

TOUR OVERVIEW

A thoughtfully curated journey through Guatemala and Belize, blending cultural depth, natural beauty, and refined experiences. From timeless colonial settings and authentic encounters with local traditions to iconic archaeological sites and serene Caribbean landscapes, this itinerary is designed for the discerning traveler seeking both discovery and comfort in equal measure.

Guatemala & Belize Explorer - 12 Days / 11 Nights Embark on an inspiring journey where you stroll through the historic streets of Antigua with an expert guide, experience the vibrant energy of the Chichicastenango market, and cruise across the stunning Lake Atitlán while visiting charming local villages. Discover the impressive Mayan ruins of Tikal and Yaxhá, venture into the mystical ATM Cave in Belize for a true adventure, and explore the colorful marine life at Hol Chan Marine Reserve and Shark Ray Alley. Your journey concludes with relaxing days on Ambergris Caye, surrounded by the turquoise waters of the Caribbean.

ITINERARY

DAY 1

Upon arrival, you will be met by our local representative and transferred to your hotel. Welcome to Guatemala!

Arrive in Guatemala City and transfer to the enchanting colonial city of Antigua. Check in at your hotel and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. Soak in the atmosphere of cobblestone streets, volcano views, and timeless charm. Overnight at hotel Mesón de María - Deluxe Room or similar.

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HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Guatemala City
- ✓ Antigua

DAY 2

Antigua Walking Tour (Half Day).

Enjoy a guided walking tour through the charming streets of Antigua. Discover breathtaking colonial monuments and learn why this city once served as the bustling center of Spanish rule in the region. Starting at the Central Plaza, your guide will introduce you to Guatemala's history, colonization, and modern-day culture. You will see key landmarks such as Palacio de los Capitanes, City Hall, and El Portal, and visit the Cathedral (including its ruins) as well as San Francisco Church. Overnight at hotel Mesón de María - Deluxe Room or similar.

Breakfast

MEALS:

HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Antigua
- ✓ City Tour

DAY 3

Chichicastenango Market & Lake Atitlán.

Visit the famous Chichicastenango Market, one of the most vibrant indigenous markets in the Americas. Held on Sundays and Thursdays, it attracts local Mayan communities and vendors from across Guatemala. Upon arrival, meet your guide and visit the iconic church, a powerful symbol of Mayan and Catholic traditions. If you are lucky, you may witness traditional ceremonies and spiritual rituals. Continue with a private transfer to Lake Atitlán, surrounded by volcanoes and picturesque villages. Overnight at Villa Santa Catarina - Double Standard Room or similar.

Breakfast

MEALS:

HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Chichicastenango Market
- ✓ Lake Atitlán

DAY 4

San Juan & Santiago Villages.

Explore San Juan La Laguna, renowned for its vibrant textile cooperatives and art scene. Visit local weaving collectives and learn about natural dyeing techniques and the traditional backstrap weaving process. Continue by private boat (approx. 25 minutes) to Santiago Atitlán, home of the revered figure Maximón, a unique spiritual icon blending indigenous beliefs and Catholic traditions. Learn about his cultural significance and visit his altar. Overnight at Villa Santa Catarina - Double Standard Room or similar.

Breakfast

MEALS:

HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ San Juan La Laguna
- ✓ Santiago Villages

DAY 5

Transfer to the airport.

Transfer to Guatemala City Airport for your domestic flight to Flores (GUA-FRS). Upon arrival, private transfer to your hotel.Overnight at Villa Maya - Double Standard Room or similar.

Breakfast

MEALS:

HIGHLIGHTS

✓ Flores

DAY 6

Tikal National Park.

After breakfast, meet your guide and transfer to Tikal National Park, one of the most important archaeological sites of the Mayan world.Explore ancient temples hidden within the jungle and learn about Mayan history, architecture, and theories surrounding the civilization's decline. Along the way, you may encounter wildlife such as monkeys, toucans, parrots, and macaws.Enjoy lunch in a jungle setting after your tour.Overnight at Villa Maya - Double Standard Room or similar.

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Breakfast

Lunch

MEALS:

HIGHLIGHTS

✓ Tikal

✓ Tikal National Park

DAY 7

Yaxhá & Belize.

Travel to the impressive archaeological site of Yaxhá, where ancient ruins meet lush rainforest and stunning lake views. Explore temples, pyramids, and ceremonial structures with your guide and enjoy a picnic lunch on site.Continue to the Belize border, where you will cross independently before meeting your new driver on the Belizean side.Visit Xunantunich, home to the spectacular El Castillo pyramid, offering panoramic views over the Mopan River Valley.Overnight at Black Rock Lodge - Riverview Cabin or similar.

Breakfast

MEALS:

HIGHLIGHTS

✓ Yaxhá

✓ Belize

DAY 8

ATM Cave Adventure.

Transfer to the famous ATM Cave, one of the most extraordinary archaeological and natural sites in Belize. After a 30-minute jungle hike, enter the cave with a short swim and explore its hidden chambers filled with stalactites, stalagmites, and ancient Mayan ceremonial remains. This sacred site was once considered the entrance to Xibalba, the Mayan underworld. What to bring: Light clothing, swimwear, insect repellent, closed-toe shoes, socks, change of clothes, towel. (No cameras allowed inside the cave.) Overnight at Black Rock Lodge – Riverview Cabin or similar.

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Breakfast

Lunch

MEALS:

HIGHLIGHTS

✓ ATM Cave Adventure

DAY 9

Transfer to the airport.

Transfer to Belize International Airport for your short domestic flight to San Pedro (approx. 15 minutes). Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel. Overnight at Ramon's Village – Jungle Room or similar.

Breakfast

MEALS:

HIGHLIGHTS

✓ San Pedro

DAY 10

Day at Leisure.

Enjoy a relaxing day at your own pace in tropical surroundings. Overnight at Ramon's Village – Jungle Room or similar.

Breakfast

MEALS:

HIGHLIGHTS

✓ San Pedro

DAY 11

Hol Chan & Shark Ray Alley.

Discover the stunning Hol Chan Marine Reserve, located off Ambergris Caye. Enjoy two snorkeling stops along the Belize Barrier Reef, where you will experience vibrant coral formations and tropical marine life. Continue to Shark Ray Alley, a shallow and famous site where you may swim alongside nurse sharks and stingrays in crystal-clear waters. Overnight at Ramon's Village - Jungle Room or similar.

Breakfast

MEALS:

HIGHLIGHTS

✓ Hol Chan

✓ Shark Ray Alley

DAY 12

Transfer to the airport.

Transfer by short flight from San Pedro to Belize International Airport (approx. 15 minutes) for your onward journey home.

Breakfast

MEALS:

HIGHLIGHTS

✓ Belize City