

Expica Rotativa & Semana del Ganadero 2017

“Optional Tours”

1. - “Two capitals: Past & Present” Old Guatemala/ Coffee Farm

In the morning the tour will begin in Guatemala City or Antigua and travel to the town of San Antonio Aguas Calientes. Surrounded by volcanoes, San Antonio Aguas Calientes is famous for their textiles and crafts. The tour will then visit the La Azotea Cultural Center where you will enjoy a guided visit through the coffee farm and through the Traditional Mayan Music Museum K'Ojom. After enjoying a great cup of coffee, the tour will visit the Historic Center of Antigua, declared by UNESCO "Heritage of Humanity", starting with the Central Park and then visiting the principal city monuments. The tour will travel back to Guatemala in the afternoon.

Prices per person in US dollars:

From 4 to 6 people \$85.00

From 7 to 12 people \$68.00

From 13 to 17 people \$55.00

Prices include: printed program, transport with a tour guide (Spanish language) and tickets for venues.

Does not include: personal expenses, tips, food, and other services not previously mentioned.

2.- Climbing To The Pacaya Volcano

In the morning we will be heading to the southern coast to ascend the Pacaya Volcano (2,500 msnm), which is an impressive active Strombolian-type volcano, that is, it throws up ash, water vapor and small stones known as "lapilli". The Pacaya Volcano is one of the 33 volcanoes near Guatemala, located between the departments of Escuintla and Guatemala. When we arrive at the town of San Vicente de Pacaya, we will travel through the village of El Cedro until we reach San Francisco de Sales. This is where we will begin the 1.5 hour ascent of the volcano and continue until we arrive at a location where previous rivers of lava have dried all the surrounding vegetation. After the descent, we will return to the City of Guatemala.

Prices per person in US dollars:

From 4 to 6 people \$80.00

From 7 to 12 people \$65.00

From 13 to 17 people \$48.00

Prices include: printed program, transport with a tour guide (Spanish language) and tickets for venues.

Do not include: personal expenses, tips, food, and other services not previously mentioned.

3.- Colorful Altiplano, A Beautiful Lake and Volcanoes - "Lake Of Atitlán"

Enjoy an extraordinary landscape of the Guatemalan highlands on the way to one of the most beautiful lakes in the world: Atitlán. Travel by boat to one of the twelve indigenous peoples that surround the lake of "Santiago Atitlán". There you will have the opportunity to meet with one of the most representative cultures of this town - Tzutuhil: the veneration of the Saint of Maximón. In Panajachel, enjoy free time to rest on the shore of the lake and admire the unparalleled views of the volcanoes, or to explore the main street full of colorful crafts. In the afternoon, we will return to Guatemala City.

Prices per person in US dollars:

From 4 to 6 people \$80.00

From 7 to 12 people \$60.00

From 13 to 17 people \$45.00

Prices include: printed program, transport with a tour guide (Spanish language)

Does not include: personal expenses, tips, food, and other services not previously mentioned.

4.- Indigenous Market "Chichicastenango"

(ONLY THURSDAY OR SUNDAY)

In the morning, we will depart from Guatemala City by the Pan-American route to the Guatemalan Altiplano to visit the colorful Chichicastenango, an indigenous village where

there is still a thriving Mayan culture. This indigenous market is one of the more colorful, showy and authentic markets that is established in Latin America. You will have the opportunity to visit the St. Thomas Church and indulge in a lunch buffet. In the afternoon we will return to the City of Guatemala.

Prices per person in US dollars:

From 4 to 6 people \$100.00

From 7 to 12 people \$85.00

From 13 to 17 people \$65.00

Prices include: printed program, transport with a tour guide (Spanish language) and lunch.

Does not include: personal expenses, tips, drinks, and other services not previously mentioned.

5.- Adventure in the Heart of the Mayan World - "Tikal" (1 day travel from Guatemala City)

Located in the northern part of Guatemala, El Petén was the home of the great Mayan Civilization. This region witnessed the rise and fall of this ancestral culture, described as a very advanced stratified society that lived in harmony with nature. The Mayans were exceptional astronomers and mathematicians; they developed, among other feats, a complex writing system. They were also very skilled in the arts, carving and architecture, as well as managing to establish a large commercial network from the North of Mexico to Costa Rica. The rise and fall of this great civilization still follows a great enigma.

In the morning, you will be transferred from your hotel to the airport to board your flight to Flores, Petén. At the airport, you will be received and transferred to the Tikal National Park, declared "Cultural and Natural Heritage of Humanity" by UNESCO. This majestic Mayan city is considered one of the largest and monumental of all the sites discovered in the Mayan World. Here you will enjoy a guided walking tour of the most important squares, monuments and temples, also enjoying the tropical forest - habitat to hundreds of exotic birds and a wide variety of wild animals. After lunch, you will visit the

museums and then be transferred to the airport to board the return flight to Guatemala City. After your arrival, transfer to your hotel will be provided.

Prices per person in US dollars:

From 4 to 6 people \$100.00

From 7 to 12 people \$85.00

From 13 to 17 people \$65.00

Prices include: printed program, transport with a tour guide (Spanish language); flight from GUA to FRS & back to GUA (subject to change), tickets and lunch at the Campestre in Tikal.

Does not include: personal expenses, other services not previously mentioned, airport taxes for local flight.