



INTRODUCTION

Travel across the Guatemalan border into Honduras to the ancient Maya city of Copan on this Chimu Adventures Copan Extension. Home to the Copan Ruins, the small village of Copan is slightly off the beaten track and therefore provides an authentic and less touristy experience than some better known Mayan ruin sites. You will enjoy a private full day to explore the amazing sites of the ruins as well as discover more about Mayan Culture at the Copan Sculpture Museum. Returning to Guatemala, you'll also visit the Quirigua Archaeological Park for some more temple exploring.

On this all-encompassing personalised itinerary, Chimu will provide travel logistics for your travel party for the duration of your journey, plus expert guides for all the major sightseeing as per itinerary. Each night you will stay in superior accommodation, handpicked by our experienced team for their creature comforts, convenient locations, and impeccable service.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: Guatemala City to Copan

You will be transferred from Guatemala City in Guatemala across the border into Honduras. Your destination is the village of Copan, the gateway to Copan Ruins. The town itself is charming thanks to its cobblestone streets and adobe buildings. There's a beautiful main square with a colonial church and a research centre which has fantastic tea, chocolates and souvenirs. After your arrival, you're free to explore at your leisure.



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DAY 2: Copan Ruins & Sculpture Museum

Today you will enjoy a private guided tour of the Copan Ruins and The Copan Sculpture Museum.Considered one of the Maya's most impressive sites, the ruins of Copan began as a small agricultural village in around 1000 BC and grew into a city that housed 20,000 people in the early 9th century. Two large pyramids, stone temples, residential areas, a ball court, some stairways and several plazas remain from the ancient city. You will have the opportunity to visit the Square of Ceremonies, Temple 22, the Tribune of Spectators, the Stairway of Jaguars and the Stair of Hieroglyphics among other key sites. Back in town, the Copan Sculpture Museum houses exhibits stone carvings, scuptures and replicas of some of the stone reliefs and structures of the Maya from the Copan Ruins.



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DAY 3: Copan to Guatemala City via Quirigua

Travelling back from Copan to Guatemala City, you will stop enroute for a guided tour of Quirigua Archaeological Park. Considered a UNESCO World Heritage Site, Quirigua was built in the classic Maya period between 200 and 900 AD. Situated within dense tropical vegetation, the site features a Great Plaza, the Plaza of the Temple, The Great Turtle Altar and one of the tallest steles of the Maya civilisation (at up to ten metres tall). After your stop you will continue to Guatemala City and be transported to the airport to depart for your next destination.



INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation

Hotel



| Inclusions | Inclusions Private airport transfers Accommodation with breakfast daily Sightseeing with local English-speaking guide as detailed in itinerary Other meals where stated Exclusions International flights Visa & reciprocity fees Travel insurance Beverages Personal expenses Gratuities for tour guides & drivers Any items not mentioned as included |
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| Difficulty Rating | 1 (easy adventure) |
| Single Surcharge | A single supplement surcharge applies and is subject to availability. Please contact us for more information. |
| Notes | Prices are based on per person, twin share. Prices are correct at time of publishing but are subject to change at any time. All entrance fees are subject to change without prior notice. |
| Price Dependent upon | Seasonality and availability at time of booking. |

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SUSTAINABILITY

Being environmentally accountable is a crucial part of our organisation. Chimu is currently striving towards using less paper, taking several initiatives to do so and tracking our progress along the way. Our goal: A paperless organisation. For this reason, all information given to you will be sent electronically. We encourage those who choose to travel with us to support our aspirations and actions and ask that you reconsider printing out documentation. To view these documents, you can download them to your iPad or portable computer before and during your trip.

Chimu is passionate and dedicated to sustainability measures and understands the crucial part sustainability plays within the tourism industry.

We use local guides and office staff to both maximise local employment opportunities and minimise carbon footprint. Local guides also ensure you benefit from the intimate knowledge, passion and culture of the country you're visiting. Our guides are all highly qualified (most with university degrees) or equip with many years of experience and are paid above the standard wage. Whether it be our knowledgeable local guides, locally produced meals or the transport on tour, we do not use imported goods when local products are available. We aim to minimise our impact on the environment and give as much back as possible to the communities we work in.



While visiting the many national parks, heritage sites, museums and landmarks our travellers are encouraged to explore whilst remaining culturally aware and sensitive. We further encourage you to buy appropriate souvenirs and discourage the buying of anything wrongfully made or taken from the environment i.e. shells and endangered species products. Information on how you can be environmentally conscious, and travel responsibly will be made available in our Travellers Guides and provided during your travels by guides and staff.

For more information on our sustainability policies, including how we are striving towards being a paperless organisation, click <u>HERE</u>

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