

THE LATIN AMERICA TRAVEL COMPANY

"We regard each and every trip we organise as a trip of a lifetime."

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ABOUT OUR COMPANY

As the UK's leading, independent and family owned Latin America tour specialists our focus is on well thought through private and tailor made adventures. Our emphasis is very much on creating the right trip for you and we work closely with you in order to achieve this. We use our experience and knowledge to ensure your trip to Latin America is a trip of a lifetime!

ALL TOURS ARE FINANCIALLY PROTECTED

We are members of ABTA (Y1699) and our tours are ATOL protected (license 10287) giving you full peace of mind when booking with us both for monies paid to us as well as the code of conduct and high standards that membership of these organisations require.



ANTIGUA • LAKE ATITLAN • FLORES / TIKAL • GUATEMALA CITY



PRIVATE TOUR : BEST OF GUATEMALA

Dear Sir / Madam,

Please find full details of this itinerary in this dossier. If you have any questions at all please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best regards,

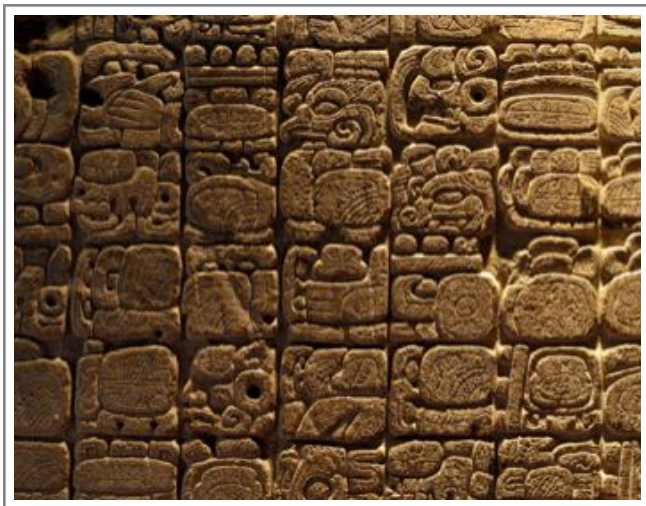
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7 NIGHTS / 8 DAYS PRIVATE TOUR VISITING :

ANTIGUA

Undoubted highlight and the former Spanish Capital of Central America.

LAKE ATITLAN

Beautiful volcanic lake with string of pretty and popular towns on its shores.

FLORES - TIKAL

Colonial city & Gateway to Tikal, the most famous Mayan ruins in Guatemala.

GUATEMALA CITY

Capital of Guatemala with good museums and the best cuisine.



Jan Patis & Friends

"The Latin American Travel Company is amazing and I cannot praise it highly enough! Their customer service is second to none - any queries were dealt with immediately and efficiently by and we were each provided with a personalised guidebook to take with us."



DAY

- 1 • ANTIGUA** Meet & greet at the airport & private transfer to your hotel.
El Convento ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ [Learn more...](#)
- 2 • ANTIGUA** Antigua walking tour & afternoon at leisure to see more of the city.
El Convento ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ [Learn more...](#)
- 3 • LAKE ATITLAN** Coffee plantation tour & transfer on to stunning Lake Atitlan.
Casa Palopo ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ [Learn more...](#)
- 4 • LAKE ATITLAN** Boat trip to San Juan & Santiago Atitlan villages.
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- 5 • FLORES** Chichicastenango market visit & an afternoon flight to Flores.
Las Lagunas ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ [Learn more...](#)
- 6 • FLORES** Free morning before a Yaxha archeological site sunset tour.
Las Lagunas ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ [Learn more...](#)
- 7 • GUATEMALA CITY** Tour of Tikal National Park before a flight to Guatemala City.
Hyatt Centric ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ [Learn more...](#)



DAY

8 • END

Free time until a private transfer to the airport.

N/A



DETAILED ITINERARY

The following pages detail your itinerary day by day. All our trips are tried and tested and, between us, we have visited most destinations and accommodation. We like to offer our clients the greatest flexibility possible with their trip so if there is anything you would like to change please do not hesitate to contact us.



