

Guatemala to Mexico

13 days | Antigua to Playa del Carmen



From the highlands of Antigua to the white sand beaches of Playa del Carmen, explore the delights of Guatemala, Belize and Mexico on this 13 day adventure. Discover charming colonial towns and beautiful landscapes, explore magnificent Mayan ruins in the heart of the jungle and relax on the idyllic island of Caye Caulker before travelling to Mexico's Mayan Riviera.

HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

Trip Highlights

- Tulum - visit the beautiful cliffside Mayan city of Tulum and explore the ruins
- Antigua - explore Guatemala's most enchanting city which sits in the shadow of three large volcanoes
- Rio Dulce - take a tranquil boat ride along this beautiful river through the towns of Rio Dulce and El Rellenos
- Flores - wander around this charming island town on Lake Peten or choose from a range of optional activities
- Tikal - explore this remarkable Mayan archaeological site, deep in the heart of the rainforest

- San Ignacio - choose from a range of optional activities in Belize's adventure capital, including caving, hiking, kayaking and horseback riding
- Caye Caulker - soak up the sunshine and relax on this idyllic island
- Laguna Bakalar - relax by this spectacular lake of seven colours
- Playa del Carmen - relax on beautiful palm fringed beaches in this popular coastal resort town

What's Included

- 12 breakfasts
- 12 nights 3 star hotels
- Airport arrival transfer from La Aurora International Airport in Guatemala City on day 1
- Transfers and transportation in private air conditioned vehicles
- Water taxi from Belize City - Caye Caulker - Chetumal
- Tikal and Tulum guided sightseeing and entrance fees
- Escorted by an English speaking local leader with specialist guides at certain sites of interest
- Rio Dulce boat transfer to lodge

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

Days 1-2 : Antigua



Welcome to Guatemala! You will be met upon arrival into La Aurora International Airport in Guatemala City and transferred to your hotel in Antigua. The rest of day 1 and day 2 is 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. **Overnight - Antigua (B:1)**

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Days 3-4 : Rio Dulce



Antigua - Rio Dulce. We bid farewell to Antigua and travel to the town of Rio Dulce on day 3. Rio Dulce ("Sweet River") is located in the northeast region of Izabal and it's part of the much larger Izabal lake. Upon arrival we take a short, scenic boat ride to our lodge, where we spend the next two nights in cabins on the water. The next day is free to participate in optional excursions such as a visit to the impressive citadel Castillo San Felipe, the ancient Mayan Ruins of Quirigua, the beautiful Finca Paraiso HotSpring- Waterfall or Rio Dulce National Park. **Overnight - Rio Dulce (B:2)**

Day 5 : Flores

Rio Dulce - Flores. Today we travel on to Flores, a beautiful island-town which is located in the centre of Lake Peten Itza. The afternoon is free to participate in optional excursions such as a visit to the Las Guacamayas Biological Station, the Mayan Ruins of Uaxactun, Ixpanajul Nature Park or a trip to Tzimin Chac to see the sunset. Or just relax with a walk around the enchanting town. **Overnight - Flores (B)**

Day 6 : Tikal Ruins

Flores - San Ignacio (Belize). This morning we enjoy a guided tour of the incredible Tikal Ruins. Located deep in the rainforest, the Tikal complex is one of the largest Maya sites to be discovered. It was excavated in 1956 and 1969 and much of the site is yet to be unearthed. Tikal was once the capital of a conquest state and one of the most powerful kingdoms of the ancient Maya. The temples, residences and religious monuments decorated in hieroglyphic inscriptions provide a long list of ruling dynasties with many tombs of the once-ruling kings.

This afternoon we cross the border into beautiful Belize, where we spend the next two nights in San Ignacio. Nestled between Guatemala, Mexico and the Caribbean Sea, Belize is blessed with beautiful beaches and lush rainforests as well as a fascinating colonial history. **Overnight - San Ignacio (B)**

Day 7 : San Ignacio

San Ignacio, or Cayo as it's called by the locals, is the adventure capital of Belize. Today is free for you to partake in some of the exciting optional activities available in the town, including caving, hiking, kayaking, horseback riding and more. **Overnight - San Ignacio (B)**

Days 8-9 : Caye Caulker



San Ignacio - Caye Caulker. On day 8 we travel to Belize's capital where we take a water taxi to the small island of Caye Caulker. Belize is renowned for its laid back and relaxed pace of life and on the beautiful island of Caye Caulker, where their motto is "Go Slow", we kick off our shoes and enjoy some R&R.

Make the most of the following day on the island, there are many things to do. You could visit one of the other Cayes or take a snorkelling trip to the stunning corals where you can see tropical fish, nurse sharks and manta rays to name a few. Another recommended excursion is to the Hol Chan Marine Reserve where you will find the incredible world famous Blue Hole and the world's second longest barrier reef. Caye Caulker is excellent for manatee spotting, a popular activity seeing these passive creatures. If exploring is not your thing you can just relax by the beautiful turquoise waters. Snorkel tours and dive boats leave daily for full or half day tours to the reef. There

are also plenty of places to shop and to try the local food. **Overnight - Caye Caulker (B:2)**

Day 10 : Laguna Bacalar

Caye Caulker - Laguna Bacalar. After breakfast we take a scenic boat ride to the Mexican Chetumal before continuing by bus to the beautiful Laguna Bacalar, the second largest lake in Mexico. The rest of the afternoon is yours to relax and explore the 7 cenotes that feed into the lake. **Overnight - Laguna Bacalar (B)**

Days 11-12 : Playa del Carmen



Laguna Bacalar - Tulum - Playa del Carmen. After breakfast on day 11 we make our way to Playa del Carmen stopping off at the beautiful Cliffsides Mayan city of Tulum where we have a chance to visit the famous ruins and immerse ourselves in the archaeological and colonial importance this city has to offer. We then continue our journey to Playa del Carmen, where you can spend some time at the beach or exploring the local area.

The next day is free to enjoy the white sand beach of Playa del Carmen, take a day tour, or just go shopping on 5th avenue. Enjoy your last full day, soaking up the vibrant Mexican atmosphere! **Overnight - Playa del Carmen (B:2)**

Day 13 : Playa del Carmen

Our tour comes to an end after breakfast and hotel check out today. We can book a transfer to Cancun Airport upon request or post tour accommodation if you'd like to extend your stay. (B)

PRICES / DATES INFO

Prices shown are per person when there are 2 persons sharing a room. The

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'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 2020

Date	Twin Share	Single
13 Apr	NZD 4,695	NZD 5,835
25 May	NZD 4,695	NZD 5,835
13 Jul	NZD 4,695	NZD 5,835
10 Aug	NZD 4,695	NZD 5,835
12 Oct	NZD 4,695	NZD 5,835
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