

# Guatemala with Tikal, Atitlán and Antigua

## 10 Days from \$1095

### Day 1 – Guatemala City, Guatemala

Company welcomes you to a breathtaking land of magnificent lakes, towering volcanoes and ancient ruins. With its near perfect climate and Caravan's spectacular hotels, Guatemala, "the land of eternal spring," is an ideal vacation destination. This is a more active itinerary. Company provides transfers from Guatemala City airport to your centrally located hotel, the Barcelo, for a two night stay. Rooms are available for check in after 4:00 p.m. Dinner is served until 9:30 p.m. at your hotel. **D**

### Day 2 – Guatemala City

After breakfast, join us for an 8:00 a.m. welcome briefing. Then visit an archaeology museum. Learn about Guatemala's pre-Columbian cultures and extensive archaeological sites. See a priceless collection of Mayan pottery and jewelry. Lunch. Next, a sightseeing drive of the historic center. See the Metropolitan Cathedral dating from 1782 and the French influence on the dramatic National Palace. The rest of the afternoon is at leisure. Enjoy the Barcelo's large outdoor pool, jacuzzi, spa and scenic grounds. Dinner. **BLD**



### Day 3 – Quiriguá, Tikal Area

This morning travel east to Guatemala's Caribbean region. Visit Quiriguá, the impressive and remarkably preserved Mayan archaeological site. See fantastical carved stone animal figures and some of the world's largest stelae. These massive stone monoliths are inscribed with ancient writings recording Mayan history. Enjoy lunch overlooking the scenic Rio Dulce, "sweet river," which flows into the Caribbean Sea. Afternoon arrival in Petenche. Enjoy a two night stay at your lodge located in a 67 acre nature preserve on the shores of Petenche Laguna. Your lodge, Villa Maya, has two pools, a jacuzzi and beautiful nature walking trails. Dinner. **BLD**

### Day 4 – Tikal Ruins

Today, an unforgettable visit to the ruins of Tikal. Settled in 700 B.C., Tikal was the grandest of all Mayan cities. Long protected by the jungle in the remote Peten Peninsula, Tikal is now a UNESCO World Heritage site. Here, see towering pyramids rise above the rainforest canopy while the sounds of tropical birds fill the air. Look for spider and howler monkeys. Visit Tikal's great plaza. See the Temple of the Grand Jaguar and Temple II. Visit the Plaza of the Seven Temples and El Mundo Perdido, the Lost World. Enjoy lunch in Tikal. Late afternoon return to your resort. Enjoy dinner. **BLD**

### Day 5 – Tikal Area, Antigua

This morning drive through jungle draped hills. Enjoy lunch. Continue to romantic Antigua. Enjoy a relaxing two night stay at the elegant Porta Hotel. Your hotel is two blocks from the main plaza with its fine stores offering jade pieces and exotic native artwork. Dinner. **BLD**

### Day 6 – Antigua

Morning exploration of Antigua, Guatemala's capital for more than two centuries. This UNESCO World Heritage site is one of the best preserved colonial cities in all of Latin America. On a walking tour visit the Main Plaza, see the Cathedral and Fountain of the Sirens. Visit Las Capuchinas Convent, with its 18 circular living quarters. Enjoy lunch. Then, free time in Antigua. Shop in the artisan markets for elaborately carved dance masks and richly embroidered hand weavings. Stroll cobblestone streets and marvel at Antigua's colonial churches and historic buildings. Enjoy dinner at the Porta Hotel. **BLD**



### Day 7 – Coffee Tour, Lake Atitlán

This morning drive into the picturesque and world-famous coffee growing region of Guatemala. Visit a coffee plantation and sample fresh Guatemalan coffee. Learn why many consider Guatemala coffee the best tasting coffee

in the world. After lunch, visit a museum highlighting Guatemala's unique musical instruments, including the Marimba. Then, to Hotel Atitlán for a two night stay overlooking Lake Atitlán, 5,000 feet above sea level.

Dinner. **BLD**

### **Day 8 – Lake Atitlán, Panajachel**

Morning visit to the nearby Indian village of Panajachel where Mayans still wear traditional dress. Visit the colorful artisan market. Return to the Hotel Atitlan for lunch. The rest of the day is at leisure. Explore your hotel's beautiful botanical gardens and pools. Enjoy the dramatic scenery. Dinner. **BLD**

### **Day 9 – Lake Atitlán Boat Cruise, Guatemala City**

Morning cruise across Lake Atitlán, one of the world's most beautiful lakes. Lake Atitlan is dominated by three dormant volcanoes. Then gorgeous scenery unfolds as you descend from the Guatemala highlands to the central valley. Pass Indian villages where crops are still hand-tilled and grown on impossibly steep hillside terraces. Lunch. Continue to Guatemala City. Enjoy a farewell dinner. **BLD**

### **Day 10 – Guatemala City**

Your tour ends this morning after breakfast at the Barcelo in Guatemala City. Breakfast begins at 6:00 a.m. Company provides transfers throughout the day to the Guatemala City airport. Thanks for vacationing with Caravan. *¡Hasta la vista! B*

## **Arrival Transfers**

Vacation packages include arrival transfers from La Aurora Airport (GUA) in Guatemala City, Guatemala to the Tikal Futura Hotel in Guatemala City on the day the tour begins. After you clear customs your TOUR representative will greet and transfer you to your hotel. Transfers are not provided for earlier pre-tour arrivals; expect to pay around \$10.00U.S. and allow 15 minutes travel by taxi. To enter Guatemala, you will need a U.S. passport valid for 6 additional months after the date of your arrival into Guatemala. Non U.S. citizens, please check passport and visa requirements. Note: It is recommended that children under 18 years old traveling internationally without both parents or legal guardians, carry a notarized letter of authorization signed by the missing parent(s) or guardian(s). A notarized birth certificate showing only one parent, a parent's death certificate, or a court order of child custody may also be permissible. Failure to have proper documentation could result in denial of boarding by the airline, due to international child protection laws.

## **Departure Transfers**

Vacation packages include departure transfers from the Barcelo Hotel in Guatemala City to La Aurora Airport (GUA) in Guatemala City, Guatemala. Transfers are provided throughout the day on the day the tour ends.

### **included in the tour price:**

Hotels, most meals, all of the activities described in the itinerary pages, airport transfers in select cities, gratuities to hotel porters, restaurant staff and local guides. Professional Tour Directors and local guides will be with you every step of the way, ensuring a worry free vacation.

### **not included in the tour price:**

Prices do not include air travel, country entry or departure fees, airport porter fees, visas, phones, valet, all items of a personal nature, food and beverages not on the regular menu and tips to the Tour Director and Driver. General fees and taxes are additional and listed separately beneath each tour's price.