**JUST ASK US IF YOU
WOULD LIKE TO MAKE
ANY CHANGES TO THIS
ITINERARY**



YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1 - WED / SUN

DATE TBC

ANTIGUA

MEET & GREET AT THE AIRPORT & PRIVATE TRANSFER TO YOUR HOTEL

Welcome to Guatemala! At the airport, meet & greet your driver and guide with a private transfer to your hotel in Antigua which takes approximately 1 hour.

Antigua is among the world's best conserved colonial cities in the Americas. It is a magic and captivating small town that makes you feel time might have stopped 300 years ago. From its colonial architecture to its beautiful surroundings; strolling through town on the cobblestone streets, will fascinate! Free time to relax at the hotel or explore the surrounding neighbourhood.

 **Meals Included:** None Today.



YOUR EXCLUSIVE TRIP GUIDEBOOK

Tap into our knowledge of Latin America with a copy of our exclusive guidebook personalised to your trip. These books are packed full of tips about the country, climate, what to take, currency, language guides and destination guides. The perfect way to prepare for and get the most out of your Latin America experience with us!

OVERNIGHT

EL CONVENTO



Centrally located luxury hotel full of character with a sophisticated restaurant with a terrace and a serene garden with an outdoor pool.

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YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

DAY 2

DATE TBC

ANTIGUA

ANTIGUA WALKING TOUR & AFTERNOON AT LEISURE

Today enjoy a guided walking tour of Antigua. You will visit breathtaking colonial monuments and find out why this city was the bustling centre of the region for the Spaniards. Starting at central plaza the guide will give you a general idea about the colonization, Guatemala's history & contemporary issues.

View the outside main buildings (Palacio de Capitanes, City Hall, and El Portal), visit backstage of the Cathedral & Cathedral ruins & San Francisco church.

Afternoon at leisure to explore on your own.

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast.

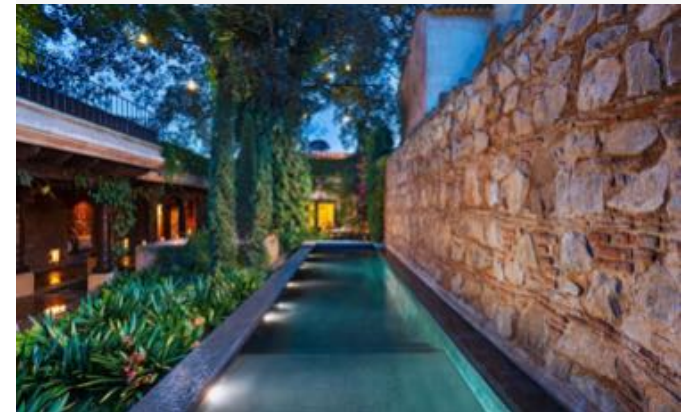
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VOLCANO VIEWS



ARCHITECTURE



COLOURFUL MARKETS



YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

DAY 3

DATE TBC

LAKE ATITLAN

COFFEE PLANTATION TOUR & TRANSFER ON TO STUNNING LAKE ATITLAN

Antigua is famous for growing one of the best coffees in Central America. Enjoy the scenery and the unique insight into a real coffee hacienda. This tour will get you up close and personal with the whole coffee making process, experiencing the smells, the sights and the flavour of one of the Guatemala's most famous exports.

Transfer from Antigua to your hotel at Lake Atitlan which is about a 3 hour drive.

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast.

OVERNIGHT

CASA PALOPA



Laid back hotel with colourful rooms, cozy lounge and a restaurant, outdoor infinity pool and a terrace with sitting areas and panoramic lake views.

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DAY 4

DATE TBC

LAKE ATITLAN

BOAT TRIP TO SAN JUAN & SANTIAGO ATITLAN VILLAGES

Private boat to visit San Juan la Laguna and Santiago Atitlan, two very special and different towns on the shores of Lake Atitlan. Santiago is home to Maximon, a venerated pagan saint who smokes tobacco and drinks moonshine (why not!) 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 and makes for a pleasant wander.

