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## **Guatemala, Honduras and Belize!**

It's time to experience an unforgettable trip into 3 amazing Central America countries, Guatemala, Honduras and Belize! Join us on an adventure of a lifetime immersing ourselves into the beauty of nature, culture, adventure, and archaeology; experience with local communities the wonders of every single destination.

Let us share with you our biggest passion for our roots, you just have to open your hearts and minds to a new world melted to an ancient one.

## Trip Summary

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### Day 1

Meet & Greet, EN.

Transfer from La Aurora International Airport to Antigua Guatemala - Antigua Guatemala, EN.

Hotel Casa Santo Domingo - Antigua Guatemala, EN. - Hotel Casa Santo Domingo, EN.

### Day 2

Explore Antigua and its Local Villages, EN. - Antigua Guatemala, EN., Iglesia de San Francisco el Grande, EN, La Merced, EN, Iglesia del Carmen, EN, Arco de Santa Catalina, EN. , Casa del Jade, EN.

### Day 3

8:00 AM Transfer - Antigua to Panajachel (Lake Atitlan) via Chichicastenango - Lake Atitlán, EN.

11:00 AM Chichicastenango Market, EN - Chichicastenango, EN.

4:30 PM Hotel Atitlán, EN

### Day 4

9:00 AM Visit the Villages around Lake Atitlán by Boat, EN.

### Day 5

8:00 AM Transfer - From Lake Atitlán (Panajachel) to Guatemala City

11:00 AM Westin Camino Real - Guatemala City, EN. - Guatemala City, EN.

Experience Guatemala City

### Day 6

8:00 AM Transfer - Guatemala City to Copan (Honduras) - Copán, Honduras, EN.

3:00 PM Hotel Marina Copán, EN. - Hotel Marina Copán, EN.

### Day 7

9:00 AM Explore Copán Ruins, EN

2:00 PM The Macaw Mountain, EN.

### Day 8

8:00 AM Transfer - Copán Honduras to Río Dulce

Rio Dulce Tour & Boat Ride - Rio Dulce, EN.

Nana Juana Hotel & Marina, EN. - Nana Juana Hotel & Marina, EN.

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## Day 9

- 7:30 AM Transfer - Río Dulce to Flores, Petén
- 11:30 AM Hotel Jungle Lodge - Tikal, EN.
- 1:00 PM Experience Tikal, EN. - The Department Of Peten, EN.

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## Day 10

- 8:00 AM Transfer - From Jungle Lodge to Xunantunich
- 10:00 AM Boat Taxi through Mopan River
- 11:00 AM Xunantunich, EN.
- 2:00 PM Barton Creek Cave, EN.
- 4:00 PM Gaia River Lodge, EN. - Gaia River Lodge

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## Day 11

- 8:00 AM Transfer from Cayo District to Placencia
- 11:30 AM Check in at Turtle Inn - Turtle Inn

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## Day 12

Leisure Day

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## Day 13

Transfer - Turtle inn to Belize City International Airport

THANK YOU!

## Day 1



### Meet & Greet, EN.

**Meet & Greet:** Our representative will await your arrival just outside of the airport, holding a sign with your name and professionally dressed in a Columbus Luxury Travel uniform. Upon arrival, you will be presented with a Welcome Pack with general information about your stay and the unforgettable destinations you will be visiting.



### Transfer from La Aurora International Airport to Antigua Guatemala

Private transportation according to your needs will be provided.





## Antigua Guatemala, EN.

Antigua Guatemala, Sacatepéquez, GT

Population: At Antigua's peak in the mid 18th century, prior to moving the capital, Antigua was home to 60,000; now 45,669

Location: Central Highlands of Guatemala; departmental capital of Sacatepéquez Department; approximately 24 miles from Guatemala City

Elevation: 5,029 feet

Significance: Served as the capital of the Kingdom of Guatemala prior to moving the capital in 1773 to Guatemala City, due to the constant tremors and damaging earthquakes in September and December of that year. La Antigua has been named by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site and is a central location for many visitors.

What you will see: Santa Catalina Arch; Volcán de Agua; Volcán de Fuego; Acatenango Volcano; San Francisco church and ruins; Santo Domingo ruins; La Merced church and ruins; Antigua's market days.

