



# Guatemala

Private Clients Customized Tour

8 Days





## Guatemala ►

Guatemala, Central America's most diverse country, offers landscapes and experiences that have been captivating travelers for centuries.

With not even 2% of its land mass urbanized, it's not surprising that Guatemala offers some superb natural scenery. Some of the most stunning views can be found in the Petén region, and the lush canyons of the Río Dulce. The natural beauty of the volcano-ringed Lago de Atitlán is an awesome sight.

While many ask what happened to the Maya, the simple answer is nothing – they're still here. From sites like Tikal, to Guatemala City's museums, Rabinal and Laguna Chicabal, Mayan cultures and traditions can be witnessed.

Active souls tend to find their agenda very full once they get to Guatemala. Stunning trekking routes through the jungles and up volcanoes, world-class white-water rafting, miles of caves to explore, and what seems like a zip line strung between every two trees in the country are just the beginning. Like to take things up a notch? How about paragliding into a volcanic crater at Lago de Atitlán? Or scuba diving in the same place? You might even luck onto some good swell on the Pacific coast. Or you could just find a hammock and consider your options.



## About Us ►

B2 Travel Group is pleased to bring to our loyal customers two new great destinations, Guatemala and Peru. In these new destinations we have formed a special local partnership. This partnership enables us to provide you the same hands on, superior service, country knowledge and daily on the ground support that you have previously experience when traveling with the B2 Travel Group. We invite you to experience the best of Guatemala, with the personalization, customization, hands on service and care of our team in the USA and our partner in Guatemala.

As always, we offer fully customized exciting itineraries, superb service, unique product and most competitive pricing.



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## Day 1 ►

# Welcome to Guatemala

Arrival to Guatemala City (Tuesday or Friday). Meet and greet at the airport by your private guide who will escort you from now until the end of your journey. This four-hour drive will take you to one of the most beautiful lakes in the world - Lake Atitlán. On the way, visit the archaeological site of Iximche, the ancient fortress capital of the Highland Maya-speaking Cakchiquel people. At an altitude of 7,000 feet, Iximche is spread out over a high plateau surrounded by ravines and pine-forested hills that dominate this part of Guatemala (depending on arrival time this tour may take place on day 4).

Before arriving to the lake you will stop for a late lunch at a special restaurant (included).

**Overnight on Lake Atitlan shore (L)**



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## Day 2 ►

### Lake Atitlán

Lake Atitlán was formed by a caldera (collapsed volcanic cone) and is surrounded by three impressive volcanoes (San Pedro, Atitlán and Tolimán) and 12 picturesque Maya-Cakchiquel and Maya-Tzutuhil villages. Today you will sail on the lake and visit three of these villages, San Juan la Laguna, San Pedro and Santiago Atitlán, which is famous for the veneration to Holy Maximon. In the afternoon return to the hotel.

Optional TREK called the "Indian Nose" going up on the mountain for overview at all villages. (If you decide to take the trek you will be able to visit only 2 villages).

**Overnight on Lake Atitlán shore (B)**



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## Day 3

### Chichicastenango Market

In the morning departure to Chichicastenango. Today, you will see the most colorful and picturesque outdoor market in Guatemala, where every Thursday and Sunday locals from the region, gather to buy and sell fruits, vegetables, flowers, grains, animals, textiles and handicrafts. You will visit the Cemetery and Santo Tomás Church, where the Maya-Quiché pray to their gods according to the old Maya traditions. You will also visit Pascual Abaj ceremonial site where you will participate in a traditional 'Shaman' Ceremony.

Overnight on lake Atitlán shore (B,L)





## Day 4 ►

### Atitlán Lake - Guatemala Airport - flight to Flores, Peten

In the morning, you will continue your tour at the villages around Atitlán, or go kayaking on the lake. After the morning visit, depart to Guatemala City (1 Hour flight). On arrival you will have a short sightseeing tour. After the tour continue to the Airport, to board the flight to Flores, Peten (your guide will fly with you).

Upon arrival transfer to the hotel.

Overnight on Peten lake shore (B)



## Day 5 ► Tikal Tour

In the morning, transfer to Tikal National Park. Declared “Cultural Heritage of Humankind” by UNESCO, this majestic Mayan city considered the largest and most monumental of all of the sites discovered in the Mayan World. Enjoy a guided walking visit to the most important plazas, complexes and temples, as well as the tropical forest, nesting place of hundreds of exotic birds and the habitat of a wide variety of wildlife. Lunch included in our Rancho in Tikal Park. After the tour return to the hotel.

Optional Canopy (zip-line) activity at Ixpampajul Park.

Overnight on Peten lake shore (B,L)





## Day 6 ►

### Antigua, Guatemala

In the morning transfer to Flores Airport to board the flight back to Guatemala City. Upon arrival, continue to the colonial city of Antigua. We will start the tour at the main plaza, surrounded by the Cathedral, and visit the Captain-Generals Palace, the City Hall and the Portal de las Panaderas. You will also visit the important Santa Catarina Arch and La Merced Church and Convent. Afterward continue to Centro Cultural La Azotea Coffee Farm for a unique visit.

In the afternoon, you will go on a special ATV tour in the hills and forests around Guatemala (self-drive for people with driving license. 2 passengers per ATV).

**Overnight at Antigua (B)**

## Day 7 ►

### Pacaya Volcano

Today is devoted for climbing the Pacaya Volcano. The Pacaya is an impressive active volcano, Strombolian type. You will start your climbing from San Vicente Pacaya village, climbing up approximately 2 hours to get as close as possible to the summit (horses are available for people who need help climbing). After the visit, return to Antigua, Guatemala and enjoy some free time to explore the city's markets and charming galleries.

Overnight at Antigua (B)

## Day 8 ►

### Back Home

Transfer to the International Airport to board your flight back home. (B)



## Tour Program Includes ►

- ▶ 7 nights hotel accommodations
- ▶ Daily breakfast
- ▶ 2 Lunches
- ▶ Domestic flights Guatemala City – Flores - Guatemala City
- ▶ Transfers & tours in a spacious private car
- ▶ Private local speaking English guide (same guide for entire tour)
- ▶ Entrance fees and activities:
  - ▷ Iximche Maya site
  - ▷ Full day boat sail on Lake Atitlán
  - ▷ Trekking to the 'Indian Nose' at Lake Atitlán
  - ▷ Participate in a traditional 'Shaman' Ceremony
  - ▷ Kayak on Lake Atitlán
  - ▷ Tikal Maya site
  - ▷ Canopy activity at Ixpampajul National Park
  - ▷ Visit to La Azotea Coffee Farm
  - ▷ ATV tour at Antigua forests
  - ▷ Climbing on Mount Pacaya

## Not Includes in the Program ►

- ▶ International flights
- ▶ Local tax for domestic flight (paid at check-in)
- ▶ Additional meals
- ▶ Tips for the local guides and service providers
- ▶ Travel insurance. Available upon request