Guatemala & Belize: Mayan Treasures & Coral Reefs

Suggested Itinerary Only
12 Days & 11 Nights Antigua, Lake Atitlán, Tikal, Belize’s Cayo District & Ambergris Caye

Discover Guatemala and Belize on this Central America journey. In Guatemala, discover the colonial wonders of the city of Antigua, learn about the art of coffee making, explore the indigenous communities around beautiful Lake Atitlán and visit the Maya ruins of Tikal. Cross the border into Belize and continue your journey along la ruta Maya at the sites of Xunantunich and Caracol before relaxing on a blissful beach near the world’s second largest coral reef.

Day 1: Arrive Guatemala City / Antigua
Upon arrival, transfer to the colonial city of Antigua, once the Spanish capital of North America. Meson Panza Verde (Elite) / El Convento (Preferred) – 1 night

Day 2: To Lake Atitlán
Depart Antigua this morning en route to the town of Comalapa, which has developed a reputation as a center for artists. After browsing through the market, enjoy lunch before continuing to the shores of Lake Atitlán, the deepest lake in Central America. Upon arrival, check in to your hotel. Casa Palopo (Elite) / Laguna Lodge (Preferred) – 2 nights (B, L)

Day 3: Lake Atitlán
After breakfast, board a boat and embark on a voyage across the lake to the village of Santiago to learn about the spiritual beliefs of the Ts’utujil people, who in pre-Columbian times, were part of the Maya Empire. (B)

Day 4: To Antigua
After a relaxing morning, return to Antigua and check in to your hotel. This afternoon, you can stroll around this gracious colonial city on your own. Meson Panza Verde (Elite) / El Convento (Preferred) – 2 nights (B)

Day 5: Antigua
Head out into the country to visit one of the nearby coffee plantations. Stroll the rows of coffee trees, admire the rural landscapes, and talk with some of the farmers who grow one of Guatemala’s most important crops. Then join your hosts and immerse yourself in the process of roasting, grinding and preparing your own cup of coffee. (B)

Day 6: To Tikal
From Guatemala City, fly to Flores, your base for exploring the ruins of the great Maya city of Tikal. Buried deep within the rainforest, the ruins of Tikal include more than 3,000 moss-draped temples, houses

Journey Highlights
Explore colonial Quito
Discover the breathtaking landscapes of the majestic Ecuadorian Andes
Experience the history during your stay in a 16th century hacienda
Visit a spectacular neo-Gothic church in the town of Ipiales
Explore the world-famous Museo de Oro in Bogotá
Visit Colombia’s port city, Cartagena
Join a family for a home hosted dinner

Cox & Kings Recommends
Horseback ride at the base of Cotapaxi Volcano
Enjoy a closed-door culinary experience with a chef in Cartagena

Extend Your Journey
Colombia’s Coffee Region • Panama City
and plazas. After your guided tour, enjoy the evening at leisure. *Las Lagunas Boutique Hotel (Elite) / La Lancha Resort (Preferred) – 2 nights

Day 7: To Belize
Cross the border to Belize and visit the Mayan ruins of Xunantunich, which served as a ceremonial city in the Late Maya period. The highlight is certainly El Castillo, a massive pyramid temple begun in 800 AD. After your visit, continue to your jungle lodge. **Blancaneaux Lodge (Elite) / Chaa Creek (Preferred) – 2 nights (B)

Day 8: Caracol
This morning, traverse the Mountain Pine Ridge Park, an incredible scenic area of jagged forested peaks, rolling hills, and steep gorges. Marvel at waterfalls, wild rivers and towering pines soaring up toward the sky. Nearby lies the largest Maya site in Belize, the once-great city of Caracol, which covered an area larger than present-day Belize and was home to more than twice the current capital’s population. (B)

Day 9: To Ambergris Caye
Travel to Belize City for your flight to the beautiful offshore paradise of Ambergris Caye. †Las Terrazas (Elite) / Victoria House (Preferred) – 3 nights (B)

Days 10 & 11: Ambergris Caye
During your days on Ambergris Caye, your time is entirely your own. Relax on the beach, visit the luxurious spa or go windsurfing, snorkeling, diving or fishing. (B)

Day 12: Depart Belize
Return to the Belize City airport for your onward flight. (B)

WHAT’S INCLUDED
• All hotel accommodations as per the itinerary
• Meals as noted in the itinerary (B=Breakfast; L=Lunch; D=Dinner)
• All transfers and transportation
• Sightseeing as described in itinerary including entrance fees and services of professional local guides

WHAT’S NOT INCLUDED
• International air travel
• Airport departure taxes
• Visa fees
• Travel insurance
• Excess baggage fees
• Personal items and alcoholic beverages
• Gratuities to your guides, drivers, porters and hotel service

1 Price per person in US dollars based double occupancy and subject to availability. *Price per person in US dollars based on two people traveling together, double occupancy and subject to availability. **Price per person in US dollars based on four people traveling together, double occupancy and subject to availability. Single Supplements and Solo Traveler rates are available upon request. *Internal Air prices are based on economy class and are subject to change until paid in full. Further restrictions may apply. Please contact your Travel Professional or Cox & Kings for more details or visit coxandkingsusa.com. CST - 2105853-50