Fun Facts: Panza Verde, or green belly was the name given to those that remained in Antigua after the capital was moved to Guatemala City. It is said that the people received this name because of their reliance on avocados for a food source after the damage to the city from earthquakes. Founded in 1542, Antigua was the first planned city in the Americas, structured on a rigid grid pattern, and is easily recognized by its cobblestone streets.



## Hotel Casa Santo Domingo - Antigua Guatemala, EN.

Set in a former convent, this colonial-style hotel is a 10-minute walk from Antigua Guatemala Cathedral and an 11-minute walk from Santa Catalina Arch.

Rustic rooms and suites with Guatemalan art feature flat-screens, minifridges and safes, as well as free Wi-Fi and terraces/balconies. Most rooms add fireplaces, and some add hot tubs and/or living rooms.

Amenities include 3 restaurants and a bar, a business center and event space. There's also an exercise room, an outdoor pool and an ancient Americas cultural museum.





## Hotel Casa Santo Domingo, EN.

Calle de los Carros, Antigua Guatemala, Sacatepéquez, GT

In 1979 UNESCO declared the colonial city of La Antigua Guatemala, Cultural Heritage of Humanity, making it a recognized treasure of exceptional value in the eyes of the world.

In the seventeenth century, the Convent of Santo Domingo was one of the largest in America and in 1773, the Santa Marta earthquake destroyed it almost entirely.

In 1989 he began the development of a project called Casa Santo Domingo with the fundamental objective of rescuing the vestiges of the Convent and Tempo buried by tons of gravel.

Progressively, Hotel Museo Spa Casa Santo Domingo emerged where each corner is a page lost in time that joins others to form a beautiful chapter of the great book of our history.

## Day 2



### Explore Antigua and its Local Villages, EN.

Immerse yourself in the diversity of local Antigua culture. The nearly 500-year-old city is cradled by three volcanoes and accented with colorful facades of 16th century mansions, churches and convents. Enjoy hands-on experiences with a series of incredible workshops designed to integrate you into the Maya culture.

**Places to visit:** San Francisco church and ruins, Santo Domingo ruins, La Merced church and ruins, Arch of Santa Catalina (Municipal building, Palace, Cathedral).

**3 Villages will be visited from the following options:** Pastores (leather workshop), San Juan del Obispo (chocolate workshop), San Pedro las huertas (Jade workshop), Ciudad Vieja (coffee workshop), San Antonio Aguas Calientes (textiles workshop), and Santa María de Jesús (Santa María de Jesús has special events only on Sunday).





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## Iglesia de San Francisco el Grande, EN

7a. Calle Oriente, La Antigua Guatemala, Sacatepéquez, GT

The Church of San Francisco el Grande is located in the city of La Antigua Guatemala. The first sanctuary was built in the middle of the sixteenth century, but it suffered deterioration in the year 1565 due to a strong earthquake. The current church was built in 1702 by Diego de Porres and was destroyed by the earthquakes of 1717, 1751 and 1773.

After being abandoned it was damaged by the earthquakes of 1874 and 1917, until finally, the church was rebuilt during the second half of the twentieth century, after the Guatemalan state allowed the regular orders to have property in the country again and that the Franciscans will be returned to the complex in 1967. The church is particularly known for housing the tomb of Pedro de San José de Betancur, a missionary in Guatemala and a saint of Spanish origin.



## La Merced, EN

6a. avenida norte, La Antigua Guatemala, Sacatepéquez, GT

La Iglesia de la Merced is a Catholic church located in the city of Antigua Guatemala in Guatemala. The architect Juan de Dios Estrada was in charge of its construction since 1749. The temple was inaugurated in 1767.



## Iglesia del Carmen, EN

La Antigua Guatemala, Sacatepequez, GT

The Church of Our Lady of Carmen was a lavish Catholic church in the city of Santiago de los Caballeros de Guatemala, destroyed by the Earthquakes of Santa Marta in 1773. Despite the almost total destruction of the temple, its facade was in good condition and since then it has been admired as an example of the Guatemalan seismic baroque.

This religious building, for the sake of simplicity, was called "Iglesia del Carmen", the name that followed when the Carmelite nuns moved to Guatemala City after the earthquakes of 1773.



