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Guatemala Land of Volcanoes December 2025

Dec 6, 2025 - Dec 16, 2025

Trip Summary

December 6 - Saturday

Check in at Barceló Guatemala City - Barceló Guatemala City

December 7 - Sunday

9:00 AM Check out from Barceló Guatemala City - Barceló Guatemala City
 9:00 AM Head to Lake Atitlan
 12:00 PM Lunch in Tecpan
 1:00 PM Quick stop at Iximche
 4:00 PM Check in at Hotel & Restaurant Bambu
 Dinner at Hotel

December 8 - Monday

Breakfast at Hotel
 10:00 AM Explore San Juan La Laguna
 Kaqasiwaan Viewpoint
 Mayan Bees
 Lunch at Raul's Home
 Chocolate Tour
 Textile Demonstration
 Dinner at Hotel Bambu

December 9 - Tuesday

Breakfast at hotel
 11:00 AM Check out from Hotel & Restaurant Bambu
 11:00 AM Drive to Antigua Guatemala
 2:00 PM Check in at El Carmen Hotel - Hotel El Carmen
 Visit the Central Market
 Visit the Santa Catalina Arch
 Walk to the Central Plaza
 Dinner in Guatelaria
 OPTIONAL: Rum Tasting

December 10 - Wednesday

Breakfast included in hotel stay
 Visit Hobbitenango
 Lunch in Hobbitenango
 Visit Cerro La Cruz
 OPTIONAL: Visit Covento Santa Clara
 Dinner

December 11 - Thursday

Breakfast included with hotel stay
 9:00 AM Coffee Farm Tour at Finca la Azotea
 11:00 AM Check out from El Carmen Hotel - Hotel El Carmen
 1:00 PM OPTIONAL: Head to Volcan de Fuego
 Check in at Volcano Base Camp Cabin

December 12 - Friday

Breakfast at Hotel in Antigua or Volcano

8:00 AM Breakfast & descend from volcano

1:00 PM Earth Lodge Temazcal Sauna

Lunch at Earth Lodge

3:00 PM Drive to GUA Airport

6:00 PM Fly to Flores

Check in at Hotel Isla de Flores

Dinner at Hotel

December 13 - Saturday

Breakfast at Hotel

9:00 AM A Day to Discover Tikal

3:00 PM Lunch at Hotel y Restaurante El Muelle

Return to Flores

Dinner in Flores

December 14 - Sunday

10:00 AM Fire & Cacao Mayan Ceremony in Yaxha

3:00 PM Tour of Yaxha

Return to Flores

December 15 - Monday

Leisurely morning to explore Flores

11:00 AM Check Out of Hotel Casona de la Isla

11:00 AM Catamaran Tour on the Lake

6:30 PM Fly back to Guatemala City

9:00 PM Check in at Barceló Guatemala City - Barceló Guatemala City

December 16 - Tuesday

8:00 AM Breakfast included with hotel stay

11:00 AM Check out from Barceló Guatemala City - Barceló Guatemala City

Head to GUA Airport

December 6 - Saturday



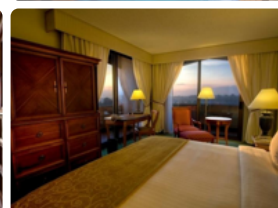
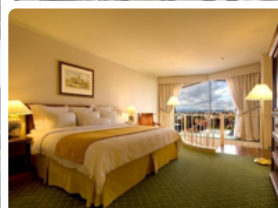
Check in at Barceló Guatemala City

Location

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Facilities

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Barceló Guatemala City

7a Avenida 15-45, Guatemala City, Guatemala

December 7 - Sunday



CHECK-OUT 9:00 AM - Central Standard Time

Check out from Barceló Guatemala City



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DEPARTURE 9:00 AM - Central Standard Time

Head to Lake Atitlan

Dubbed as "one of the most beautiful lakes in the world" by National Geographic, Lake Atitlán is a body of water in a massive volcanic crater in Guatemala's southwestern highlands. Ringed by steep, verdant hills, it's known for its Mayan villages and volcanoes with striking pointed cones.



12:00 PM - Central Standard Time

Lunch in Tecpan

Enjoy your first traditional lunch in Guatemala! Lunch not included in travel package.



1:00 PM - Central Standard Time

Quick stop at Iximche

Iximche' is a Pre-Columbian Mesoamerican archaeological site in the western highlands of Guatemala. Iximche was the capital of the Late Postclassic Kaqchikel Maya kingdom from 1470 until its abandonment in 1524. The architecture of the site included a number of pyramid-temples, palaces and two Mesoamerican ballcourts.



