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Palenque, Chiapas, Mexico

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MEXICO & GUATEMALA: FOOTSTEPS OF THE MAYANS

SUGGESTED ITINERARY ONLY
9 DAYS & 8 NIGHTS SAN CRISTÓBAL DE LAS CASAS,
PALENQUE, TIKAL & ANTIGUA

Experience the glories of the Mayan civilization on this journey through the historic, cultural and natural wonders of Mexico and Guatemala. After an idyllic few days learning about Maya culture in the misty highlands near San Cristóbal de las Casas, descend to explore the grand ruins of Palenque, Yaxchitlán and Bonampak. Cross the border to the magnificent city of Tikal before ending your journey in Antigua, the Spanish colonial capital of Central America.



Departure Date:

Price From:
*Two People

Through March 2020

\$4,245

Note: Prices listed are per person, based on double-occupancy
*Internal Airfare is from \$325 per person

Day 1: Arrive Tuxtla

Upon arrival in Tuxtla, after lunch, travel overland to Chiapa de Corzo and the Sumidero Canyon. Board a private boat and scan the waters for the endangered American crocodile and the treetops for spider monkeys, while cormorants glide above. Continue to the highland town San Cristóbal de las Casas. **Hotel Bo (Elite) / Hotel Guayaba Inn (Preferred) – 2 nights**

Day 2: San Cristóbal de las Casas

After breakfast today, embark on a cultural walking journey through the Chiapan countryside, home to pine forests, indigenous villages and mountain vistas. In San Lorenzo Zinacantán, learn more about the Maya, visit some local homes and sample some homemade liquor. **(B)**

Day 3: To Palenque

Descend from the alpine forests of the Southern Sierra Madre to the steamy lowland jungles of Palenque. Home to incredible

Maya ruins, as well as labyrinthine tunnels and underground river systems, Palenque is one of the most spectacular archaeological sites in Mexico. **Quinta Chanabnal – 2 nights (B)**

Day 4: Palenque

Spend the day on a privately guided exploration of the stunning archaeological site of Palenque, including the *Templo de las Inscripciones*, one of the most renowned burial monuments in the Americas. Nestled deep in the jungles at the foot of the Sierra Madre del Sur, Palenque's setting is as memorable as the site is important for the light it sheds on Maya traditions, rituals, ceremonies and spirituality. **(B, L)**

Day 5: To Tikal

Set out early to the Mayan site of Yaxchitlán, which is renowned for its ornamented building facades, roof combs and impressive stone lintels that depict battles and ceremonial events. On the way back to Palenque, stop at another well-guarded secret of

JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

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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

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Visit Colombia's port city, Cartagena

Join a family for a home hosted dinner

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Horseback ride at the base of Cotapaxi Volcano

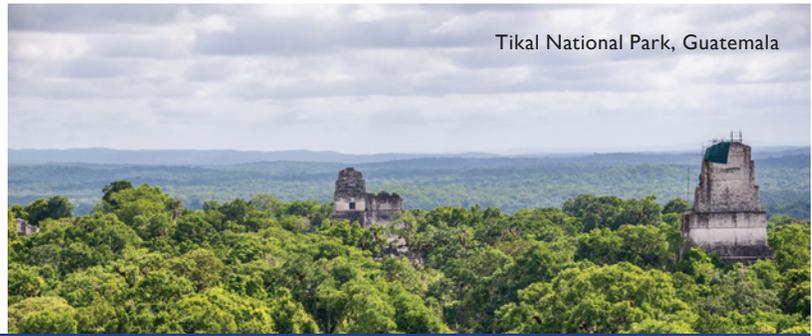
Enjoy a closed-door culinary experience with a chef in Cartagena

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Tikal National Park, Guatemala

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the Lacandón forest, Bonampak, which is famous for its astonishing frescoes inside the modest-looking Templo de las Pinturas. Later, cross the river into Guatemala and travel onward to Tikal. *Las Lagunas Boutique Hotel (Elite) / La Lancha Resort (Preferred) – 2 nights (B)*

Day 6: Tikal

After a leisurely morning, explore Lago Petén Itzá and its lakeshore villages aboard a boat this afternoon. Make stops at the quaint village of El Remate, which is known for its wood carvers, as well as the island town of Flores. Sample Guatemalteca cuisine and shop for colorful textiles from local vendors. **(B)**

Day 7: To Antigua

Buried deep within the rainforest, the ruins of Tikal include more than 3,000 moss-draped temples, houses and plazas. Perhaps the most visually impressive of all Mayan

sites, Tikal's five monolithic temples pierce the jungle canopy, and its ancient plazas, stelae and ball courts tell of a rich history when Tikal's population reached almost 100,000. After, soar above the jungle on a scenic flight to Guatemala City and onward to historic Antigua. *Meson Panza Verde (Elite) / El Convento Boutique Hotel (Preferred)– 2 nights (B)*

Day 8: Antigua

The World Heritage Site of Antigua Guatemala was the colonial Spanish capital of Central America. Accompany your local guide for a walking tour of its cobbled streets, lovely gardens and welcoming cafés and shops. **(B)**

Day 9: Depart Guatemala City

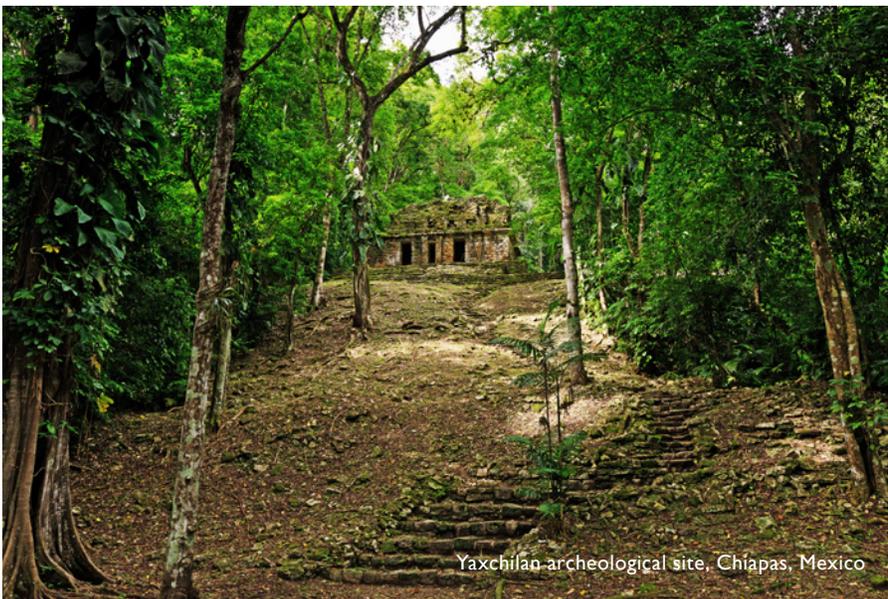
Bid farewell to Guatemala as you are escorted to the airport for your onward flight. **(B)**

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



Yaxchilan archeological site, Chiapas, Mexico

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. ¹Internal 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