### Arco de Santa Catalina, EN.

5a Avenida Norte, Antigua Guatemala, Sacatepéquez, GT

It is one of the most recognized places in the city of Antigua Guatemala. It is visited by miles of tourists who come to the city that has been declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. He belonged to the nuns inmates of the convent of Santa Catalina Virgen y Mártir, but after the forced transfer of the capital of the General Captaincy of Guatemala from the Knights of Guatemala to the Nueva Guatemala de la Asunción after the Earthquakes of Santa Marta in 1773, the structure was abandoned. The Santa Catalina Arch, Convent Cloister and the nave of the Church make up the monumental complex of the Old Convent of Santa Catalina Virgen y Mártir; of which the arch and nave of the church are owned by the municipality of Antigua Guatemala and the convent cloister is privately owned. The old cloister passed into private hands at the beginning of the nineteenth century while the arch and the ruins of the church were abandoned. The arch was reconditioned in the 1890s by the government of General Manuel Lisandro Barillas Bercián and he built a turret on it to place a clock.



### Casa del Jade, EN.

La Antigua Guatemala, GT

The word jade refers to two different minerals: jadeite and nephrite, both of group VIII (inosilicates), according to the classification of Strunz. To be considered as jade, both must be present as aggregates in the form of very fine granules or interlaced fibers.

The Jade Nefrita, very common in Asia, is often called Chinese Jade, because with this beautiful carved pieces are made with various motifs such as Buddhas, dragons and snakes, as well as some oriental symbols. Similarly, large deposits of Jade Nefrita are found in places such as: British Columbia, Canada; Alaska and Wyoming, The United States; Australia and New Zealand, where it is known as "The Green Stone".

The other type of Jade identified by the Gemologists is the Jade Jadeite, which is a scarce and difficult type of Jade. It can basically be found in four places in the world: Myanmar or the Ancient Burma, Japan, Russia and Guatemala.

The difference between these two types of jade lies in the chemical composition and hardness. Using the Mohs scale, where the diamond is the hardest with a scale of 10, the hardness of Jade Nephrite ranges between 6.0 and 6.5, while the hardness of Jadeite Jade reaches between 7.0 and 7.5 degrees on the same scale.

Jade has been used to make a variety of products, and has acquired the reputation of being a good luck charm. For more than 5,000 years in China and Mesoamerica, jade has been used as material to manufacture utensils and ornaments; It has also been used to make weapons and tools due to its hardness and resistance.

## Day 3



8:00 AM - Central Time - 3 hr

### Transfer - Antigua to Panajachel (Lake Atitlan) via Chichicastenango

Our transfer day is on Thursday or Sunday, stop to visit Chichicastenango Market is suggested, if is a different day we can substitute the activity for a different market.



## Lake Atitlán, EN.

Panajachel, Sololá Department, GT

Location: Guatemala Highlands.

What you will see: Many traditional Mayan lakeside communities are found near Atitlán. The inhabitants of the area still dress in customary garb and practice many traditions of their culture, some with a fusion of Spanish influence, including the worship of Maximón.

Fun Facts: This volcanic crater lake is the deepest lake in Central America, and renowned as one of the most beautiful lakes in the world. Multiple Mayan archeological sites have been discovered at the lake; the latest Mayan "underwater city" (located 55 feet below the lake's level) discovered, dates back to the late pre-classic period.



11:00 AM - Central Time - 4 hr

## Chichicastenango Market, EN

Our market days have been vibrant and colorful since more than 4,000 years ago. These are the best places to experience our rich culture. Chichicastenango: (Sundays and Thursdays 94km away from Antigua), This is one of the biggest markets in Guatemala. It is full of textiles, vegetables, fruits, and handcrafts. You also will visit the mask factory and Santo Thomas church, where you can see the Guatemalan syncretism. Have a day full of fun and enjoyment in this traditional Mayan market. This city has a lot of tradition. Enjoy lunch at Moreria Sto. Tomas and observe how traditional dresses are made.

- **Important note: Depending on the market day could be: Antigua, Comalapa or Chupol.**





## Chichicastenango, EN.

Chichicastenango, GT

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Life in Chichicastenango revolves around its main square and market, mainly crafts and souvenirs, but with some spaces where they sell local products. This is present on Thursdays and Sundays, reaching several streets adjacent to the main square.

We have seen the city and we have heard as much as the criticism from the tourist point of view, which is worth going. If you do not have the opportunity to visit the highlands of the highlands such as Xela or Huehuetenango, Chichi is a good example of indigenous culture and religious synchronism between Mayan beliefs and Christianity.



