GUATEMALA'S NATURAL AND HISTORICAL WONDERS



Student Adventure Trip





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12 Days / 11 Nights







Day to Day

Day 1

Upon your arrival at Guatemala City (GUA), you will receive a warm welcome from our dedicated leader and private driver, who will be ready to escort you in our spacious 20-passenger bus. From Guatemala City, we will embark on a scenic journey to the charming town of Antigua, where we will relish our first group dinner. Our accommodations for the initial two nights will be at a comfortable Airbnb in Antigua.



Day 2

Following a rejuvenating night's sleep and a delectable breakfast, we will commence our day with an enriching walking tour of Antigua. This immersive experience will lead us through the enchanting ruins, providing insights into its storied history. Along the way, we will have the opportunity to indulge in some shopping at the vibrant local markets and savor the culinary delights of the region.



Day 3

Post-breakfast, we will embark on a refreshing morning walk or hike to a scenic city overlook, treating ourselves to the breathtaking views of Vulcan de Fuego, Vulcan de Agua, and Vulcan de Acatenango. Following this captivating experience, we will gather our belongings and board our bus, departing from Antigua. Our journey will take us to a quaint village where we will savor a traditionally prepared Guatemalan lunch and immerse ourselves in the art of Mayan weaving during a captivating demonstration. With our hearts full of new experiences, we will continue our adventure, making our way to our Airbnb in Panajachel, where we will settle in for the next five nights.



Day 5

Following a hearty breakfast, our day will be filled with more heartwarming activities. We will take the children on an exciting field trip to a local park, where we will engage in a spirited game of soccer, creating cherished memories together. Upon our return to the preschool, we will have the honor of delivering essential donations to the community. Post-lunch, our mission continues as we work on building garden towers in the homes of the local families. Additionally, we may be involved in delivering water filters or installing wood-burning stoves as needed, ensuring the well-being and comfort of the families we are privileged to serve.



Day 4

Following a delightful breakfast, it's time to make heartwarming connections as we meet the mothers and preschool children for the first time. Our day will be filled with joy as we engage in an inspiring painting project with them and relish the opportunity to read, play, and share precious moments with our newfound young friends. For lunch, we will have the privilege of supporting the incredible mothers at our Mother's Market, where they showcase their handmade creations and delectable culinary offerings. After our satisfying meal, we will dedicate our time to volunteering at Kikoten school. As part of this experience, we will even engage in an exhilarating soccer game with the local children.



Day 6

Our first adventure will take us to the enchanting butterfly biosphere, where we will marvel at these beautiful creatures. With an eye for adventure, we will also be on the lookout for playful monkeys and embark on an exhilarating hour-long zip-lining excursion through the lush jungle. Our journey continues with a private boat ride across the picturesque Lake Atitlan, where we will relish a delightful lunch. Upon reaching our destination, we will hop on tuc-tucs for a scenic hike to a captivating lake overlook. Our exploration will lead us through the charming town before we return via a private boat ride to Panajachel.



Day 7

After breakfast, we will return to volunteer with the preschool kids and work on projects at their sewing center. To mark our last night in San Andrés, we will host a Movie Night & Pizza Night in San Andrés for our Preschool community, bringing everyone together for a fun outdoor movie.



Day 9

During our stay at the beach, we will have the pleasure of indulging in some well-deserved free time on the striking black sand beach. Here, you can choose to partake in thrilling activities like wakeboarding, surfing, kayaking, or simply take a leisurely swim in one of the five inviting pools at the exquisite resort. Our next two nights will be spent savoring the serenity and beauty of this coastal paradise.



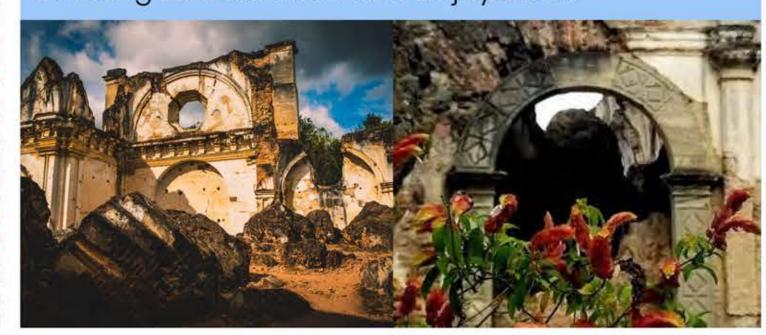
Day 11

After a satisfying breakfast, it's with a heavy heart that we bid farewell to the enchanting black sand beach. Our journey takes us north, where we will embark on a thrilling hike up Vulcán Pacaya, guided by our knowledgeable expert. At the hike's culmination, we will have the unique opportunity to roast marshmallows in the hot pockets and relish the breathtaking spectacle of this active volcano. Following this adventure, we will continue our journey, heading to our Airbnb in either Guatemala City or Antigua, marking our final night together, where we will cherish the memories and experiences of our remarkable journey.



