

TERMS & CONDITIONS: JOURNEY TO GUATEMALA – DECEMBER 7 – 12, 2024

Payment link: You may submit your deposit via our [credit card authorization form](#).

By submitting your deposit, you are agreeing to the terms & conditions below.

Please review all points on the Terms and Conditions as detailed, especially with reference to exchange rates and travel/medical insurance.

ITINERARY - JOURNEY TO GUATEMALA DECEMBER 7-12, 2024



December 7: Welcome to Guatemala & transfer to hotel (D)

Transportation: Transfer from GUA airport to hotel in Guatemala City

Accommodation: Intercontinental Guatemala City - Standard Room

Guatemala is a wonderful combination of natural surroundings and cultural experiences. Just in one place you can learn about ancient ruins, wildlife and traditions preserved from generation to generation.

Private transfer from Guatemala City airport to your hotel in Guatemala City (This service is on a private basis.) Enjoy a welcome dinner.

December 8: Transfer to Lake Atitlan & Chichicastenango market (B)

Transportation: Transfer to Lake Atitlan

Tour: Chichicastenango market tour

Accommodation: Hotel Atitlan - standard double lake view

After breakfast, private transfer to Lake Atitlan (approx. 4hrs). En route, you'll stop at Chichicastenango for market visit.

Chichicastenango is home to what is surely the most colorful native market in the Americas. Market days are held every Sunday and Thursday and draw not only the K'iche' Maya of the

surrounding region, but vendors from all over Guatemala, representing many of Guatemala's linguistic groups such as Mam, Ixil, Kaqchikel and others.

On arrival, you will meet your guide. You will have time to enjoy the market and shop around. Transfer to your hotel for overnight.

December 9: San Juan & Santiago village tour (B)

Tour: San Juan & Santiago village tour

Accommodation: Hotel Atitlan - standard double lake view

Private boat to visit San Juan la Laguna and Santiago Atitlan, two very special and different towns around the Lake.

Santiago is home to Maximon, a venerated pagan saint who smokes tobacco and drinks moonshine. He resides in a different house each year.

San Juan la Laguna is a bit quieter town, less visited and is home to several textile coops and art galleries. (This service is on a private basis.)

December 10: Transfer to Antigua (B)

Transportation: Transfer to Antigua

Accommodation: Camino Real Antigua, Deluxe room

After breakfast, private transfer to Antigua (approx. 3hrs).

On your way to Antigua you will stop to visit Hobbitenango (entrance fee payable direct)

Hobbitenango was founded out of a love for nature, playfulness, and the desire to disconnect from the hectic, busy world and reconnect with what is important in life. They currently have over 26 areas to enjoy. Here you will find a restaurant and several hobbit-style homes. While at Hobbitenango, you'll enjoy wonderful views of the Panchoy valley.

December 11: Pacaya volcano hike with pizza (BL)

Tour: Pacaya volcano hike

Accommodation: Camino Real Antigua, Deluxe room

Private transfer to Pacaya volcano.

Located just outside the capital of Guatemala City, Pacaya Volcano rises to 2,552m (8,373ft) is one of three active volcanoes in Guatemala. After a period of dormancy, it's been active since 1965, sometimes more dramatically than other times! It is about an hour drive from Antigua to the Pacaya National Park (declared in 2001) and the trailhead in the small village of San Francisco de Sales. The roughly 2 mile trail is relatively steep but well maintained and climbs steadily through farmland and pine forest before arriving on an exposed ridge offering a panoramic view of Pacaya's smoking black cone, miles of old blackened lava flows and the volcanoes to the north around Antigua and Lake Atitlan. The hike continues onto the barren moonscape of the lava flows where you'll be able to roast marshmallows over hot spots for a

smores ala Guatemala! You'll enjoy an artisanal pizza cooked over a hotpocket with a view of the crater from afar (National Park regulations do not allow climbing to the top of the crater).

****horses NOT included / max weight 200lbs****

Total Distance: 8km

Elevation gain: 400mts

Highest point: 2,552mts

Please bring:

- Hiking boots or trekking shoes (no sandals)
- Daypack with rain cover
- One warm layer and/or windbreaker
- Rain jacket (May thru October)
- Personal toiletries and/or medications
- Camera, hat, sunglasses & sunscreen
- Two liters of water

December 12: Departure (B)

After breakfast check out and you will have a private transfer to Guatemala City airport.

-- End of Arrangements --

TERMS & CONDITIONS FOR GUATEMALA GROUP

DEPOSIT & FINAL PAYMENT:

I. DEPOSIT:

A \$365 non-refundable, non-transferable deposit is required to activate each booking. At times, additional deposits may be required for your arrangements and at times this information may be advised after initial quote or confirmation. If applicable, we will advise you as soon as we are made aware of this by the supplier.

II. FINAL PAYMENT AND DOCUMENT ISSUANCE:

Final payment and valid passport copies* are due no later than 90 days prior to departure. For payments within 90 days of departure or if air tickets and documents need to be issued immediately after payment, a certified cheque, bank draft or wire transfer must be received. Normally air tickets and travel documents are sent out 30 days prior to departure.

