listed (on a shared basis unless specified as private).
- Meals as listed.
- Excursions as listed (on a shared basis unless specified as private).

Excludes

- Local departure taxes where applicable.
- Tips and gratuities.
- Any future currency surcharges.
- Any future airline fare, tax or fuel surcharges.*

**In the event of airfare /tax increases you will have the option to pay for your airfare in advance to avoid these increases.*

Please Note

- The cost of this itinerary is based on 2 passengers sharing one room.
- All flights, accommodation and services are subject to availability at the time of booking.
- Air fares, taxes, schedules and routings are subject to change until ticket issue.

Booking Conditions

- Usually a deposit of 20% is required to secure a booking.
- The final balance would be due 10 weeks prior to departure.
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