Day 8

Following breakfast, we bid farewell to San Andrés. While on the bus, we will relish our lunch as we make our way to a captivating walking tour of the Mayan ruins at Iximche. After this enriching experience, our journey will lead us to the beach, where we will arrive just in time for a scrumptious dinner, setting the stage for an evening of relaxation and enjoyment.



Day 10

In the predawn hours, we will rise early to embark on a captivating early morning mangrove sunrise boat tour. As the first rays of sun grace the horizon, we will witness the waterways of Guatemala spring to life. The remainder of the day is yours to relax and make the most of the beautiful resort, ensuring a truly memorable experience.



Day 12

Departure from Guatemala City will take place after breakfast, with the timing contingent on flight schedules. We will aim to leave GUA no earlier than 1:00 pm, ensuring a smooth and timely transition home.



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GUATEMALA INTERESTING FACTS:



ACTIVE VOLCANO:

One of the most iconic and active volcanoes in Guatemala is Fuego, which means "Fire" in Spanish. It is renowned for its frequent eruptions and is part of the Pacific Ring of Fire, making it a significant geological feature in the country.

CUISINE:

Guatemalan cuisine is a delightful fusion of indigenous Mayan flavors, Spanish influence. Common ingredients in Guatemalan cooking include corn, beans, rice, chiles, and a variety of fresh fruits and vegetables.

COMMUNITY:

Indigenous communities in Guatemala have a strong sense of cultural heritage. They preserve and pass down traditional knowledge, art, and practices, such as weaving, farming, and spiritual rituals.

CULTUTZE:

Guatemalan culture is a rich tapestry of indigenous Mayan traditions, Spanish colonial influences, and more contemporary elements. Guatemala's culture is a captivating blend of traditions, history, and resilience.

NATURZE:

A country abundantly blessed with a rich tapestry of diverse and stunning landscapes. From majestic volcanoes to rainforests, pristine lakes that glisten like jewels, and a kaleidoscope of vibrant wildlife.

HISTOTZY:

The Maya civilization's legacy includes impressive archaeological sites, art, mathematics, and writing. Guatemala's history is shaped by its indigenous heritage, colonial past, and post-independence experiences.





WHY VISIT GUATEMALA?









Guatemala is a captivating destination that beckons travelers with its rich cultural heritage, stunning natural beauty, and a tapestry of historical and contemporary experiences. Visiting Guatemala offers the opportunity to explore the ancient Mayan civilizations at remarkable archaeological sites such as Tikal, immerse yourself in the vibrancy of indigenous culture, and savor the flavors of its diverse cuisine. From the iconic Lake Atitlán, often hailed as one of the world's most beautiful lakes, to the dramatic landscapes of volcanic peaks and lush rainforests, the country's natural beauty is unparalleled. Guatemala's warm and welcoming communities, filled with traditions and festivals, provide a genuine connection to its people. Whether you are an adventurer seeking thrilling volcano hikes and jungle expeditions or simply in search of serene moments on pristine beaches, Guatemala has something for every traveller. Embrace the magic of this Central American gem and discover its unique blend of history, culture, and

natural wonders that make it a compelling destination to explore.



ABOUT US

Southern Sky Adventures

For almost two decades Southern Sky Adventures has introduced discerning travellers to the sheer magnificence of AFRICA. A land of warm welcomes, breathtaking sunsets, pristine wilderness areas and diversity as colourful as the local artwork.

Our tailormade- and expertly-guided safaris showcase Africa's finest hidden gems, the elusive BIG 5, wild remote locations and a natural space to unplug from the stress of modern-day living. We pride ourselves on the delivery of exceptional, once-in-a-lifetime and truly memorable travel experiences for not only families, honeymooners and friends but also business travellers, school- & university groups and adventure seekers.

Although passionate about travel, we care deeply for the preservation of these untouched wild areas, the inhabiting wildlife and the surrounding communities.

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