

GUATEMALA

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The Tenango Tour

12 night itinerary

Antigua - 1 night • Lake Atitlán - 1 night

Chichicastenango - 1 night • Antigua - 2 nights

Copán - 1 night • Guatemala City - 1 night

Jungle lodge - 1 night • Tikal - 2 nights • Antigua - 2 nights



Antigua preserves its traditional, colourful buildings

MAYAN CIVILISATION AND MARKETS

Guatemala is dotted with fabulous archaeological sites and picturesque colonial cities. Browse through the colourful Indian markets and scale the magnificent, soaring pyramids set in the lush rainforest.

Days 1-2 Departure flight Thursday to Guatemala City arriving in the evening. Transfer to your hotel in Antigua. Next morning we tour the town, walking its cobbled street and admiring the colonial buildings with interior courtyard and gardens. Afternoon drive to Panajachel, on the shores of magical Lake Atitlán. (B)

Days 3-4 Morning boat trip to the charming village of Santiago de Atitlán, nestled at the foot of three towering volcanoes, and visit the local market. Drive to Chichicastenango, overnight. Morning visit of the bustling Sunday market, where beautifully dressed locals come from far and wide to sell their colourful wares. Return to Antigua. (B)

Day 5 One day in Antigua, Guatemala's cultural centre, replete with museums and churches. Time is your own to explore, and browse the street markets. (B)

Day 6 Morning drive to the remarkable Mayan site of Quirigua, with large Stelae, Mayan stone sculptures. Continue to the impressive ruins of Copán, partly reclaimed from the jungle undergrowth, with sections still half-entangled in roots. We see the stelae with their intricately carved recordings of a bygone age, and take a nature trail to the minor ball court, in this mysterious jungle setting. Overnight at our hotel in the village of Copán. (B)

Day 7 Return to Guatemala City. (B)



Days 8-10 Fly to Flores and visit El Ceibal, an array of fine, well-preserved stone carvings, set amidst thick jungle. Continue to jungle lodge at Petexbatun lagoon. The following morning takes us to the Aguateca archaeological site, where the jungle still retains its grasp on the partially excavated ruins creating an atmosphere charged with mystery and mysticism. Afternoon transfer to our lodge at Tikal for two nights. (B,L,D)

Day 10 A full day excursion around the vast, magical Mayan site of Tikal. Guided along trails, we come across mighty temples which rise up above cloud-covered tropical forest, in an area of abundant wildlife. (B)

Days 11-13 Return to Antigua for a day at leisure. The following day we transfer to Guatemala City airport for our return flight home, arriving the following day, Wednesday, Day 14. (B)

The Tenango Tour departs Thursday, returns Wednesday - 14 days including 12 nights' accommodation and breakfast (B), all flights (1 overnight), transfers, excursions, transport and meals as shown.

PRIVATE INDIVIDUAL TOURS

Departures every Thursday throughout the year

	First	
	1 Single	2 Sharing
No. of travellers	Traveller	Double
Seasons	1Jan-30Jun, 2Sep-16Dec	£4997 £3449
	1Jul-1Sep, 17Dec-31Dec	£5148 £3565

Prices per person including transatlantic flights direct on IBERIA airlines (IB), and taxes payable in the UK.

Flight departures from London Heathrow airport. Please enquire for connections from other UK regional airports.

Own Room Option when Travelling Together - add £411

IBERIA Business Class upgrade on transatlantic flights £2469 in Low Season and £2353 in High Season

TAILOR-MADE SERVICE: We can prepare a personalised itinerary to fulfil your individual requirements.

PRICES for 4 days • 3 nights

NO OF TRAVELLERS	1	2
PALACIO DE DOÑA LEONOR All year	£383	£192
CASA ENCANTADA All year	£397	£230
EL MESON DE MARIA All year	£301	£161
CASA PALOPO All year	£1329	£693
HOTEL ATITLAN All year	£633	£338
JUNGLE LODGE All year	£375	£317
LA LANCHAS All year	£1118	£621

All prices are per person including transfers, accommodation, breakfast, tax and service charge.

GUATEMALA'S HIGHLIGHTS & HOTELS

ANTIGUA



Casa Encantada **First**



La Antigua Guatemala is a city in the central highlands of Guatemala famous for its well-preserved Spanish Mudéjar-influenced Baroque architecture as well as a number of spectacular ruins of colonial churches. It has been designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site and may be the most outstanding and best-preserved colonial city in Central America.

Excursions available:

- Guided Walking Tours of Antigua
- Mayan Textiles & Folk Art
- Easter processions & Festivals
- Colonial Antigua

Casa Encantada is a small, elegant hotel, located in the ancient city of Antigua. The breakfast-terrace and rooftop bar overlook the beautiful garden and small pool nestled in a private courtyard amidst hanging bougainvillea and blossoming flowers. All rooms are decorated with typical Guatemalan handicraft and textiles and all have private facilities.