4:30 PM - Central Time

## Hotel Atitlán, EN

Among Guatemala's elite cadre of fine hotels, is situated in picturesque Panajachel, Solola.

Hotel Atitlan was designed as a home away from home for the most discriminating traveler. This precious gem is intimate and elegant in a classically understated way.

To complete its serene ambiance, Hotel Atitlan offers a wide range of service, Guatemala's most attentive staff, extraordinary cuisine, and without doubt some the most dramatic and appealing scenery in the world.

### Facilities:

Pool, jacuzzi, spa, restaurant, parking, souvenirs store.



## Day 4



9:00 AM - 6 hr

## Visit the Villages around Lake Atitlán by Boat, EN.

Gain exclusive access to hidden treasures known only to local guides and immerse yourself in the diversity of local cultures.

**San Juan La Laguna:** This tiny pueblito is home to cooperatives that sell traditional textiles, paintings, weavings and other Guatemalan goodies that serve as great souvenirs. Being one of the less-visited towns around the lake, San Juan offers a more authentic, Guatemalan experience by hosting the origins of cotton, the museum offers a unique insight into the process from the creation of yarn and dyeing into distinct clothing according to the maya group.

**Santiago Atitlán:** is famous for the neighborhood house where the deity Maximón resides for the current year, being an excellent example of the guatemalan syncretism. Santiago Atitlán is home of the Cojolya Weaving Center and Museum, founded by the Cojolya Association of Maya Women Weavers.



## Day 5



8:00 AM - Central Time - 2 hr 30 min

### Transfer - From Lake Atitlán (Panajachel) to Guatemala City

Our transfer to explore the biggest Central America's City



11:00 AM - Central Time

### Westin Camino Real - Guatemala City, EN.

The 279 guest rooms at The Westin Camino Real Guatemala are distinguished by a classic European style and magnificent views of the city. Each luxurious room has an LCD television with remote control and satellite programming, two line telephones, air conditioning and heating.



### Guatemala City, EN.

Guatemala, Guatemala, GT

Guatemala City is the largest city in Central America, and its official name is Nueva Guatemala de la Asunción, considered as the seat and seat of the public powers of the Republic of Guatemala, as well as the seat of the Central American Parliament. The city is located in the center-south area of the country and has a large number of green areas. According to the last census conducted in the city, 2,450,212 people live, but considering its metropolitan area according to the National Institute of Statistics, it reaches an estimated 4,703,865 inhabitants by 2018. Which makes it the most populated and extensive agglomeration of the population. urban area in Central America.

Nueva Guatemala de la Asunción is the fourth settlement of the capital of the Kingdom of Guatemala. The reason for their transfer to the Hermitage Valley were the Santa Marta earthquakes, which largely destroyed the city of Santiago de Guatemala, the former capital of the Kingdom of Guatemala. The transfer order was decreed on December 1, 1775 and on January 2 of the following year there was a meeting for the first time in the municipal council of the new city. A plaque, which is in front of the Parroquia de la Santa Cruz, just at the beginning of the Milla y Vidaurre road, named after the writer and diplomat José Milla y Vidaurre, commemorates this event. The name of the new city was decreed by the King of Spain on January 23, 1776.

Its development has been affected on numerous occasions by natural disasters, mostly earthquakes, which have devastated the city and its surroundings, receding in the years of development. The last year was construction under construction, as well as historical relics such as the churches of Our Lady of Mercy, La Recolectión, Nuestra Señora del Cerrito del Carmen, the first church built in the valley around 1620, and the Central Market Building.



## Experience Guatemala City

Experience Guatemala's capital and largest city in Central América. Located in southern-central area of Guatemala lying within the Valle de la Ermita (Hermitage Valley) mountain valley, the city hosts the largest populous in all of Central America. Divided into 22 zones, the city is also home to many museums and archeological sites, as well as a large market.

We will get the best out of this beautiful city, its history and its actual atmosphere.



