

# GUATEMALA & HONDURAS



## TRIP CODE

LATSGUHO

## DURATION

5 Days

## LOCATIONS

Guatemala, Honduras



## INTRODUCTION

Journey to the Lost World of the Mayans, probably the most exhilarating trip you will ever encounter.

This fantastic adventure includes a deep exploration of the great cities of Tikal (Guatemala) & Copan (Honduras).

While Tikal is the biggest of all Mayan cities, long protected by the jungle in the remote Peten Peninsula, it is now a UNESCO World Heritage site. Copan (Honduras) is considered to be the main center of Maya investigations, and has some of the best carved stelae in the whole Maya region as well as some of the best preserved hieroglyphics.

## ITINERARY

### DAY 1: San Pedro Sula - Copan

Upon arrival from San Pedro Sula, lunch will be provided at a local restaurant in the town of Copan Ruinas. Then continue to the Copan archaeological site for a privately guided, three-hour tour. Deemed a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1980, and one of the ancient Maya's most lavish cultural centers, Copan is well-known for its intricately carved stelae and incredible hieroglyphic stairway; you'll also visit the on-site sculpture museum.



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## DAY 2: Copan - Flores

After breakfast, we are back on the road, this time in Guatemala. Although, this will be a long ride, we will be rewarded with the many interesting sites along the road. We will reach the town of Flores in the late afternoon and we will check in at the hotel Villa Maya. Today we suggest that you relax around the pool of our hotel.



## DAY 3: Tikal

Today we visit Tikal and depart as early as possible in order to enjoy the view of the sunrise over the great temple of the Jaguar. The park covers 222 square miles amidst the thick, tropical jungle of El Petén. Created in 1958, UNESCO declared the park a "Monument of the World's Heritage" in 1979. It is regarded as one of the most important cultural and natural reserves in the world and there are more than 4,000 structures or constructions in Tikal. The Great Plaza: The most spectacular structure in Tikal is the plaza surrounded by stelae and sculpted altars, ceremonial buildings, residential and administrative palaces, and a ball court. At each end of the plaza loom the Temple of the Great Jaguar and the Temple II. Return to our hotel in Flores.



## DAY 4: Tikal - Copan

Again we take another long ride back to our starting point. We will ride back to Copan, and, upon arrival to Copan check-in at our hotel. Spend the rest of the day at leisure. Remember, you are spending your last night of the tour in one of the most charming towns in Honduras. 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.



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## DAY 5: Copan - San Pedro Sula

We will enjoy breakfast in the restaurant llama del Bosque, famous for its tortillas & refried beans, then we will visit the archaeological museum in town. This will be a perfect complement to what you have seen in the main site itself. Return to the hotel for check-out & transfer to San Pedro Sula where your tour ends.



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## INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation	Standard
Inclusions	<p>All breakfasts  Other meals where indicated  Accommodation as mentioned, double occupancy  Tours and activities as mentioned  Transport as mentioned, in minibus  Domestic flights as mentioned  Local taxes</p> <p><b>Exclusions</b>  Visa fees (if applicable)  Personal expenses  Gratuities for guides/staff</p>
Difficulty Rating	2 (light adventure)
Single Surcharge	Available upon request
Notes	Contact us for more details
Price Dependent upon	Season and availability

## 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.

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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. Currently almost half of our office based staff commute to work via bicycle.

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