



# GUATEMALA

10 Days

A winning combination of culture and human landscape in a wild natural environment

Quality catered Chabad Kosher meals are provided on every trip



Guatemala, beautiful and colorful, combines the rich culture and history of the Maya, with spectacular natural sites including active volcanoes and breathtaking green landscapes. We'll take a stroll through the ruins of Tikal, one of the most impressive archaeological sites of the Mayan, and cruise the Rio Dulce, the vast river in a fascinating tropical area, and we'll definitely include a visit to Lake Atitlan.

## Day 1: Sunday, Guatemala City

Independent arrival to Guatemala City. After landing, transfer to the hotel. At 14:00 we'll take a preliminary tour of the city.

## Day 2: Monday, Guatemala City - Quirigua - Livingston

After breakfast, drive west to visit the peaceful village of Quirigua, located in Izabal County and close to the Lago de Izabal, the largest lake in Guatemala. Next to the village surrounded by tropical forest and banana groves, is the antiquities site, which contains the largest written stone tablets carved stelae associated with Mayan culture ever discovered. At the end of the visit we'll continue via Rio Dulce to Livingston, home of the Garifuna, descendants of slaves who were brought to Guatemala by the British.

**Day 3: Tuesday, Livingston - Rio Dolce (the Sweet River) - St Felipe Castle - Flores**

Today we will sail on the sweet waters of the Rio Dulce ("Sweet River"), one the most beautiful river cruises in Central America. At the end of the cruise we'll travel to the San Felipe Fortress, which was founded by the Spanish in 1652. The ships that anchored here suffered countless raids which resulted in the goods aboard ship being looted. The fortress was conquered and destroyed many times until the pirate threat ceased at the end of the 18th century. At the end of our visit we'll travel north to Flores in the district of Ramata.

**Day 4: Wednesday, Flores, Tikal**

Today we'll visit Tikal, the oldest and most important Mayan city with its monumental buildings, located in the depths of the jungle. Thousands of breathtaking buildings, the remains of the magnificent city built around 700 BC and mysteriously abandoned 1600 years later. The site is unique in the rich jungle life that we'll encounter including some 300 species of birds, monkeys, giant spiders, mammals and many reptiles, as well as countless types of vegetation. The name Tikal means "the City of Voices" because the sounds of the animals that are heard all around and also because of the special structures built in a sophisticated and interesting architectural style.

**Day 5: Thursday, Flores - Guatemala City - Antigua**

Today we'll fly to Guatemala City. After landing, we will tour Guatemala City, including the city's historical center where we'll see the national palace that serves as a museum as well as the presidential palace. Afterwards we'll make our way to Antigua, which was declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1979.

**Day 6: Friday, Antigua, Coffee Plantation**

After breakfast we will visit the village of San Felipe de Jesus. There we will visit a coffee plantation and learn about the history of coffee and its preparation process. We will return to our hotel to prepare for Shabbat.

**Day 7: Shabbat, Antigua**

After services, kiddush and breakfast we will take a walk in this picturesque colonial city, considered one of the most beautiful in the world. Antigua lies in the midst of 3 huge volcanoes. This historic city is famous for its colonial architecture that is characterized by its narrow streets, as well as its unique and colorful houses, that the well preserved historic buildings.

**Day 8: Sunday, Antigua - Chichicastenango Market - Atitlan Nature Reserve - Panchachel**

This is an enjoyable and truly fun day! We'll visit the exciting, colorful and traditional market that takes place on Sundays and Thursdays. It's considered to be the most spectacular market in Guatemala and one of the most remarkable in all of Central America. At the end of the visit we will drive to the marvelous nature reserve of Atitlan. We'll reach the top of the mountain and see the whole turquoise blue lake and the surrounding villages and volcanoes. We'll see rivers and waterfalls and many animals. We'll visit a butterfly farm, with plants of all kinds, flowers of all colors and a multitude of beautiful butterflies. Those interested will be able to go down by Zip Line that zig zags along the entire reserve between the mountains and the green valley filled with spectacular vegetation. At the end of the tour we will arrive to our hotel in Panchachel, a town on the banks of Lake Atitlan.