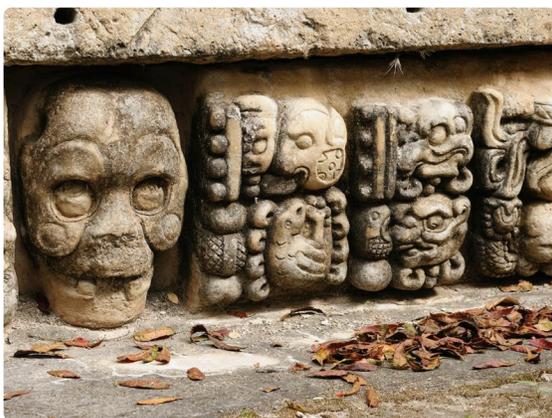
## Day 6



8:00 AM - Central Time - 4 hr 15 min

### Transfer - Guatemala City to Copan (Honduras)

After our transfer time, our experts will take you through the city of Copán to explore its beauty, architecture and inhabitants.



### Copán, Honduras, EN.

Avenida Copán, Copán Ruinas, Departamento de Copán, HN

The modern town of Copán Ruinas is located near the ruins of Copán, located in western Honduras, and hosts a variety of amenities for the center's visitors. The substantial Ruinas de Copán are a major tourist attraction for western Honduras, yet less popular than sites such as Chichen Itza, which have made the visit to the Ruinas de Copán more attractive to many travelers interested in the Mayan Civilization. Bordering Guatemala, Copán lies in a fertile valley at 700 meters above sea level and offers a cooler climate than many other Central American rainforest locations.



3:00 PM - Central Time

### Hotel Marina Copán, EN.

There are many substantially good reasons to visit Copan. The main archaeological site, to begin with, includes the Mayan Sculpture Museum, which can be visited for half a day, or if you want to go a little deeper you can also venture into the tunnels that look at the temples in layers below the site. East Court.

We would like to invite you to stay a little longer, so you can also visit the residential area of Las Sepulturas, right next to the main site, as well as the impressive site of Rastrojon, the location of the latest research from Harvard University, recently put at the disposal of enthusiastic visitors.

A variety of options are available for your quiet stay, such as birdwatching at the Macaw Mountain Bird Park, a walk through the Copán Coffee Tour, or a relaxing afternoon at the Luna Jaguar Hot Springs, and for those with an extreme preference more adventurous There is an excellent excitement of zip line in the Canopy Tour de Copan, praised as one of the best in Central America. And, of course, many more activities where everyday life in this small old-fashioned city is brilliantly reflected. Copan itself is a quiet city, with cobbled streets, lively people and many different dining options, all within walking distance of the Hotel Marina Copan.



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Copan Ruinas , Copan, HN

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## Day 7



**9:00 AM**

**Explore Copán Ruins, EN**

Located in the Copán Department of western Honduras the Copán archeological site is known to be one of the Mayan civilization's great centers from over a thousand years ago. The magnificent ruins have some of the most remarkable pre-Columbian art found anywhere. The modern town of Copán Ruinas is located near the ruins and hosts a variety of amenities for the center's visitors.

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2:00 PM - 2 hr

### **The Macaw Mountain, EN.**

Copán is one of few places in Central America which showcases a park of living jewels.

The jewels are not of the cut stone variety. They are, instead, birds. A dizzying array of extravagant splendor, more than 330 varieties of wild native birds live on the edge of the Mayan ruins, in a cross between sanctuary and tourist park called Macaw Mountain.

At this part nature reserve for endangered and rescued birds, and part eco-friendly coffee plantation, visitors can walk among trails of lush plantings of tropical flowers and coffee plants heavily laden with red coffee berries. Rising above and in between the foliage of this green oasis are birds of every color and size, so close that one doesn't feel like a guest so much as a bird, too.



## Day 8



8:00 AM - Central Time - 3 hr 30 min

### Transfer - Copán Honduras to Río Dulce

Come prepared with sunblock, sun glasses, swimwear, light clothing and camera.



### Rio Dulce Tour & Boat Ride

Rio Dulce, or Sweet Water is considered to be a paradise for boaters, sailors, and cruisers, with many cruise ships landing in Puerto Barrios. Visitors come to enjoy bird watching and orchid spotting, where many unique species of aquatic birds can be found. The river is also a popular location for fishing.

Take an adventure through the river and stop off to enjoy the warm hot springs and secret caves along the river's banks.





