

# GUATEMALA

## The Tenango Tour

14 night itinerary

Antigua - 2 nights • Lake Atitlán - 2 nights

Chichicastenango - 1 night • Antigua - 2 nights

Copán - 1 night • Guatemala City - 1 night

Aguateca - 1 night • Tikal - 2 nights • Antigua - 2 nights

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Traditional colourful weavings

## MAYAN CIVILISATION AND MARKETS

**Fabulous archaeological sites, colourful weavings and picturesque colonial cities. Browse through colourful Indian markets and scale the magnificent, soaring pyramids set in the lush rainforest.**

**Days 1-2** Departure flight Tuesday to Guatemala City arriving in the evening. Transfer to your hotel in **Antigua**. Next morning we tour the town, walking its cobbled streets and admiring the colonial buildings with interior courtyard and gardens; time to explore the museums, markets, antique shops and cafes. (B)

**Days 3-4** Journey to Panajachel, on the shores of magical Lake Atitlán. Boat trip on the lake to the charming village of **Santiago de Atitlán**, nestled at the foot of three towering volcanoes, visit Solola market and walk along the lake shore (B)

**Day 5** Explore the lake and afternoon drive to **Chichicastenango** and overnight.

**Days 6-7** Morning visit of the bustling Sunday market, where beautifully dressed locals come from far and wide to sell their colourful wares. Return to **Antigua**. One day in **Antigua**, replete with museums and churches. Time is your own to explore (B)

**Days 8-9** 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. 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**. Return to **Guatemala City**. (B)



**Days 10-12** 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 12** 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 13-15** Return to **Antigua** for a day at leisure. Transfer to the airport for our return flight home, arriving the following day, **Wednesday**, Day 16. (B)

*The Tenango Tour* departs Tuesday, returns Wednesday - 16 days including 14 nights' accommodation and breakfast (B), all flights (1 overnight), transfers, excursions, transport and meals as shown. See pages 190 - 193 for further details of what is included.

### PRIVATE INDIVIDUAL TOURS

Departures every Thursday throughout the year

	First	
	1 Single	2 Sharing
No. of travellers	Traveller	Double
Seasons	£5651	£4178
1Jan-30Jun, 2Sep-16Dec	£5789	£4316
1Jul-1Sep, 17Dec-31Dec		

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 £566

Business Cabin 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 FROM 4 days • 3 nights

ANTIGUA	
El Convento	£578
Palacio de Doña Leonort	£353
Casa Encantada	£284
El Mesón de María	£202
LAKE ATITLAN	
Casa Palopo	£1132
Hotel Atitlan	£438
TIKAL	
La Lancha	£632
Jungle Lodge	£348

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



# GUATEMALA'S HIGHLIGHTS & HOTELS

## ANTIGUA

La Antigua is in the central highlands, about one hour drive from the capital, Guatemala City where the main airport is located. Antigua used to be the capital until it was damaged by an earthquake. It is built in the old traditional colonial architecture with warm earth colours, interior courtyards and streets paved with cobbled stones. Many buildings are now boutique hotels, antique shops, cafes and restaurants with a wonderful character. Antigua is famous for its well-preserved Spanish Mudéjar-fluenced Baroque architecture as well as a number of spectacular ruins of colonial churches. As a UNESCO World Heritage Site, Antigua is an outstanding and well preserved colonial city.

### Excursions available:

- Guided Walking Tours of Antigua
- Mayan Textiles & Folk Art
- Easter Processions & Festivals
- Colonial Antigua
- Trekking to a Volcano
- Chichicastenango Market
- Lake Atitlan

### *Palacio de Doña Leonor* Deluxe

The hotel Palacio de Doña Leonor is located in an old colonial house in the heart of Antigua with a charming 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 Mesón de María* Tourist

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.

### *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.

### *Casa Encantada* First

Casa Encantada is a small, elegant hotel. 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.



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## LAKE ATITLAN

Surrounded by Volcanoes, Lake Atitlan is a place of mystery and ancient traditions. Small Mayan villages, each with its own personality and own language, dot the lake shore. Indigenous women all wear their traditional hand woven fabrics "huipiles".

### Excursions available:

- Explore the Lake Atitlan & Villages
- Chichicastenango Market
- Solola, Zunil & San Francisco Markets
- Volcano Chicabal Trekking

### *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 hotel's 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

Nestled among the tropical rainforests Tikal has numerous buildings and massive pyramids protruding above the trees. It is one of the largest urban centres of the pre-Columbian Maya civilisation and is a UNESCO World Heritage site. Dating back to the 4th century BC, the city was abandoned by the time the conquistadores arrived and now has been renovated. Visit early in the morning to view monkeys and birds living on the dense tree canopy.

### Excursions available:

- Ceibal Archaeological Site
- Aguateca & Petebatun Lagoon
- Yaxha & Nakum Archaeological Site
- El Mirador Archaeological Site
- Lake Peten-Itza & Rainforest

### *La Lancha* First

Overlooking the beautiful Lake Peten, La Lancha is part of the famous Francis Ford Copola Hotels. The decoration and architecture blend with the traditional style of the area and rustic luxury. The lodge 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.

### *Jungle Lodge* First

A wonderful lodge ideally situated within the Tikal National Park, and within walking distance of the archaeological site.

The lodge offers the best accommodation in the area with comfortable rooms, a swimming pool and character individual cabanas hiding in the lush vegetation.

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 as is one guided shared excursion of Tikal.