**Day 9: Monday, Lake Atitlan, San Pedro La Laguna, Santiago Atitlan**

After breakfast we'll tour of several villages surrounding the lake. The inhabitants of the villages belong to three tribes, all descended from the Maya. We'll reach the villages by boat. We'll sail on Lake Atitlan, considered the deepest lake in Central America, surrounded by steep slopes. South of the lake are three volcanoes - Atitlán, San Pedro and Tolimán. The charming village of Santiago Atitlan is the largest of the surrounding villages. We'll take a walk through the alleys of the village and visit the local market. Here we'll see the villagers dressed in colorful traditional costumes. We'll continue to the village of San Pedro La Laguna, which is popular among backpackers from all over the world.

**Day 10: Tuesday, Panchachel - Guatemala City - home**

Our tour has come to an end. We'll pack our bags, load up our wonderful experiences, make our way to the airport for our flight back home.

**Dates, Prices and Important Information**

Tour Code	Departs	Returns	Duration	Price	Single Supplement
EGUC2301	23 JAN 2022	01 FEB 2022	10 DAYS	\$2895	\$695
EGUC0805	08 MAY 2022	17 MAY 2022	10 DAYS	\$2895	\$695
EGUC1408	14 AUG 2022	23 AUG 2022	10 DAYS	\$2895	\$695
EGUC3010	30 OCT 2022	08 NOV 2022	10 DAYS	\$2895	\$695
EGUC2512	25 DEC 2022	03 JAN 2023	10 DAYS	\$2895	\$695

**The price of the trip includes**

- Domestic flight
- Good and / or first-class hotel accommodation
- Half board: Kosher breakfast + ingredients for sandwiches for lunch and a hot dinner.
- A comfortable tourist bus is air conditioned for making a trip plan
- Tours according to the tour plan
- English-speaking local guide
- Tips for service providers abroad
- Entrance fees for the various sites appearing on the tour plan
- English speaking guide from the Shai Bar Ilan team

**The price does not include**

- International flights back and forth
- Tip for the tour guide (accepted \$ 5 per person per day trip)
- Shows not included in the program
- Expenses of a personal nature
- Travel, health and luggage insurance
- Anything not specified in the "Price includes"

**Terms of cancellation**

From the time of registration, US \$ 47 per passenger for cancellation fees which will be charged in any case

- \* From 21-60 working days before embarking on the trip: 30% of the price of the trip to the traveler (on trips to South America cancellation fees apply from 60 working days before the departure of the trip from Israel)
- \* From 7-20 working days before embarking on a trip: 50% of the price of the trip to the passenger
- \* Less than 7 working days before departure: 100% cancellation fee including all associated costs such as visa,
- \* Cancellation fees for domestic flights: Any flight booked will be subject to full cancellation fees on the passenger.

**Important Information**

- ❖ Fridays and Saturdays, holidays and holidays in Israel, Sundays and holidays abroad are not counted as a working day.
- ❖ If any flight tickets were issued or additional services such as visas were purchased, etc., their prices will be added to the above cancellation fees
- ❖ The price of the trip is based on a minimum of 15 paying travelers
- ❖ The passenger is responsible for the final updates, all the many changes that are made in the final route after updating domestic flights and changes of travel agents abroad. Tour itineraries undergo changes according to the above, as well as due to serious climatic changes or hazards which require necessary changes. As travel agents, we do not have control over many changes that are required, which are made many months after the tour was originally planned. In the event that the passenger finds it necessary to cancel registration for the tour due to these changes in the itinerary, the passenger will be refunded all his/her money.
- ❖ The trip is subject to the conditions and responsibilities as they appear on the website
- ❖ Passports must be valid for at least 6 months beyond the return date from the tour
- ❖ There may be changes in the itinerary due to changes in internal flight times and other objective reasons