## Río Dulce, EN.

Izabal, GT

The Río Dulce de Izabal, Guatemala has 7,200 hectares that gather aquatic ecosystems and mangroves. The site is the habitat of the manatee (*Trichechus manatus*), an endangered mammal, and other species such as the crocodile *acutus*.

Along the river there is a unique biological corridor that includes tropical rain forest on its banks and in the canyon. The canyon is the separation of the mountains that is on the sides of the river, according to the story was formed by a telluric movement.

Right at the mouth of the river on the bay you can see the vegetation and an incredible number of seabirds. To travel the 16 kilometers that are distant from the gulf and the sea, the waters of the river are presented by an enormous crack of the limestone rocks walls with exuberant vegetation, from 120 to 150 meters high that almost completely hide the light of the Sun. In this place the river reaches a depth of 30 to 50 meters, and a width of 200 meters.

The visit to the Río Dulce not only with strange views but also offers the opportunity to know one of the main tourist destinations of Guatemala, the Castillo de San Felipe, which was built at the time of the Colony, to protect the area from attacks pirates.



## Nana Juana Hotel & Marina, EN.

Located in Río Dulce, Nana Juana Hotel & Marina offers free bike rental and an outdoor pool, as well as a fitness center. In addition, it has a restaurant, barbecue area, garden and bar.

Rooms at the Nana Juana Hotel & Marina have a wardrobe and a private bathroom. Some also have a terrace.

A continental breakfast is served daily.

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Izabal is 32 km from Nana Juana Hotel & Marina.

## Day 9



7:30 AM - Central Time - 4 hr

### Transfer - Río Dulce to Flores, Petén



11:30 AM - Central Time

### Hotel Jungle Lodge - Tikal, EN.

Located in Tikal, 27 miles from Flores, Hotel **Jungle Lodge** Tikal features a restaurant and free WiFi. The hotel has an outdoor **pool** and views of the mountains, and guests can enjoy a drink at the bar. Private parking is available on site.

Some rooms feature a sitting area where you can relax. Every room is equipped with a private bathroom.

There is a 24-hour front desk at the property. This property also has one of the top-rated locations in Tikal!



1:00 PM - Central Time - 4 hr

### Experience Tikal, EN.

The national park of Tikal is a protected area about 576 square kilometers, on the edge of the large “Reserva de la Biósfera Maya”. Animal species that can be found include the howler and spider monkeys, toucans and parakeets. Exploring Tikal will help you discover the Mayan spiritual and universe vision. The overwhelming harmony hidden in one of the most important and majestic cities of the Mayan era.

Make sure you bring camera!



### The Department Of Peten, EN.

Peten, Tikal, Petén Department, GT

**Location:** Most northwest department in Guatemala, bordering Belize and Mexico

**Landscape:** Huge expanse of tropical rainforest, swamps and savannah forms part of an untamed wilderness that stretches into the Lacandón forest and collects Maya cities from late pre-classic and classic period (400 B.C. to 900 A.D.).

**Fun Facts:** The Department of Petén occupies approximately 1/3 of Guatemala’s area. It’s population represents only about 4% of Guatemala’s total population.

**What you will see:** The UNESCO World Heritage Site, Tikal National Park, is located within the Petén Department. This 360 square mile protected national park is located on the edge of the “Reserva de la Biósfera Maya”, where a large assortment of animal species can be found. The park’s main attribute is the ruins of an ancient Mayan city, Tikal (Tik’al). The city was likely called Yax Mutal by its inhabitants and is one of the largest urban centers and archeological sites of the Maya Civilization, dating back to the 4th Century BC. Other places of interest within the Petén Department are Yaxha and Topoxte. Although these sites are not as popular as “Tikal” or “El Mirador”, they were still very powerful in their time and very beautiful. Yaxhá is located over a hill surrounded by the Sacnab and Yaxhá lagoons. It is inside a zone of two square kilometers, where more than 1700 structures have been identified (Hermes, et al., 1999). The site was inhabited by the Maya civilization since the Pre-classic period (1500 B.C. – 250 A.C.) through the Classic period (250-950 A.C.).

**Wildlife:** Commonly found within the Petén Department are agouti, coatis, gray fox, spider monkeys, howler monkeys, harpy eagles, falcons, ocellated turkeys, guans, toucans, green parrots and leaf-cutting ants. Other animals that make their home in this region are the Jaguar, jaguarundi, and cougars.