CHECK-IN 4:00 PM - Central Standard Time

Check in at Hotel & Restaurant Bambu

Location

This hotel welcomes guests in Santiago Atitlán.

Facilities

The hotel has a reception desk and features 11 rooms. Services such as a baggage storage service and a safe ensure a comfortable stay. Wireless internet access (no extra charge) is provided to guests. The tour desk offers assistance with booking excursions. The hotel has wheelchair-accessible facilities. A garden provides extra space for rest and relaxation in the open air. Parking spaces are available to guests traveling by car (no extra charge). Other services include a childcare service, a transfer service, room service (limited hours) and a coin-operated laundry. The conference room is available for conferences, lectures and meetings.



Dinner at Hotel

Enjoy dinner at the hotel with a view of Lake Atitlan. Dinner not included in travel package

December 8 - Monday



Breakfast at Hotel

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel. Breakfast not included in travel package.



10:00 AM -

Explore San Juan La Laguna

San Juan La Laguna is a Mayan town full of **artisans**. The town itself is a piece of art. Between the murals, the paintings, textiles, leatherwork, sculptures, pottery and art installments, anywhere you look is a visual feast. We will meet our local guide Raul, who will take us on a tour around his hometown.



Kaqasiwaan Viewpoint

This is a 30-minute scenic hike that would reward you with a 360-degree view of Lake Atitlan and the surrounding volcanoes.



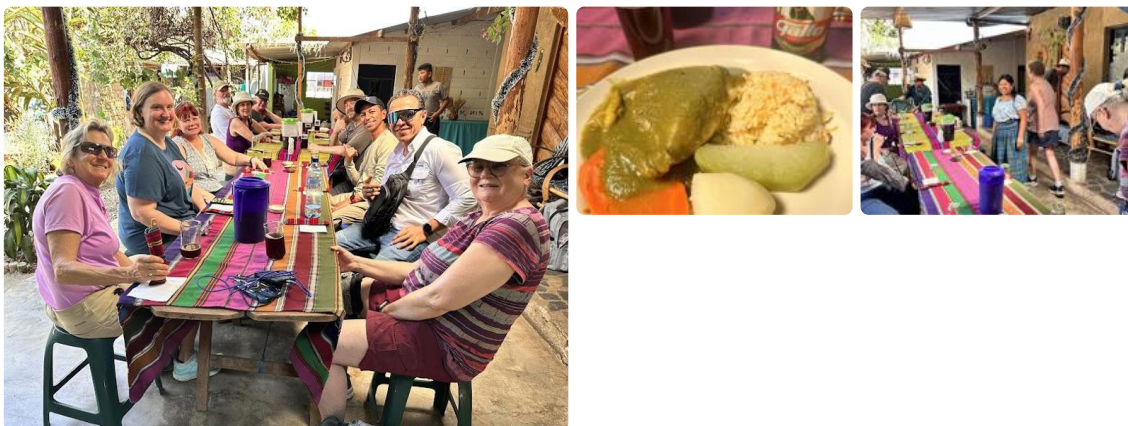
Mayan Bees

Learn and sample honey from the Mayan bees!



Lunch at Raul's Home

After visiting the Mayan Bees, we will head over to Raul's house and enjoy a delicious lunch prepared by his family! Lunch is included in the travel package.



Chocolate Tour

You'll gain in-depth knowledge about the historical and cultural significance of chocolate in Guatemala. This includes learning about the Mayan origins of chocolate, traditionally known as the "food of the gods," and how it was used in various forms by ancient civilizations.



Textile Demonstration

Learn about the local textiles and how they are made.



Dinner at Hotel Bambu

Head back to hotel for dinner (cost not included in travel package).

December 9 - Tuesday



Breakfast at hotel

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel with views of the lake! Breakfast not included in travel package.



CHECK-OUT 11:00 AM - Central Standard Time

Check out from Hotel & Restaurant Bambu



DEPARTURE 11:00 AM - Central Standard Time

Drive to Antigua Guatemala

The city was the capital of the Captaincy General of Guatemala from 1543 through 1773, with much of its Baroque-influenced architecture and layout dating from that period. These characteristics had it designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1979. Antigua is surrounded by volcanoes and it's renowned for its Spanish colonial buildings.



CHECK-IN 2:00 PM - Central Standard Time

Check in at El Carmen Hotel

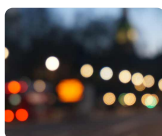
Location

This hotel is located in Antigua.

