

Guatemala: The Land of the Mayan People March 15 - 26/2024

Fri, March 15: ANTIGUA: Arrivals to Guatemala City, depending on arrival time, meals, rest and overnight in Antigua.

Hotel La Galeria <https://lagaleriahotel.com/>

Sat, March 16: ANTIGUA: Breakfast at Hotel with Orientation. Scavenger Hunt through Antigua to get to know the city. Lunch at Coaba Farms. Afternoon rest and pool time. Optional trip to the Antigua market in late afternoon. Dinner and overnight in Antigua.

<https://www.caobafarms.com/>

Sun, March 17: PANAJACHEL: Breakfast in Antigua at Hotel, view the carpets construction and procession. Depart 12 pm and stop for lunch enroute. Drive from Antigua to Lake Atitlan and Panajachel. Stop at Iximche, visit the site of an ancient mayan city. Dinner and overnight in Panajachel.

Mon, March 18: SAN JUAN/PANAJACHEL: Breakfast at Hotel and visit the FundaMaya Project and share some time with the children. Deliver a donation to one of the seniors in the community. Lunch. Afternoon visit to the Reserva Natural Atitlan, butterfly sanctuary and nature trails at the lake. Freetime to explore Panajachel in the afternoon. Dinner and overnight in Panajachel. <https://www.fundamaya.org/>

Tues, March 19: PANAJACHEL: Breakfast at the Hotel and early morning boat over the lake to San Juan La Laguna. Visit the Coffee Plantation and learn about coffee production, visit the weaving cooperative using natural dyes for their work, see the murals, hike to the viewpoint and the cross. Lunch at Alma de Colores in San Juan. Afternoon visit with Nan Maria, Mayan Spiritual Leader, for a Mayan Ceremony for gratitude for the trip. Boat back over to Panajachel. Dinner and overnight in Panajachel.

<https://www.almadecolores.org/?lang=en> <https://www.cafesanjuangt.com/en/index.html>

Wed, March 20: SANTA LUCIA/QUEZALTENAGO (XELA): Pack up and Breakfast at the Hotel, and then drive to Santa Lucia Uatlan (Julio's community) visit Julio's home, have lunch with Julio's family and a little concert with a local marimba music school group. Learn from some women in the community affected in the 1980's by the violence. Visit a mayan elder, Nan Maria and have a look into her life and bring her some gifts from the market. Drive to Xela in the afternoon. Dinner and Overnight in Quezaltenango, Guatemala's second largest city.

Thurs, March 21: CHWITZIRIBAL/XELA: Breakfast at Hotel. Visit the Chwitziribal Community and the school, share a Day of Joy for the students involving crafts, games, snacks. Afternoon trip to Fuentes Georginas (Hot Springs) with late Lunch. Dinner and Overnight in Xela.

Fri, March 22: XELA/CHICHICASTENANGO: Breakfast at the Hotel, morning visit Trama Textiles Weaving Cooperative, learn about how the cooperative was formed right after the civil war, weaving demonstration and buy some of their beautiful work, lunch and tour of the market. Depart for Chichicastenango. Overnight at the Mayan Inn in Chichicastenango <http://www.mayaninn.com.gt/> <http://www.fuentesgeorginas.com/> <http://tramatextiles.org/>

Sat, March 23: CHICHICASTENANGO/ZACUALPA: Breakfast at the Hotel, drive to Zacualpa to visit the Franciscan sisters and the genocide memorial at the Catholic Church in Zacualpa. Lunch at the church and drive back to Chichicastenango. Freetime and rest in the afternoon. Dinner and overnight in Chichicastenango.

Sun, March 24: CHICHICASTENANGO/ANTIGUA: Breakfast at Hotel, morning visit to the market in Chichicastenango. Lunch and drive to Antigua. Easter procession in Antigua in the evening. Overnight in Antigua.

Mon, March 25: ANTIGUA: Final day in Antigua. Morning visit to Las Cappucinas, an ancient convent ruin. Lunch together and afternoon freetime. Closing celebration and dinner.

Tues, March 26: Breakfast at Hotel, departures.

***itinerary subject to final changes and interests of the group*