Lunch is included and you will return to your hotel in the afternoon.

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast & Lunch.

OVERNIGHT

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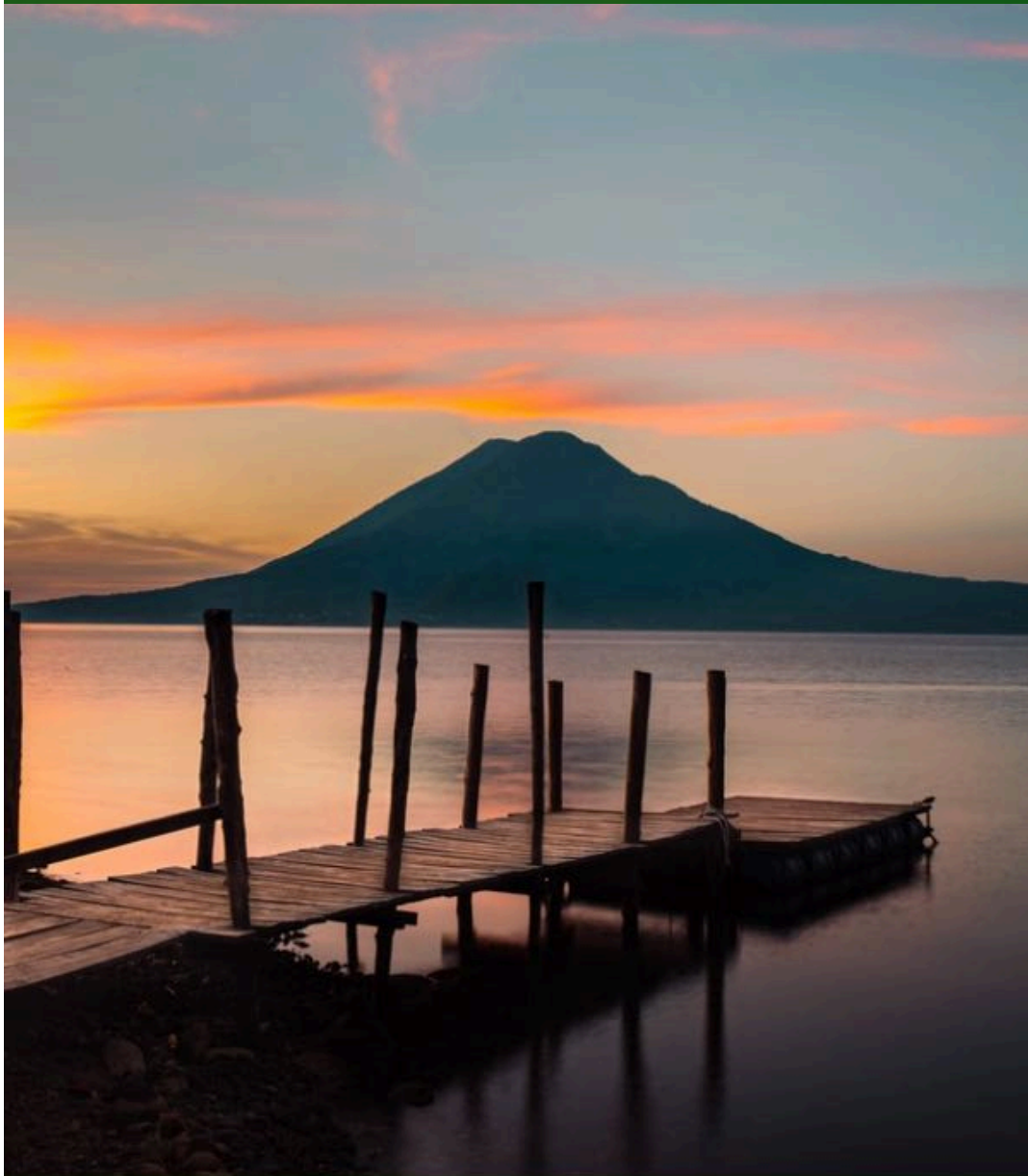
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VOLCANO VIEWS



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CHICHICASTENANGO



YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

DAY 5

DATE TBC

FLORES

CHICHICASTENANGO MARKET VISIT & AN AFTERNOON FLIGHT TO FLORES

Chichicastenango is home to what is surely the most colourful native market in the Americas. Market days 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.