Facilities

A 2-minute walk from downtown's Plaza, this quaint, Colonial-style hotel is also a 3-minute walk from Catedral de Santiago and a 5-minute walk from the 17th-century Arco de Santa Catalina.

This hotel offers complimentary rooftop breakfast with amazing views of surrounding mountains and volcanoes!



Hotel El Carmen

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Visit the Central Market

Mercado Central is the main market in Antigua Guatemala and a bustling hub of activity. Here, you can find a wide variety of goods, from fresh produce to textiles and art. The market is divided into different sections, each offering a unique shopping experience.



Visit the Santa Catalina Arch

The Santa Catalina Arch is a prominent landmark in Antigua, Guatemala, known for its yellow and white color and its historical significance. Built in the 17th century, it was originally intended to connect the Santa Catalina convent to a school, allowing nuns to pass between the buildings without entering the street. The arch is a symbol of Antigua and a popular photo opportunity for tourists.



Walk to the Central Plaza

Take a 10-minute walk from the hotel and discover the central plaza of Antigua on your own!



Dinner in Guatemala

Dinner cost not included in travel package



OPTIONAL: Rum Tasting

After dinner, we can head over to La Casa del Ron (The House of Rum) for a rum tasting experience! Tasting fee not included in travel package.



December 10 - Wednesday



Breakfast included in hotel stay



Visit Hobbitenango

Set high in the hills above Antigua, **Hobbitenango** is an eco-friendly Hobbit-themed hotel and restaurant with spectacular views of the volcanoes.



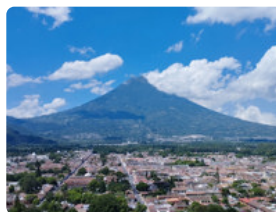
Lunch in Hobbitenango

Enjoy lunch at one of the restaurants in Hobbitenango while enjoying the views of the volcanoes and the valley below! Lunch cost not included in travel package.



Visit Cerro La Cruz

A hillside spot with a 1930s cross & sweeping views of Antigua Guatemala, including an unobstructed view of Volcan Agua.



OPTIONAL: Visit Covento Santa Clara

Time permitting, we will make a quick stop to see the remains of a large religious complex from the early 1700s featuring a church with an ornate facade.



Dinner

Dinner cost not included in travel package

December 11 - Thursday



Breakfast included with hotel stay



9:00 AM - Central Standard Time

Coffee Farm Tour at Finca la Azotea

Community, culture and nature on a 150-year-old coffee farm. Fun activities and various places to drink coffee and chocolate in a beautiful green environment. This is also a good place to buy coffee for gifts!





CHECK-OUT 11:00 AM - Central Standard Time

Check out from El Carmen Hotel

Check out if climbing volcano or stay an extra night.



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1:00 PM - Central Standard Time

OPTIONAL: Head to Volcan de Fuego

We will climb Acatenango where we will have full view of Volcan de Fuego and hopefully see some eruptions right from base camp! the first part of the journey will be in pick-up trucks that will take us within 60 minutes of base camp. The last part of the trek is moderate with several areas of loose gravel especially the last part reaching the base camp. Good to excellent physical state is advised for this part of the adventure.



Check in at Volcano Base Camp Cabin

Rustic cabins stay at volcano Acatenango base camp at 11,811 ft altitude.



December 12 - Friday



Breakfast at Hotel in Antigua or Volcano

Breakfast at hotel for those that stayed in Antigua, OR breakfast at volcano base camp. Breakfast included in travel package.



8:00 AM -

Breakfast & descend from volcano

- 04:00AM Summit hike Acatenango Volcano for sunrise (or stay at base camp and watch the sunset from there)
- 07:00AM Breakfast
- 08:00AM Descend starts
- 10:00AM Departure to Antigua

- 11:00-12:00 Arrival to Antigua



1:00 PM -

Earth Lodge Temazcal Sauna

Temazcal translates as "house of heat". A Mayan Temazcal is an igloo shaped sweat lodge made of volcanic rock, mud and cement. In the ancient Maya world, the Temazcal was used as part of a curative ceremony to purify the body after exertion or for healing the sick and improving health. The Temazcal is wood-heated, and water is poured over heated volcanic stones to produce steam. Access to sauna and any spa treatments are not included in travel package.



Lunch at Earth Lodge

From craft coffee beverages to creative cocktails, our farm-to-table menu focuses on the tropical flavors of Guatemala. Lunch cost not included in travel package.