The above are our normal final payment terms; however certain arrangements may require the balance of payment earlier.

Important: * These are required as per TSA requirements. Tickets cannot be issued without this information.

III. PRICES & INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS:

Geaux Journey Travel Group will accept installment payments. Equal monthly payments are due on the 30th day of each month. All payments are final and non-refundable. Final payment is due no later than September 6, 2024.

The total cost of this trip is \$1,600 (land only).

No flights are included, but I can help you book flights.

The single supplement is an additional \$600/person (no roommate).

LATE PAYMENT PENALTIES

Geaux Journey Travel Group will accept installment payments. Equal monthly payments are due on the 30th day of each month.

All payments are final and non-refundable.

- Your first late payment will incur a fee of \$50.
- Your second late payment will incur a fee of \$75.
- Your third late payment will result in the non-refundable cancellation of all services booked.

CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS:

All payments are non-refundable. If an individual in the group cancels & causes a roommate to be accommodated in a room for sole occupancy, a single supplement fee of \$600 will be charged to the remaining traveler.

INSURANCE:

It is strongly recommended that clients purchase cancellation insurance to protect themselves against cancellation due to illness prior to or during travel. In the event a traveller becomes ill during a tour and has not purchased insurance, all hospital and medical expenses are the traveller's responsibility. Passengers may incur up to 100% cancellation penalties and should protect themselves with cancellation insurance.

PASSPORT & VISA INFORMATION*:

Please ensure clients have arranged all documentation with the appropriate consulate well in advance of their departure from the US and that passports are also valid for the minimum validity required for **ALL** destinations being travelled to. The information following only applies to the itinerary booked with Goway Travel and does not cover any independently arranged destinations.

I. **PASSPORTS**

Passports should be valid for a minimum of 6 months from your scheduled return date.

II. **VISAS**

There are no visa requirements applicable to US citizens currently for Guatemala, however if this change in the future, Goway will not be liable in any way for this. It is complete responsibility of the passengers to verify with the respective consulate if there is any requirement to visit the destinations included in this itinerary. Moreover, they should consult a doctor for vaccinations required to complete this trip.

**applies to US passport holders only. Please make sure that all destinations to be visited or transited verified with the applicable consulate(s) for entry requirements prior to departure, together with requirements for anyone travelling on non US passports.*

HEALTH INFORMATION:

- I. **COVID:** Your travel arrangements could still be impacted by COVID. It is your responsibility to keep yourself and members of your traveling party (travel companions) informed of, and meet, all requirements in relation to your trip and any COVID based restrictions. We suggest these are constantly monitored prior to, and until your trip is complete, as they can change at any time, even while travelling overseas. The purchase of travel insurance with Covid coverage is highly recommended.
- II. **Travelling with medicines:** Some countries have restrictions on travelling with medicines (prescriptions and/or nonprescription). It is the travelers responsibility to check these requirements.

GENERAL:

I. **CURRENCY AND PRICING FLUCTUATIONS**

This proposal is based on the current exchange rate(s). Should there be considerable currency fluctuations, we reserve the right to apply any necessary surcharges. In the event of any additional fuel surcharges by the Land Suppliers and/or airlines we reserve the right to add these to the costs of the land package and/or airfare. Any applicable increases will be advised in writing prior to final payment. Prices are guaranteed once final payment has been made.

I. **FORCE MAJEURE:**

We shall not be liable for any claims, losses, damages, costs, expenses, delays or loss of enjoyment, of any nature or kind whatsoever, resulting from events beyond our or a supplier's reasonable control, including but not limited to acts of God, strikes, lockouts or other labour disputes or disruptions, wars, blockades, insurrections, riots, earthquakes, weather conditions, floods or acts or restraints imposed by government authorities

II. **RESPONSIBILITIES**

Goway Travel Ltd. and/or its agents act only as agents for the client in all matters pertaining to travel. They assume no responsibility nor liability in connection with the service of any train, vessel, carriage, aircraft, motor or other conveyances which may be used, either wholly or in part, in the performance of its duty to the passenger; neither will it be responsible for any act, error, or omission, or any injury, loss, accident, delay

or irregularity which may be occasioned by reason of any defect in any vehicle or through the neglect or default of any company or person engaged in carrying out the purpose for which tickets or coupons are issued. In the event that it becomes necessary or advisable for the comfort or well being of the passengers, or for any reason whatsoever, to alter the itinerary or arrangements, such alterations may be made without penalty to the operators. Additional expenses, if any, shall be borne by the passengers, conversely refund will be made to the passengers if any saving is effected thereby. The airlines concerned are not to be held responsible for any act, omission, or event, during the time passengers are not on board their planes or conveyance. The passage contract in use by the airlines concerned, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the airlines and the purchaser of these tours and/or passenger. The right is reserved to withdraw any or all tours should conditions warrant, also to decline to accept or retain any passengers as Members of the tours. Goway Travel Ltd or agent can assume no responsibility for lost tickets or coupons.