

Registration Instructions

Trip Costs:

\$3,350.00 p/person (Standard Room, based on double occupancy),
\$3,600 p/person (Premium Room, based on double occupancy),
\$345.00 Single Occupancy Surcharge (Standard Room)
\$425.00 Single Occupancy Surcharge (Premium Room).

***See our website for early bird registration discounts.

Tikal Extension: Price TBA (3 nights).

Tour Includes: All breakfasts, airport/hotel transfers, entrance fees, local guides, and meals as specified in the itinerary.

Tour Does Not Include: International flights, insurance, personal expenses, tipping, or optional tours noted in the itinerary.

Registration Process: Download registration forms from the top right corner of our website, complete and submit along with the required documents and a \$600 deposit.

Insurance Requirement: Health, Travel cancellation insurance are mandatory. You must purchase insurance separately.

Deposit Information: A \$600 deposit is required to confirm your booking and will not be processed until the trip is confirmed with the minimum number of travellers, hotel availability, and secured ground transportation, once the trip is confirmed the deposit is non-refundable.

Cancellation Policies: Trip cancellation and refund policies are outlined in the booking form. Please review these carefully before confirming your registration.

TRIP SUMMARY

Embark on an unforgettable painting and cultural tour of Guatemala!

Join us on an incredible two-week adventure through one of Central America's most captivating destinations. Our journey begins in Antigua, a UNESCO World Heritage site renowned for its cobblestone streets, vibrant bougainvillea, and stunning Spanish Colonial architecture.

From Antigua, we travel into the rural highlands to explore the Mayan Ruins of Iximché before continuing to the breathtaking Lake Atitlán. Our first stop is Panajachel, where we'll immerse ourselves in the rich communities of Lake Atitlán. From here we will explore other villages, including Santiago de Atitlán, Santa Cruz, San Marcos, San Juan, and San Pedro la Laguna, where we'll spend 4 additional nights at a picturesque lakeside hotel.

Afterward, we'll return to Antigua for 3 final nights exploring more of this fascinating and beautiful architectural and cultural jewel.

For those eager for more, we offer an optional extension to Tikal, where you'll discover the aweinspiring ruins of the ancient Mayan civilization.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to paint, explore, and experience the beauty and culture of Guatemala!

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Discovering the world one brushstroke at a time!







A painting and cultural tour of one of the most fascinating locations in Central America. Join artist Mark Glavina for this epic travel experience as we discover modern Mayan culture and ancient civilization.





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Day o1: Tuesday, January 13

Upon arrival at La Aurora Airport (Guatemala City), you will be greeted by our Guatemalan representative, who will assist with your transfer to Antigua. A UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1979, Antigua is celebrated for its stunning colonial architecture and rich history. After check-in, unwind and enjoy the pool in the charming hotel garden. In the early evening, we will gather for a trip orientation followed by dinner at a local restaurant. (D)

Day 02: Wednesday, January 14

Following breakfast at the hotel, we will begin the day with a painting demonstration and art session in Central Park. After lunch, we will meet our guide for a walking tour of Antigua, exploring this historic Spanish Colonial city renowned for its cobblestone streets and Mayan cultural influences. The tour will include visits to churches, ruins, Parque Central, and the vibrant local market. (B)

Day 03: Thursday, February 15

Start the day with a visit to the Finca Filadelfia coffee farm, where you'll embark on a nature hike and enjoy a birdwatching experience. After immersing yourself in Antigua's rich coffee culture, return to the city for an outdoor painting session near the stunning Iglesia de la Merced. (B)

Day 04: Friday, January 16

After breakfast, enjoy a morning painting session at the Convent of Las Capuchinas, a beautifully preserved monastery in Antigua, surrounded by enchanting gardens. The afternoon is free to explore the city, browse boutique shops, and visit art galleries. (B)

Day 05: Saturday, January 17

After breakfast, transfer to our hotel in Panajachel, a picturesque highland town affectionately known as "Gringocatanango" due to its large expatriate community from the 60s and 70s. Located on the edge of Lake Atitlán, the town offers stunning views of the surrounding landscape. Enjoy a painting session along the shoreline, followed by happy hour with breathtaking views of the beautiful caldera lake and the stunning volcanic peaks (B)

Day o6: Sunday, January 18

After breakfast, take a local boat across Lake Atitlán to Santiago Atitlán. Immerse yourself in the vibrant Mayan culture visiting the bustling market, and weaving centre. Enjoy the experience of bargaining with vendors for unique handmade items while exploring the lively local economy. In the evening, return to Panajachel to catch a stunning sunset, and dinner at a local restaurant (B)

Day 08: Monday, January 19

After breakfast, we'll take an early boat to Santa Cruz La Laguna to visit Amigos de Santa Cruz, a nonprofit organization that supports the local community through education and vocational training. You'll have the option to enjoy a cooking class or explore local arts before returning to Panajachel. (B)

Day 09: Tuesday, January 20

Depart Panajachel by boat and cross the lake to San Pedro La Laguna, a charming town nestled on the shores of the caldera. Known for its progressive vibe, this small village is popular with young backpackers and boasts a vibrant, creative community with excellent locally-run restaurants. Our hotel, located right on the lake's shore, offers breathtaking views and spectacular sunsets. (B)

Day 10: Wednesday, January 21

Start the day with a morning drawing session in the upper village of San Pedro. Afterward, meet our Mayan host for the day, who will guide us through the local food market, explaining various ingredients and helping us select items for a hands-on cooking class at their home. Enjoy this unique experience as you learn about the history and culture of this beautiful Mayan community. (BL)

Day II: Thursday, January 22

After breakfast at the hotel, take a short Tuk-Tuk ride to the neighbouring village of San Juan La Laguna. Visit a women's weaving cooperative to learn about the traditional art of back-strap weaving. Enjoy ample time to explore this charming village, create drawings or paintings at the weaving centre, and then return to San Pedro for lunch..

Day 12: Friday, January 23

Continue exploring San Pedro La Laguna with a free day dedicated to drawing or painting. Optional activities include an early morning hike or horseback ride up the volcano for birdwatching or photography. Alternatively, enjoy leisurely lunches and strolls along the waterfront, discovering quaint shops and cozy cafes while soaking in the tranquil atmosphere. (B)

Day 13: Saturday, January 24

After breakfast, depart San Pedro and return to Antigua. Spend the day at your leisure, exploring this stunning colonial city at your own pace. In the evening, join us for a happy hour where you can share and discuss your artwork from Guatemala, as well as exchange ideas for improvement. (B)

Day 14: Sunday, January 25

A free day to explore and paint in Antigua, a beautiful Spanish Colonial city rich in color, culture, and culinary arts. In the evening, reconvene at our hotel for a happy hour and an exhibition of the works created throughout our journey, followed by a culinary experience and a farewell dinner. (B/D)

Day 15: Sunday, January 26-29

After breakfast, depart early for the airport to catch your flight home, or extend your adventure with a 3-night visit to Tikal National Park and the twin cities of Santa Elena and Flores. Explore these fascinating locations before returning to Guatemala City in the morning for your return flight home. (B)

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