

Highlights of Mexico & Guatemala

12 days | Cancun to Antigua



From the beautiful beaches of Playa del Carmen and the legendary Mayan ruins of Chichen Itza and Palenque, to the picturesque Guatemalan Highlands and enchanting Lake Atitlan. Take a memorable 12 day journey through Mexico and Guatemala, culminating in Antigua – one of Central America’s most enchanting cities.

HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

Trip Highlights

- Playa del Carmen - wander around this popular coastal town with its beautiful palm fringed beaches
- Valladolid- enjoy a guided walking tour of this charming colonial city
- Chichen Itza - marvel at one of the New 7 Wonders of the World
- Merida - explore the capital of the Yucatan province
- Palenque archaeological site - roam around these remarkable Mayan ruins in the heart of the rainforest
- Agua Azul and Misol Ha - visit two of the most beautiful waterfalls in Mexico and enjoy a refreshing swim in a natural pool

- San Cristobal - experience life in the highlands and visit the Tzotzil community of San Juan Chamula
- Lake Atitlan - take a boat ride and soak up the spectacular scenery in Panajachel and San Juan La Laguna
- Antigua - explore Guatemala's most enchanting city which sits in the shadow of three large volcanoes

What's Included

- 11 breakfasts
- 11 nights 3 star hotels
- Cancun airport arrival transfer on day 1
- Transfers and transportation in private air conditioned vehicles
- Guided sightseeing in Valladolid, Chichen Itza, Palenque and San Cristobal
- Lake Atitlan boat trip to San Juan La Laguna
- Visit to Agua Azul and Misol Ha waterfalls
- Escorted by a local English speaking tour leader with specialist guides at certain sites of interest
- Entrance fee to Chichen Itza and Palenque

What's Not Included

- International flights and visa
- Tipping - an entirely personal gesture
- Airport departure transfer - can be booked at an additional cost upon request

ITINERARY

Day 1 : Cancun to Playa del Carmen



Welcome to Mexico! Arrive into Cancun International Airport where you will be met and transferred to your hotel in Cancun. The rest of the day is free for you to explore this popular coastal resort town. **Overnight - Cancun**

Day 2 : Chichen Itza



Playa del Carmen - Valladolid - Chichen Itza - Merida. This morning we begin our adventure,

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travelling to the vibrant city of Valladolid for a guided walking tour, where we'll see beautiful colonial buildings as well as the cathedral Iglesia de San Servacio. Afterwards we travel on to explore the famous Chichen Itza archaeological site - one of the New Seven Wonders of the World. Chichen Itza was constructed between the 7th and the 10th Century AD and these incredible ruins are the best examples of Mayan architecture ever excavated. The highlight of our guided tour is the iconic El Castillo pyramid (aka the Pyramid of Kukulcan). Our final port of call today is Merida, capital of the Yucatan state.

Overnight - Merida (B)

Day 3 : Free time in Merida



Today is free to independently explore Merida or enjoy one of the optional activities which are offered. You can go diving in the mysterious and beautiful cenotes of Cuzama, or take a day tour to Celestun National Park, home to many spectacular tropical birds. There is so much to discover! **Overnight - Merida (B)**

Day 4 : Campeche

Merida - Campeche. Today we leave Merida and travel onto the colonial city of Campeche. As you walk through the narrow streets of the old town, you will discover the fascinating stories and legends of pirates, conquistadors and the indigenous Maya. The city has conserved its huge bastions and ramparts which were formerly the city's major defence from pirate attacks! **Overnight - Campeche (B)**

Day 5 : Palenque Ruins



Campeche - Palenque. This morning we drive to Palenque and enjoy an informative guided tour of the Palenque Ruins in the afternoon. Surrounded by lush Chiapas jungle, Palenque represents tremendous achievements in Mayan art and urban design, and the ruins include a series of hilltop temples, towers, tombs and pyramids including the fascinating Temple of Inscriptions. **Overnight - Palenque (B)**

Days 6-7 : San Cristobal

Palenque - Agua Azul - San Cristobal. From Palenque we travel to the waterfalls Agua Azul and Misol Ha, two of the most beautiful waterfalls in all of Mexico. After a refreshing swim in a natural pool we continue to the highland town of San Cristobal de las Casas, surrounded by traditional villages. San Cristobal is at the heart of one of the most indigenous areas in Mexico and this is reflected in the art and culture throughout this fascinating town.

The following day we visit the village of San Juan Chamula which is one of several Tzotzil communities in the area. Here we learn more about ancient Mayan traditions and observe cultural rituals. **Overnight - San Cristobal (B:2)**

Days 8-9 : Lake Atitlan



San Cristobal - Panajachel (Guatemala). On day 8 we travel into neighbouring Guatemala, through the beautiful highlands towards the Pan American Highway and down to Panajachel on the northern shore of enchanting Lake Atitlan, enjoying breathtaking views of the lake and its three volcanoes, San Pedro, Atitlan and Toliman.

The following day we take a boat across Lake Atitlan to San Juan La Laguna. This town is much quieter than many of the other ones around the lake so it's the perfect place to relax and enjoy the spectacular scenery or wander through the streets and shop for local handicrafts. In the evening we return to Panajachel. **Overnight - Panajachel (B:2)**

Days 10-11 : Antigua



Panajachel - Antigua. On day 10 we travel on to Antigua in the central highlands. The rest of the afternoon and day 11 are free to explore this picturesque colonial city, which cannot fail to enchant, with its cobbled streets, parks and plazas, ornate churches and colourful street markets, all set against a spectacular backdrop of awe inspiring volcanoes. Listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site, the city is famous for its well-preserved Spanish influenced Baroque architecture. Here, the local indigenous people dressed in their colourful costumes can be found selling their crafts and textiles and as the cultural centre of Guatemala, Antigua is an ideal place to experience the traditional music, architecture and art of the country. **Overnight - Antigua (B:2)**

Day 12 : Antigua

Our tour comes to an end today and it's time to return home. Arrangements end after breakfast and hotel check out. We can



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arrange a transfer to La Aurora International Airport in Guatemala City upon request.(B)

PRICES / DATES INFO

Prices shown are per person when there are 2 persons sharing a room. The 'Single supplement' applies for single travellers who require their own room and needs to be added to the per person price. If you are happy to be paired up with another single traveller of the same gender on your tour, this can be arranged provided there is another single traveller booked on the tour date of your choosing. If a roommate cannot be found the single room supplement will apply.

PRICES / DATES 2019

Date	Twin Share	Single
02 Nov	CAD 4,145	CAD 4,965

PRICES / DATES 2020

Date	Twin Share	Single
25 Jan	CAD 4,145	CAD 4,965
22 Feb	CAD 4,145	CAD 4,965
04 Apr	CAD 4,145	CAD 4,965
16 May	CAD 4,145	CAD 4,965
04 Jul	CAD 4,145	CAD 4,965
01 Aug	CAD 4,145	CAD 4,965
03 Oct	CAD 4,145	CAD 4,965
21 Nov	CAD 4,145	CAD 4,965