NOTE: The main market is are held every Sunday and Thursday

On arrival, you will meet your guide who will show you the church which is an important and iconic monument for the indigenous Mayan history itself. If you're lucky you will also witness special ceremonies and mix of religions.

Time for lunch (included) before a private transfer to Guatemala City airport for a flight onto Flores, the gateway to the Tikal ruins.

On arrival in Flores airport a private transfer to your hotel with the rest of the day free.

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast & Lunch.

OVERNIGHT

LAS LAGUNAS



Within 81 hectares of rainforest, rooms in wood bungalows on stilts with decks & hot tubs. Restaurant, bar and pool overlooking a lagoon.

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DAY 6

DATE TBC

FLORES

FREE MORNING BEFORE A YAXHA ARCHEOLOGICAL SITE SUNSET TOUR

Morning is at leisure for relaxation at the hotel or to explore the surrounding area independently.

In the afternoon a private transfer to Yaxha archeological site, an ancient ceremonial centre of Mayan civilisation situated in the northeast of Peten. This site is a mixture of archeology, beautiful landscapes and ecological tourism. With more than 500 structures in the site, including 40 steles, 13 altars and 9 pyramids this site is a must when visiting the area.

On arrival, your guide will show you the layout and main temples and you end the day watching the sunset on top of a pyramid. After sun-down return to your hotel in Flores.

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast.

OVERNIGHT

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MAYAN RUINS OF TIKAL



ANCIENT GATEWAYS



SUBLIME VIEWS



YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

DAY 7

DATE TBC

GUATEMALA CITY

TOUR OF TIKAL NATIONAL PARK BEFORE A FLIGHT TO GUATEMALA CITY

After breakfast, your guide will meet you at the lobby of your hotel and transfer you to Tikal National Park for a tour of discovery around the temples, architecture, history of this amazing Mayan site.

Learn theories of why the Mayans disappeared and if you are lucky a few monkeys, parrots, macaws, and toucans will be on site to add to the exotic flavour.

After the tour lunch at a restaurant in the middle of the jungle before a transfer to Flores airport for a flight to Guatemala City. On arrival a private transfer to your hotel with the rest of the day free.

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast & Lunch.

OVERNIGHT

HYATT CENTRIC



With views of the Pacaya volcano, this modern and luxurious hotel has a trendy restaurant, rooftop terrace, outdoor pool and gym.

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DAY 8

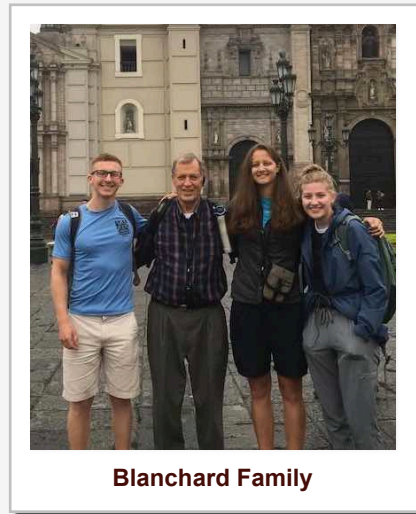
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END OF TOUR

FREE TIME UNTIL A PRIVATE TRANSFER TO THE AIRPORT

Check-out and private transfer from your hotel to the airport for your return international flight.

