

CENTRAL AMERICA MULTI COUNTRY - TREASURES OF GUATEMALA AND HONDURAS



INTRODUCTION

Experience the Mayans, Markets, landscapes and archaeological sites that these neighbouring countries have to offer. Pick up a traditional handicraft or stroll through the Mayan museums and enjoy the cultures of Central America before spending a few nights on the beautiful island of Roatan.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: Arrival transfer in Guatemala City

On arrival, please make your way through to the Arrivals Hall where our representative will be waiting for you to transfer you to your hotel. He/she will be holding a sign with your name on it. Should you not be able to locate them, please refer to the front of your itinerary for emergency contact details of our representative office.



DAY 1: Guatemala City

Guatemala City, Guatemala's capital is known locally as Guate. The Centro Historico (Historic Centre) lies in the heart of the city, and is home to many historic buildings including the Palacio Nacional de la Cultura (National Palace of Culture), the Metropolitan Cathedral, the National Congress, the Casa Presidencial (Presidential House), the National Library and Plaza de la Constitución (Constitution Plaza).



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DAY 3: Chichicastenango Market & Transfer to Lake Atitlan

You will be met at your hotel, (biligual driver). 2.5 hour drive to the highland town of Chichicastenango. On the drive you will get to see the local Maya people in traditional dress go about their daily lives. On arrival you will explore the famous market for artisan goods and local food, you will visit St Tomas's Church where local Maya people come to perform Maya rituals within the Catholic church. If they want to guests can also hike up the hill to the Pascaul Abaj ritual site to see if any local shaman are performing rituals and/or to the cemetery on the outskirts of town. You will have lunch at a local restaurant.



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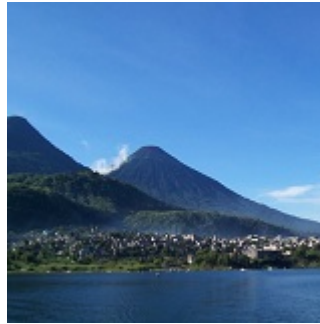
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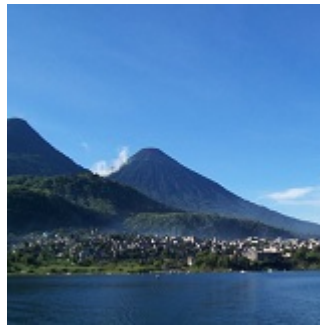
DAY 4: Santiago Village Half Day Tour with Lunch

Hotel pickup, transfer to Santiago Village. You will take a 30 minute scenic boatride past the three impressive volcanoes of Toliman, Atitlan & San Pedro. Upon arrival you will visit the house where the Maya God, Maximon is living. His location changes every year. You can see a Shaman performing rituals on local people, visit a church and learn the history of the traditional village, visit the local market to learn of local crafts. When you are ready you will be transfered from Lake Atitlan to Antigua.



DAY 4: Transfer Lake Atitlan - Antigua

Private Transfer from Lake Atitlan to Antigua.



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DAY 4: Antigua

Antigua is a beautiful old colonial city, the former capital of Central America and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The city sits beneath three volcanoes, surrounded by coffee plantations and indigenous communities. The city is renowned for its Spanish colonial buildings including the baroque La Merced church with its ornate yellow and white façade. The streets are lined with pastel coloured buildings and churches, and the markets and plazas throb with activity.



DAY 5: Antigua Walking City Tour

You will be met at your hotel reception by your private guide to begin your half day walking tour of Antigua. Your tour will cover the cultural, historical & social highlights of this colonial city with a behind-the-scenes look at some of the many ruined churches, convents, and cathedrals. Entrances are included to the Iglesia San Francisco, the Cathedral and La Merced Church. This tour is flexible and if you have specific sites that you wish to see please notify your guide. If you wish to visit other monuments you will need to pay the entrances directly.



DAY 6: Transfer to the airport for onward destination

Private transfer from Antigua to Guatemala City airport for your departure flight.



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DAY 6: Tikal Full Day Tour with Lunch

Guests are met at their hotel by a private guide for a tour of Tikal National Park, where some 3,000 ancient structures rise from the rainforest floor. Guests will follow in the footsteps of Maya royalty and commoners as our guide leads them to such sites as the majestic Great Plaza and its Temple of the Jaguar. Temple of the Masks, the Acropolis and much more. Lunch is provided at a local restaurant. Guests can also explore the museum at the visitor centre before returning to their hotel. Included : Private archaeology guide, private transfers, park admission fee, lunch. (Please note: There is no vehicle transfer for guests staying in Tikal Park.)



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DAY 7: Private Transfer Flores - Copan

After breakfast, you will be met at your hotel and have a private transfer from Flores to Copan.



DAY 7: 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.



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DAY 8: 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.



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DAY 9: 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.



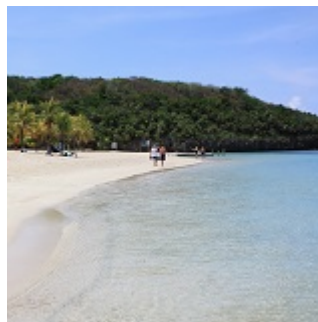
DAY 9: Arrival transfer in Roatan

You will be transferred from the airport to the hotel.



DAY 9: Roatan

The Bay Island of Roatan, lying off the north coast of Honduras is a Caribbean paradise with pristine white beaches, clear turquoise waters and a mountainous interior of pine-forested hills. Most of its coastline is fringed by a coral reef that is part of the second largest barrier reef in the world. There are endless diving and snorkelling opportunities in amongst the coral, fish, sponges, rays and turtles.



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DAY 10: Free Day in Roatan

Today you are free to relax on the beach and to explore one of the most colorful coral reef of the caribbean islands.



DAY 11: Roatan Departure Day

You will be met at your hotel and be transferred at the Roatan Airport for your outward flight.



DAY 11: Transfer to the airport for onward destination

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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation

Deluxe

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Inclusions	Land transfers Accommodation Tour & entrance fees mentioned in itinerary Daily breakfast Local flights Ferry transfers Boat ride Bilingual guide Hotel taxes only Exclusions Visa fees (if applicable) Gratuities for staff/guides Personal expenses
Difficulty Rating	1 - Easy
Single Surcharge	Available Upon Request
Notes	Contact us for more details
Price Dependent upon	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. Currently almost half of our office based staff commute to work via bicycle.