## Day 10



8:00 AM - Central Time - 1 hr

**Transfer - From Jungle Lodge to Xunantunich**

An extraordinary day is waiting for us, we will discover Xunantunich a small mayan site visited for very few.



**10:00 AM** - Central Time - 30 min

### **Boat Taxi through Mopan River**

We will have a nice walk to get to Xunantunich, bring comfortable shoes.



**11:00 AM** - Central Time - 1 hr

### **Xunantunich, EN.**

Xunantunich (Mayan pronunciation is an Ancient Maya Archaeological site in western Belize, about 70 miles (110 km) west of Belize City. Xunantunich is located atop a ridge above the Mopan River, well within sight of the Guatemala border – which is a mere 0.6 miles (1 km) to the west. It served as a Maya civic ceremonial center in the Late and Terminal Classic periods to the Belize Valley region. At this time, when the region was at its peak, nearly 200,000 people lived in Belize.

Xunantunich's name means "Sculpture of Lady" in the Maya language Mopan and Yucatec combination name from Xunaan=Noble lady and Tuunich=stone for sculpture, like many names given to Maya archaeological sites, is a modern name; the ancient name is currently unknown. The "Stone Woman" refers to the ghost of a woman claimed by several people to inhabit the site, beginning in 1892. She is dressed completely in white, and has fire-red glowing eyes. She generally appears in front of "El Castillo", ascends the stone stairs, and disappears into a stone wall.





2:00 PM - Central Time - 1 hr 30 min

## Barton Creek Cave, EN.

Barton Creek Cave is not only the largest river cave in Belize but also a popular tourist destination in the Cayo District.

According to recent researchs, Barton Creek contains a wealth of information in understanding caves in Maya culture. The artifacts that were unearthed for example, indicate that the cave was used for a variety of purposes by the Maya including agricultural rituals, possible fertility rites, ritual bloodletting, human sacrifice and lineage internment.



4:00 PM - Central Time

## Gaia River Lodge, EN.

Gaia, the mother of life and all creation-the Greek goddess of Earth. Her powers were unlimited, just like nature's. Perched atop of the magnificent Five-Sisters Waterfalls in Belize's famed Mountain Pine Ridge Forest Reserve, Gaia will fulfill its promise to reconnect you to your adventurous and truest being by disconnecting you from everything else. The second you set foot on the property a weight lifts. The quiet of the rainforest, its birds and butterflies, magnificent flora, the pink and orange sunsets glowing upon the pine trees, and finally, the distant roaring of the waterfall will work their magic. You'll instantly feel vibrant and connected to the reality of nature more than ever before. At night, you'll have the opportunity to connect with our guides and guests from all around the world around the fire pit, underneath a pitch black sky full of stars.

Wanting to offer our guests the opportunity to reconnect with themselves and their travel partners, we've chosen to keep Gaia an **adult-only** environment, that is also **free of intrusive technologies** in the sanctuary of the rooms. Although we love children as much as you, we all need some free time once in a while!

With our electric tram taking you from the lodge to the river, our organic garden, and the fact that we operate on our own hydro power, our offer is unique in Belize and has benefitted us with the proudly won Green Globe Award.



## Gaia River Lodge

Cayo District, BZ

## Day 11



8:00 AM - Central Time - 3 hr 30 min

### Transfer from Cayo District to Placencia

We love to have the best for you every day...but beach time, sun and relaxing sound of waves are definitely top of the best.

Let us take you to your paradisiacal time



11:30 AM - Central Time

### Check in at Turtle Inn

**Luxury and unspoiled beauty on a white-sand beach.**

Francis and Eleanor Coppola acquired this beachside hideaway in 2001 and created an idyllic refuge for those seeking a relaxing or adventure-filled getaway to Belize. This 25-room seafront escape delights guests with individual thatched cottages, decorated with handcrafted Balinese furnishings, naturally cooled by the ever-present sea breezes. Just steps beyond your private deck, the white-sand beach dissolves into the clear Caribbean Sea. In addition to offering an ideal location to experience the sea, Turtle Inn is located a short bicycle ride or walk from the charming sea-front fishing village of Placencia, where local artisan shops and dining spots can be enjoyed.