DEPARTURE 3:00 PM -

Drive to GUA Airport

Head to the airport in Guatemala City to catch flight to Flores Peten.



DEPARTURE 6:00 PM -

Fly to Flores

Take a domestic flight to Flores Peten on our way to Tikal National Park.

IMPORTANT NOTE: We will ask everyone to only take a personal item (backpack) and a 20lb luggage on this part of the trip. The rest of your luggage will be securely stored at a hotel in Guatemala City.



Check in at Hotel Isla de Flores

Hotel Casona de la Isla offers a tranquil retreat with breakfast, a soothing spa tub, and an outdoor pool.



Dinner at Hotel

Dinner cost not included in travel package.

December 13 - Saturday



Breakfast at Hotel

Breakfast is included in travel package.



9:00 AM -

A Day to Discover Tikal

Tikal is an ancient Mayan citadel in the rainforests of northern Guatemala. Its iconic ruins of temples and palaces include the giant, ceremonial Lost World (Mundo Perdido) Pyramid and the Temple of the Grand Jaguar. At 70 meters, Temple IV is the tallest pre-Columbian structure in the Americas.



3:00 PM -

Lunch at Hotel y Restaurante El Muelle

After touring Tikal, we will head to El Remate for lunch and also for a quick dip in the lake! Don't forget your swimsuit! Lunch cost not included in travel package.



Return to Flores



Dinner in Flores

Dinner cost not included in travel package.

December 14 - Sunday



10:00 AM -

Fire & Cacao Mayan Ceremony in Yaxha

Travel to Yaxha for a Mayan Ceremony. The Cacao ceremony is an ancestral and spiritual symbol of the Mayan & Aztec traditions. Using Cacao as a sacred tool, these ceremonies promote meditation, healing and personal connection in a serene environment in an ancient altar in Tikal. Using pure ceremonial Cacao, we prepare the drink and ingest it consciously paying attention to the sensations it produces in the body, mind and emotions, allowing its psychoactive emotional benefits to take action. After drinking the Cacao, we immersed ourselves deeply into meditation accompanied by healing musical instruments and dances. The cacao opens our hearts, intensifying emotional connection and fostering love and gratitude! Please note the drink is pure Cacao and does not have any Psilocybin compounds or any other medicines added to it and will not produce a psychedelic trip. The sacred fire ceremony will invite us to reflect on our connection with ourselves and humanity, fostering unity and harmony. Fire, a transforming element, guides us towards the materialization of our dreams and gratitude. During the ceremony, we can access a clear and profound state of consciousness and contemplate life with love, peace and harmony.



3:00 PM -

Tour of Yaxha

Yaxhá is a Mesoamerican archaeological site in the northeast of the Petén Basin in modern-day Guatemala. As a ceremonial center of the pre-Columbian Maya civilization, Yaxha was the third largest city in the region and experienced its maximum power during the Early Classic period (c. AD 250–600). The city was located on a ridge overlooking Lake Yaxha. The name of the city derives from the Mayan for "blue-green water"; it is a notable survival of a Classic period place-name into the modern day. The Yaxha kingdom is estimated to have covered an area of 237 square kilometers (92 sq mi) and to have had a peak population of 42,000 in the Late Classic period of Mesoamerican chronology.



Return to Flores

After witnessing the sunset, we will then head back to the hotel in Flores.

December 15 - Monday



Leisurely morning to explore Flores

Free morning to stroll around the island and do some shopping! Flores is a beautiful little town on a man-made island on Lake Peten Itza. As well as being a picturesque and charming destination in its own right, Flores is also the main base for visitors wishing to explore the region's key Mayan sites. Breakfast and Lunch not included with travel package.



CHECK-OUT 11:00 AM - Central Standard Time
Check Out of Hotel Casona de la Isla



11:00 AM - Central Standard Time
Catamaran Tour on the Lake

We will spend the afternoon on a catamaran on lake Peten Itza. The Catamaran will take us to a beach park where we can take a swim and have a farewell carne asada lunch!



DEPARTURE 6:30 PM - Central Standard Time
Fly back to Guatemala City

Return to Guatemala City to catch flight back to USA the next day.



CHECK-IN 9:00 PM - Central Standard Time
Check in at Barceló Guatemala City
Location

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December 16 - Tuesday



8:00 AM - Central Standard Time
Breakfast included with hotel stay



CHECK-OUT 11:00 AM - Central Standard Time
Check out from Barceló Guatemala City



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Head to GUA Airport
Head to the airport to catch your flight back to USA.