Additional Hotels in Antigua: Don Rodrigo, Posada del Angel, Casa Santo Domingo, Mansión Panza Verde, Leyendas, Lions Inn

Palacio de Doña Leonor **Deluxe**



The hotel Palacio de Doña Leonor is located in an old colonial house in the heart of Antigua. It was completely refurbished in 2006 but kept the same charming colonial architectural style. Each of the 12 rooms is named after a historical figure from Antigua's past and is decorated in a different way still in keeping with the colonial theme of the hotel. There is a restaurant, outdoor lounge and courtyard.

El Convento **Deluxe**

Situated in front of the 18th century Capuchin convent, El Convento gracefully marries the ancient with the modern, combining artisanal brick vaulted ceilings, exposed stone walls and hand-crafted doors with the simple elegance of contemporary design. There are two grand suites, six suites and eleven junior suites. All offer cedar-beamed ceilings, sumptuous linens, some of them have a private garden and jacuzzi.

El Mesón de María

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Located in the heart of Antigua just a few steps from the main street La Calle Del Arco, El Mesón de María is a colonial style house that provides a relaxed atmosphere with personalised service provided by the same owners. There are 20 comfortable rooms, including two Queen Suites and one King Suite. All provide private facilities, safe and complimentary internet access.

LAKE ATITLAN



Surrounded by Volcanoes, Lake Atitlan is probably one of most enchanting lakes in the world. Small Mayan villages, each with its own personality and own language, dot the lake. The Indigenous women all wear their traditional hand woven fabrics "huipiles".

Excursions available:

- Explore the Lake Atitlan & Villages
- Chichicastenango Market (Sun or Thu)
- Maya God Maximon - Mayan Ceremony
- Volcano Chicabal Trekking
- Tonicapán City

Additional Hotels in Lake Atitlan: Panza Verde, Casona del Lago, Don Rodrigo Posada, Santiago Posada, Bambu, Villa Sumaya

Casa Palopo **Deluxe**

Located in Santa Catarina Palopo & near to Panajachel, Casa Palopo has four suites & four standard double rooms with private outdoor terraces with incredible views of the lake & volcanoes. The villa enjoys a private 50 feet long pool, spa, indoor and outdoor living and dining areas & library. By the pool there is an area of relaxation with outdoor fireplace for lounging in the evening.

Hotel Atitlan **First**

The Hotel Atitlan is nestled within an ancient coffee plantation and has large, beautifully landscaped gardens. All 65 rooms are individually decorated and contain furniture designed and crafted in the hotels own workshops. There is a pool with spectacular views over the lake & volcanoes. One of the highlights of this hotel are the well kept gardens with plants & exotic flowers.

TIKAL



Jungle Lodge **Tourist**

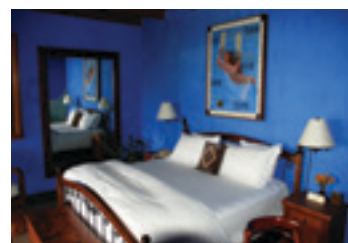
A family run lodge ideally situated within the Tikal National Park, offering the closest accommodation to the temples and pyramids. The spacious rooms have private bathrooms with hot water and (limited) electricity. High ceilings keep the rooms cool and each bungalow has its own small porch. There is a swimming pool, bar and dining area. Full board is included and one guided shared excursion of Tikal.

Nestled among the tropical rainforests Tikal is one of the largest archaeological sites and urban centers of the pre-Columbian Maya civilisation and was declared UNESCO world heritage site in 1979. Dating back to the 4th century BC, Tikal has been completely mapped and covers an area greater than 16 square kilometers that included about 3000 structures.

Excursions available:

- Ceibal Archaeological Site
- Tikal Archaeological Site
- Yaxha & Nakum Archaeological Site
- El Mirador Archaeological Site (helicopter)
- Lake Peten-Itza & Rainforest

Yaxha archeological site



La Lancha **First**

Overlooking the beautiful Lake Peten, it has ten thatched bungalows: four lakeside casitas, six rainforest casitas, all rustically decorated with local artifacts. Each spacious bedroom has private facilities and a balcony with hammocks. The restaurant serves local cuisine and there is a small swimming pool or you can take a dip in the lake's refreshing waters. Kayaking and fishing can be also be organised and Tikal is just a twenty-minute drive away.



Additional Hotels in Tikal: La Casona del Lago, Chiminos Lodge, Camino Real, Villa Maya, Petexbatun Lodge, Hotel Maya Internacional

