

- COPAN EXTENSION



**TRIP CODE**

HOTSCEX

**DURATION**

3 Days

**LOCATIONS**

Honduras



**INTRODUCTION**

Copan, in western Honduras, is an important archaeological site of the ancient Maya civilisation. The kingdom of Copan existed between the 5th and 9th century, leaving behind an abundance of fascinating history in it's ruins. Add on a few extra days to your exploration of Honduras to experience a classic piece of history. Tour can also be taken as an extension from Guatemala city for a small surcharge.

**ITINERARY**

DAY 1: Transfer to the airport for onward destination

Transfer to San Pedro de Sula Airport for onward flight to Copan.



DAY 1: San Pedro Sula - Copan

An early morning departure from the hotel/airport will take you through Western Honduras, following the Chamelecón River Valley. Throughout the trip you will see enchanting rural scenes, forested mountains, livestock farms, tobacco plantations and in the higher elevations, coffee plantations.



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DAY 1: Copan

Copan was one of the most important sites of the Maya civilisation. The UNESCO ruins of Copan are one of the most impressive ruins of the Maya civilisation and probably the most popular and important attraction in Honduras. Discovered in 1570 by Diego Garcia de Palacio, the ruins were not excavated until the 19th century. The ruins are noted for their extensive sculpture, carved stelae of ancient rulers and the well-preserved hieroglyphics. The nearby town of Copan Ruinas is also worth exploring with its cobblestone streets and its colonial charm.



DAY 2: Copan Tour with Lunch in Town

We will enjoy breakfast in the restaurant llama del Bosque, famous for it's tortillas & refried beans. We will then take a visit to the archaeological museum in town. We will visit the site today and enjoy some of the archaeological park and the opportunity to enjoy a horseback ride. We spend the evening in Copan's town. This is one of the most charming towns in Honduras, where you will be able to stroll the cobblestone streets, explore the many restaurants and cafe's, hunt for souvenir bargains and mingle with the friendly people of the town.



DAY 3: Transfer to the airport for onward destination

In the morning, check-out of your hotel & transfer to San Pedro Sula airport for your onward flight.



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**INCLUSIONS & DETAILS**

**Accommodation**

Standard

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<b>Inclusions</b>	Land transfers Accommodation Entrance fee to Copan Archeological site Breakfasts Other meals where stated Bilingual guide
<b>Difficulty Rating</b>	1 (easy)
<b>Single Surcharge</b>	Available upon request
<b>Notes</b>	Entrance Fee to Tunes and Museum not included Contact us for more details
<b>Price Dependent upon</b>	Season and availability

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## SUSTAINABILITY

Chimu Adventures undertakes a number of sustainability measures within its operations including:

- 1) Only using local guides and office staff to both maximise local employment opportunities and minimise carbon footprints. Local guides also ensure you benefit from the intimate knowledge, passion and culture of the country you're visiting.
- 2) Where possible, using locally owned and operated boutique hotels to maximise the return to the local community.
- 3) Chimu's "Pass it on" programme has provided funding to hundreds of local community projects in Latin America. Our aim is to empower local communities, helping them to develop their own infrastructure for the future. Since 2006, we have been working with Kiva (a well-known Non-Governmental Organisation), providing hundreds of loans to local businesses all over South America.
- 4) In our pre tour information we provide a range of tips and advice on how to minimise your impact on both local environments and communities.
- 5) Chimu Adventures' offices also take a number of sustainability measures including carbon offsets for company vehicles and most staff travel. Chimu Adventure's internal processes are also structured to create a paperless office and to reduce waste. There are also internal programmes to help staff minimise their carbon footprint such as our staff bike purchase assistance plan which encourages office staff to commute to work via bicycle.