

COMPLETE ITINERARY

12 DAYS 11 NIGHTS

GUATEMALA HIGHLIGHTS

2021

A special adventure meeting the wildlife and visiting the locations filmed in Wild Guatemala

IMPORTANT SYMBOLS





Guatemala Nature has approved these sites as **safe**, this symbol means that they meet our and the government's biosafety rules.

We support the sustainable development model by working with the communities that do tourism.

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BIOSAFETY MEASURES

As a company we are preparing ourselves to provide the best service and comply with international safety and hygiene standards. Accordingly, the following measures are taken:

- Private group
- Transportation capacity at 50%
 - o Constant disinfection to ascertain hygiene
- Hygiene kit provided by us + supplies
- Mandatory use of masks indoors and inside vehicles
- Frequent hand washing with 70% gel or soap
- Taking constant temperature + daily record
- Reinforce the social distancing of the group (minimum 1.5 meters away)
- Guides certified by INGUAT, which comply with the hygiene standards imposed by INGUAT and endorsed by Guatemala Nature
- COVID-19 Case Management Protocol



ANTIGUA GUATEMALA















Antigua is renowned for its Spanish colonial buildings and its impressive encircling volcanoes. During your time here, you'll hike the slopes of an active volcano and search for wildlife in renowned coffee farm, *Finca El Pilar*.

Day 1

Tuesday, November 16th 2021

- Welcome our guests in Guatemala City Airport. Immediately head to Antigua.
- Stay at Casa Santo Domingo Hotel. Enjoy a Welcome dinner with TV presenter Nigel Marven and your guides.

Day 2

Wednesday, November 17th 2021

- Morning transfer to <u>Finca El Pilar</u> for stunning views of the volcanic landscape and to explore a magical forest that's home arboreal aligator lizards, salamanders found nowhere else on earth and special hummingbirds the Rufous Saberwing and Wine-throated Hummer.
- Lunch at Antigua Guatemala and in the afternoon rest or do a walking tour
- Early dinner and then return to El Pillar for night Expedition, our first chance for Kinkajous and Cacamistles.
- At midnight, transfer to Pacaya Volcano
- Stay at Casa Santo Domingo Hotel









Thursday, November 18th 2021

- Midnight to morning a spectacular hike close to the summit of the <u>Pacaya volcano</u> to view flowing lava glowing in the dark and then in the afternoon tour around Antigua Villages.
- Stay at <u>Casa Santo Domingo Hotel</u>.









PLACES TO VISIT











LOS TARRALES NATURAL RESERVE







At Los Tarrales Natural Reserve, hunting has been banned for four generations. Located at the foot of Volcan Atitlan, this 2800 acre nature reserve is a haven for wildlife and coffee lovers. It's perfectly located for visits to Lake Atitlan and municipal park Rey Tepepul. We'll travel to the lovely Los Tarrales Eco Lodge to see White-tailed Deer, Central American Agoutis and White-nosed Coatis. The fruit feeders will be busy with White-belied Chachalacas, orioles and Mot-mots. We'll search for Black-and-White, Mottled and Crested Owls and some of the 300 species of butterfly that live there. Nigel and the guides will be on the hunt for snakes and frogs. On a night safari, we'll spotlight for Kinkajous and Cacomistles.







- We'll travel to the lovely Tarrales eco-lodge were we can see many species <u>White-collared Seedeaters</u>, <u>Golden-fronted Woodpeckers</u>, <u>Masked Tityra</u>, <u>Social Flycatcher</u>, <u>Sulphur-bellied Flycatcher</u>, <u>Clay-colored Robin</u>, <u>Blue-gray Tanger</u>, <u>Tropical Kingbird</u>.
- We can also appreciate the <u>exotic flower plantation</u> including the collection of different Heliconia species.





Saturday, November 20th 2021

- Today we can decide on a big or easy hike around the trails on the farm. The big hike
 will be an early morning strenuous climb on the slope of the Atitlan Volcano. We'll
 search for the legendary <u>Horned Guan</u> that are monitored in the humid mountain
 forest. We also have a good chance of seeing <u>Hawk Eagles</u>, <u>King Vultures</u>, <u>Azure-rumped Tanagers</u> and <u>Blue-tailed Hummingbirds</u>.
- After lunch, we'll go back to Tarrales.



