



MEJDI TOURS

Guatemala Where Mayan Tradition meets Modern Life

Dates: Nov 8-16, 2026

Included: 8 nights' accommodation at 3* hotels/guesthouses¹
1 MEJDI guide throughout the tour
9 Days of private transportation including airport transfers
Additional meals: 4 lunches [L]; 4 Dinners [D]
All site entrances, activities, and honoraria per itinerary²
Water on bus throughout tour
Dedicated pre-trip customer service and on-ground support

Not included: International airfare
Travel and Medical insurance-**HIGHLY RECOMMENDED**
Single supplement = \$679
Customary gratuities for guides, drivers and hotels
Meals not mentioned in the itinerary
Individual airport transfers outside of the group transfer
Anything not explicitly mentioned in the included section

Pricing: \$2,995 per person

¹ Or similar; double occupancy, breakfast included [B]

² Subject to confirmation based on availability.

Itinerary

Day 1: Arrival - Sunday, November 8

[Guide, Transfer only]

Arrive in Guatemala City and transfer to your hotel. Enjoy a **group welcome dinner** with your guide.

Overnight: Hotel Santander Plaza, Guatemala City [D]

Day 2: The Capital - Monday, November 9

[Guide, Transportation]

Enjoy a full day tour of a city often overlooked, including stops at the **Metropolitan Cathedral**, the **National Palace of Culture** and other sites of interest. After lunch at a local restaurant, **meet a journalist / analyst** for discussion on Guatemala's current events and social issues such as migration, inequality, and indigenous rights. Drive to Antigua in the late afternoon, check in and enjoy dinner with a local family or community host.

Overnight: Hotel La Villa Serena, Antigua [B, D]

Day 3: Antigua Sites & Sounds - Tuesday, November 10

[Guide, Transportation]

Begin the day exploring the city center of Antigua including; **downtown, Santa Catalina**, the **Antigua Central Park**, and **San Jose Cathedral**. Enjoy a free afternoon to continue exploring at leisure.

Overnight: Hotel La Villa Serena, Antigua [B]

Day 4: Pacaya National Park - Wednesday, November 11

[Guide, Transportation]

Meet with a **volcanologist** in the morning to learn about the impact of an active volcano in the city on communal infrastructure and local psyche. Set out for the Guatemalan countryside in the afternoon, taking a light hike over the volcanic terrain in **Pacaya National Park**.

Overnight: Hotel La Villa Serena, Antigua [B, L]

Day 5: Coffee and Community in Tecpán - Thursday, November 12

[Guide, Transportation]

Depart Antigua, stopping in **Tecpán** for a visit with local **coffee producers** to explore

this industry, its harvest process, and importance for community livelihood. Continue to **Atitlan Lake**, boarding a water boat for a short journey to reach your accommodation. Enjoy a group dinner featuring local cuisine.

Overnight: Porta Hotel del Lago, Panajachel, Lake Atitlan [B, L, D]

Day 6: San Juan La Laguna – Cooperatives & Creatives - Friday, November 13 **[Guide, Transportation]**

Explore Mayan culture through visits to several cooperatives, traveling via boat to **San Juan La Laguna**, a vibrant town known for artists and craftspeople. Visit the women-led organization, **Q'omaneel**, for a discussion of medicinal plants and traditional Mayan folkwear, then learn about native and endangered bee species at **Mundo de Abejas Mayas**. Check out the cotton-weaving cooperative of **Casa Flor Ixcaco** and conclude the day with a **bean-to-bar chocolate experience** at **Xocolatl San Juan La Laguna**.

Overnight: Porta Hotel del Lago, Panajachel, Lake Atitlan [B, L]

Day 7: Santiago Atitlán – Tradition, Faith & Community - Saturday, November 14 **[Guide, Transportation]**

Travel by boat to **Santiago Atitlán**, one of the traditional communities on the lake for a walking orientation through town, then meet a **local educator, cultural mediator, or community leader** for a conversation on identity, faith, history, and modern adaptation. Return to Panajachel mid-afternoon for time at leisure and group reflection.

Overnight: Porta Hotel del Lago, Panajachel, Lake Atitlan [B]

Day 8: Volunteerism & Conclusions - Sunday, November 15 **[Guide, Transportation]**

Drive from Atitlan back to Guatemala City (*or Antigua, depending on volunteer activity*) for an afternoon of giving back through a **volunteer opportunity** organized with a leading organization. Enjoy a festive farewell dinner with your group.

Hotel Santander Plaza, Guatemala City (or Antigua) [L, D]

Day 9: Departure - Monday, November 16 **[Transfer only]**

Transfer to the airport for your departing flights.

Overnight: N/A [Breakfast included]