

GeoTours Guatemala JULY 1-9, 2011 – \$750 (not including international airfare) Organized by Matt Ebner WWW.GEOTOURS.US

Fri 7/1/11 – Depart USA and Arrive Guatemala; Guatemala City to Antigua (45 minutes driving time on the bus)

Fly TACA (or LACSA) to Los Angeles, arriving in Guatemala early around 6 or 7 am
Drive 45 minutes to Antigua, old colonial capital, located below Volcan Agua (volcano)
Antigua is one of the most pleasant towns of Latin America
Pleasant temperatures (5000' elevation)
Beautiful colonial-era buildings and cobblestone streets
Good restaurants and shopping with very good prices

Walking tour of Antigua

Night #1 – Antigua – Hotel Aurora, with rooms around a beautiful courtyard



Sat 7/2/10 – Antigua

Full day in Antigua or arrival day for some in the group if they left on Friday night

Saturday is market day in Antigua, very active in the morning

Time to soak up the ambience of Antigua

Option to do a hike up active Volcano Pacaya (medium difficulty) with a group

Can ride a horse partway up. Might get close to flowing lava! 7-hour tour leaves at 2 pm

Night #2 – Antigua – Hotel Aurora



CHICHICASTENANGO

Sun 7/3/10 – Antigua – Chichicastenango – Panajachel on Lake Atitlan (3 hours on the bus)

Depart Antigua at 7 am for Chichicastenango (2 hours)

Sunday is market day in Chichicastenango

One of the most famous and colorful markets in Latin America

Depart for Lake Atitlan in late morning

Stop in village of Santa Maria Visitacion for a fiesta

Atitlan Nature Reserve has nice trails, forest, monkeys, and option to go ziplining (\$19)

Lake Atitlan is a caldera lake (like Crater Lake in Oregon or Lake Taupo in New Zealand)

Surrounded by volcanoes and villages with traditional Mayan culture

Oftentimes called one of the world's most beautiful lakes

Pleasant temperatures due to 5000' elevation (mid-70s)

Night #1 in Panajachel, on Lake Atitlan



Mon 7/4/11 – Panajachel & Lake Atitlan (No driving today)

Take a boat (15 minutes) to village of Santa Cruz

Hour walk along the lake to Jaibalito

Great views across the lake to 3 volcanoes

Boat from Jaibalito to Santiago Atitlan

Visit the pagan shrine for Maximon

Night #2 in Panajachel, on Lake Atitlan



HACIENDA TIJAX

Tue 7/5/11 – Panajachel – Guatemala City – Rio Dulce (8 hours on the bus; our longest day)

Long drive to Rio Dulce

Night #1- **Hacienda Tijax, Rio Dulce** on the river amidst mangroves and jungle; nice pool

Wed 7/6/11 – Day trip around Rio Dulce (2-3 hours on the bus)

Sunrise option to go kayaking amidst the mangroves or walking in the rainforest

Castillo de San Felipe, a Spanish castle built to fight British pirates

El Boqueron - river trip (20-30 minutes on the water) through a canyon in a dugout canoe

Can swim/float back down the river (about a half mile)

Finca El Paraiso Hot Waterfall (into a cool river) – bring your swimming suit and towel

Night #2 - Hacienda Tijax, Rio Dulce



Thu 7/7/11 – Rio Dulce to El Remate; 6 hours on the bus

Drive Rio Dulce – El Remate, check into hotel (4 hours driving time)

Visit ancient Maya city of Tikal with English-speaking guide to Tikal

One of the greatest ancient cities of the Americas; will walk about 2 miles

Night #1 – El Remate – Casa de Don David, located on Lake Peten Itza

Fri 7/8/11 – Tikal – Coban (5 hours on the bus)

Drive to Coban (5 hours)

En route we visit Bombil Pek, a very impressive cave, 40-minute walk from the road

Wear good shoes and bring headlamp or flashlight; clothes might get dirty

Entrance to the cave is at the bottom of a deep sinkhole

Hike down steep, dirt (muddy?) steps; bring a walking stick if possible

Or can descend by rappelling 280' on a rope (no experience required)