Sunday, November 21rst 2021

- In the morning we will transfer to the <u>Municipal Park of Rey Tepepul</u> where you can spot the magnificent <u>Resplendent Quetzal</u>, <u>rare Azure-rumped Tanager</u>, <u>charming Belted Flycatcher the colourful Emerald Tucanet</u> plus there's magnificent views of Lake Atitlan.
- In the afternoon we cross the Lake to <u>Panajachel</u> by boat as Nigel did in the opening scenes of *Wild Guatemala*.
- We arrive at the airport to take the domestic flight to <u>Flores</u>, <u>Peten</u> and transfer to <u>Yaxha El Sombrero Eco-lodge</u>.









NATIONAL PARK YAXHÁ-NAKUM-NARANJO / TIKAL

















Petén is known for having important sites of the Mayan civilization, like National Park Yaxhá and Tikal. Both are located in the heart of the Mayan Biosphere Reserve, where you can see wild creatures and experience the ancient Mayan culture. Near these sites, Ecolodge El Sombrero offers travelers a rustic experience in the heart of the Guatemalan jungle, where you can see wild animals and enjoy nature and the ancient Mayan culture.

Day 7



Monday, November 22nd 2021

- Early morning start to go to Nakum, the archaeological site
- In the afternoon go through <u>Yaxhá</u> to see the spectacular Sunset, where you get to see the impressive view over the rainforest canopy.
- Stay at <u>El Sombreo Eco-lodge</u>, where there are many <u>Morelett's Crocodiles</u> that are floating in the blear water. Up to eight species of heron and egret can be seen foraging in the shallow water.
- After sunset the lodge can be visited by grey fox and other nocturnal mammals.





Tuesday, November 23rd 2021

• <u>Tikal National Park</u> offers you the experience of sight-seeing iconic species of birds, some of them 'are' endemic. Other wildlife could include <u>Howler and Spider monkeys</u>, <u>Coatis, Mexican Tree Porcupines and Boa Constrictors</u>.



Wednesday, November 24th 2021

- Early, misty morning crossing the <u>lake Yaxhá</u>. Visit <u>Topoxte Archaeological site</u>, where we can see <u>Howler and Spider Monkeys</u>, and many birds including colorful <u>Trogons</u>, <u>Scaly-breasted Hummingbirds and Keel-billed Toucans</u>.
- Ascend <u>temple 216</u> to view of <u>Mealy Parrots</u>, <u>Red-lored Parrots</u>, <u>White-fronted Parrots</u>, <u>Collared Aracaris</u>, <u>Plumbeous Kites Pale-billed Woodpeckers</u>, <u>Slaty-tailed Trogons</u>, <u>Ocellated Turkey and Jabiru Storks</u>.
- After, we'll begin the transfer to Estación Biológica Las Guacamayas (EBG).



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ESTACIÓN BIOLÓGICA LAS GUACAMAYAS







Estación Biológica is located in the Laguna del Tigre; it plays a fundamental role in the conservation of the Maya Biosphere Reserve due to its great natural and archaeological biodiversity. It was a real highlight for Nigel filming for Wild Guatemala and he's really looking forward to going back.



Day 10

Thursday, November 25th 2021

- <u>Las Guacamayas Biological Station</u>, is surrounded by tropical rain forest and is home to <u>Scarlet Macaw</u>, <u>Jaguars and Tapirs</u> as well as a great variety of reptiles and amphibians.
- These are also mixed wetlands in the upper basin of the river San Pedro Martir which play a fundamental role in the regulation the hydro-biological cycle, crucial to maintaining the reserves of the country's largest source of freshwater.

Day 11

Friday, November 26th 2021



- Trek to Waca Perú, archaeological site to have another extraordinary day. Here, <u>Scarlet Macaws</u> can be seen in the wild.
- Farewell dinner with TV presenter Nigel Marven and your new friends at Las Guacamayas Biological Station.



Saturday, November 27th 2021

• Early morning transfer to the Mundo Maya Airport to start your trip back home.