## Turtle Inn

Placencia village, Placencia Village, Stann Creek District, BZ  
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## Day 12



## Leisure Day

We truly want your happiness so please ENJOY your time

## Day 13



### Transfer - Turtle inn to Belize City International Airport

It's time to say Adiós to our Amazing Experience, depending on your Departure Flight we will pick up at your Hotel to take you to the Airport, international flights requires 2 hours prior the departure time.



### THANK YOU!

We appreciate and we feel honored with your preference.

Thank you for trusting and choosing Columbus Luxury Travel to share the wonders of Guatemala, Honduras and Belize... taking care of every single detail for you has been our pleasure.

We wish you enjoy this trip's memories forever.

SEE YOU SOON!

## Information & Documents



### INCLUSION

**All Tours Include:** Meet and Greet at the airport, Bilingual Tour Guide, Private Ground Transportation (water and air transportation in noted locations), Entrance Fees, Local Tour Guides, Necessary Donations, and Water.

**All Hotels Include:** Double Room, TV, Wi-Fi, Taxes & Breakfast.



### TERMS & CONDITIONS

## **Payment Policy**

### ***Agreement***

Enrollment and payment for a service or a package implies agreement and acceptance of the terms and conditions set forth below. In this agreement, Columbus Luxury Travel S.A. may be referred to as the operator, or Columbus Luxury Travel.

### ***Reservations***

Reservations should be made in writing.

### ***Invoices***

An invoice will be issued upon confirmation of service.

### ***Payment Terms***

*\*Until a deposit has been made, no services can be guaranteed.*

A 50% deposit should be made upon confirmation of services.

Payment in full should be made within 45 days prior to date of arrival.

Any services confirmed by Columbus Luxury Travel during the time of activity planning are subject to availability if payment has not been received.

### ***Forms of Payment***

#### ***Bank/Wire Transfer***

Payments can be made by check or wire transfer. Please contact us for bank information.

#### ***Credit Card***

Please go to the "Pay an Invoice" page on our website to utilize credit card payments. Please note there is a 3% charge for credit card charges.

## **CANCELLATION**

### ***Cancellation and Refund Policy***

#### ***Cancellations***

Cancellations must be made in writing. The following charges and refunds will apply when a cancellation is made after Columbus Luxury Travel confirms the booking:

If a trip is cancelled more than 45 days prior to start date, any cancellation fees, surcharges, or nonrefundable deposits charged to Columbus Luxury Travel by individual hotels, airlines or other third parties will be charged. Additionally, a cancellation fee of 10% of the total trip cost will apply. The remainder of any deposits paid to Columbus Luxury Travel will be refunded.

If a trip is cancelled between 45 and 30 days prior to start date any cancellation fees, surcharges, or nonrefundable deposits charged to Columbus Luxury Travel by individual hotels, airlines or other third parties will be charged. Additionally, a cancellation fee of 25% of the total trip cost will apply. The remainder of any deposits or payments paid to Columbus Luxury Travel will be refunded.

If a trip is cancelled within 30 days prior to arrival date 100% cancellation fees will apply. No refunds will be made.

We strongly recommend that each client purchase comprehensive trip-cancellation insurance (must be purchased through a third party insurer — not provided by Columbus Luxury Travel).

### ***Refund Policy***

Refunds will be made in accordance with the Cancellations Policy mentioned above. No additional refunds will be made for no-shows or any unused part of the itinerary whether voluntary, caused by airline delay or cancellation, or any other factor beyond the control of Columbus Luxury Travel, including but not limited to acts of god (sickness, injury, poor health, weather, etc.) strike, detention, riot, war, quarantine, theft, civil disturbances, government regulations or restrictions, third-party or subcontractor negligence, or any other. No responsibility can be accepted for expenses incurred due to delay or change in schedule or other causes.

### ***Insurance Recommendation***

It is highly recommended that all guests insure themselves and their property prior to arrival. We especially advise medical, emergency evacuation, and trip cancellation coverage. For the safety of its clients Columbus Luxury Travel reserves the right to use / authorize expensive emergency evacuation / rescue operation measures (i.e., Helicopters, Ambulances, etc.), at the financial responsibility of the client.

## **THANK YOU!**

*Thank you, and we hope that you found the above to be in order. We trust the provided to be in accordance with your specifications and interests and hope that it will assist your travel planning.*

*If you require any further assistance or clarification, please feel free to reach out to me directly by giving me a call or sending an email.*