Night #1 in Coban at centrally located La Posada

Sat 7/9/11 – Coban – Guatemala City – Antigua (5 hours on the bus)

Travel back to Guatemala City and Antigua for final afternoon (5 hours driving time)

Antigua - last chance to go shopping; Nim Pot closes at 5 pm

Depart Guatemala City in the evening; arrive LAX around midnight



Registration Form - GeoTours Trip to Guatemala: July 1 – July 9, 2011

CONTACT: Matt Ebner, Trip Organizer, (888) 496-8676, mattebner@geotours.us

REGISTRATION/PAYMENT PROCEDURE

1. Submit this form with a \$200 check to GeoTours (address below). You should keep a photocopy of this completed form.
2. Second payment of \$200 is due April 1.
3. Final payment is due on May 1
4. Payments made after March 1 will be assessed a \$50 late fee.
5. Payments should be made payable to GeoTours LLC and sent to:

GeoTours
427 Larkin Drive
Covina, CA 91722

SPECIAL DISCOUNTS!
Sign up for the Guatemala trip with your \$200 deposit by February 1 and receive a \$25 discount off the program price. GeoTours alumni receive an additional discount of \$25 multiplied by the number of GeoTours trip they have done previously.

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION (Please print clearly and use your precise name as it appears, or will appear, on your passport)

First Name _____ Last Name _____ Gender: _____

Address _____ City, State _____ Zip _____

Are you a US citizen? Yes ___ No, I am a citizen of _____ Passport # _____ Date of Birth _____

Email Address _____

Home Phone (_____) _____ Cell Phone (_____) _____

ACCOMMODATION REQUEST The program price is based on double occupancy. A single room incurs a supplement.

Please check one: Sharing a twin/double room _____ Single Room (+\$250) _____

Please circle one: Non-smoking _____ Smoking _____ Do you object to a roommate smoking? Yes _____ No _____

Name of preferred roommate (if any) _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT

Name _____ Relationship _____

Address _____ City, State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone (_____) _____ Cell (_____) _____ Email Address _____

Cancellations

In order to cancel your participation in the tour, you need to inform GeoTours in writing. Cancellation date is the day when GeoTours has received your written cancellation notice.

Date of Cancellation	Cancellation Penalty	Date of Cancellation	Cancellation Penalty
On or before January 31	No penalty; full refund	April 1-30, 2011	\$300
February 1-28, 2011	\$100	May 1-31, 2011	\$400
March 1-31, 2010	\$200	After June 1, 2011	No Refund

Responsibility

The program participant agrees that GeoTours LLC assumes no liability whatsoever for loss of property, injury, accident, illness, death, irregularity and delays during the duration of the tour. In addition, the program participant agrees to hold GeoTours LLC harmless for damage and delay due to equipment problems, quarantine, declared or undeclared war and insurrection, terrorist and criminal activity, revolt, civil disturbance, hostility, military action, strikes, labor unrest, any "act of God" or nature and for any act of any third party. The participant, by registering for this tour, agrees that GeoTours LLC is not responsible for delay, rerouting, omission and additional expense resulting from the passenger's improper travel documents such as passport, visa and health document. Any losses and expenses related to such circumstances are within the responsibility of the program participants and not of GeoTours LLC. GeoTours LLC is not responsible for acts of any government authority. GeoTours LLC reserves the right to adjust itinerary and contents and to substitute accommodation providers as deemed necessary. GeoTours LLC reserves the right to accept or decline any person as a program participant as well as to refuse to retain any participant's membership in the program. By registering for this tour, the participant agrees to all such terms and conditions.

I have carefully read and agree to the regulations above.

Participant Signature _____

Date _____

Travel arrangements by GeoTours LLC, CST # 2099683-40; www.geotours.us
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NOTES: Departamentos that are not labeled have the same name as their Capitals.
 Guatemala asserts historical claims to Belize and shows it as a Departamento on its official government maps.

Guatemala

- National capital
- Departamento capital
- Secondary city
- International border
- Departamento border
- Primary road
- Railroad

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