 **Meals Included:** Breakfast.



Blanchard Family

"Once the Tour Itinerary was fixed and paid, LATC stayed on top of any potential issues or problems within the countries/regions. One required a modest change in the plan which was handled very effectively with no impact on our experience or cost to us."

[VIEW MORE FEEDBACK](#)



- **Guide price* per person based on 2 people travelling: UK £ 3,265 / US\$ 3,920**

** Prices vary by date, availability, exchange rates and the number of people in your party. Please contact us for a firm quote.*

A full list of what is included in this price can be seen on the following pages.

- **Booking and payment terms:**

Once we receive completed booking forms we will book and confirm services for you and send an invoice for the deposit payment of 20% per person (plus any international flights we are booking) with full payment due 60 days before departure. All payments to us are protected under our ATOL or ABTA licenses and we accept payment by Credit Card, Debit Card (no fee) or bank transfer. [Click here to read our Booking Terms & Conditions.](#)

- **Our pricing policy:**

We believe that the the pricing for this tour offers excellent value for the services and standards we operate and we frequently check our pricing against that of other operators. If you feel you have a similar quote that is of a lower price we are happy to reconsider our pricing for you if you can forward the other quote so we can fairly compare. We would add that in our experience we usually find some differences that, although they may appear subtle, make both a significant difference to the price and, more importantly, the quality of the trip experience.



INCLUSIONS & EXCLUSIONS FOR THIS ITINERARY

Here you will find the inclusions and exclusions for this itinerary. We guarantee you will receive the services below although on very rare occasions one service may need to be replaced with another similar one as there are a lot of complex logistical elements to a trip like this.

■ INTERNATIONAL PLANE TICKETS: International Flight Luggage Policy - Please see your ticket for details

✈ International flight tickets are NOT included in this itinerary. We CAN arrange these for you.

■ DOMESTIC PLANE TICKETS:

- ✈ Guatemala City to Flores economy class
- ✈ Flores to Guatemala City economy class

Guatemala Domestic Luggage Policy:

- Passengers are permitted one check-in hold piece with maximum weight of 20 lb / 9 kg and up to 22 inches / 12 inches / 12 inches (60cm/ 35cm/ 35cm)
- Passengers are permitted one carry-on piece with a maximum weight of 10 lb / 4.5 Kg with a size up to 16 inches / 9 inches / 9 inches (42cm/ 24cm/ 24cm)

NOTE: The Passenger must pay USD 1 per each additional 1 lb (0.45kg) of weight over 20 lb / 9 kg. This is payable at the airport on check-in.

Operational and other considerations:

The operation of any flight is subject to weather conditions or operational considerations of the local airline; for these reasons, flights can be delayed, changed or canceled without previous notification and neither the airline nor The Latin America Travel Company are responsible for any extra cost in case of necessary adjustments of the itinerary.

■ ACCOMMODATION: Tried and tested by us or our local representatives

- ✓ 2 nights Antigua - El Convento 5* (Superior room with breakfast)
- ✓ 2 nights Lake Atitlan - Casa Palopo 5* (Deluxe room with breakfast)



INCLUSIONS & EXCLUSIONS FOR THIS ITINERARY

- ✓ 2 nights Flores - Las Lagunas 5* (Waterfront room with breakfast)
- ✓ 1 night Guatemala City - Hyatt Centric 5* (Standard room with breakfast)

■ TRANSFERS: By car or minibus except where stated

- ✓ Antigua - Private transfer Guatemala City Airport to Hotel
- ✓ Antigua - Private transfer Hotel to Hotel at Lake Atitlan
- ✓ Lake Atitlan - Private transfer Hotel to Guatemala City Airport
- ✓ Flores - Private transfer Flores Airport to Hotel
- ✓ Flores - Private transfer Hotel to Flores Airport
- ✓ Guatemala City - Private transfer Guatemala City Airport to Hotel
- ✓ Guatemala City - Private transfer Hotel to Guatemala City Airport

■ TOURS: All our tours include entrance fees and use professional guides

- ✓ Antigua - Walking tour of the Colonial Capital of Spanish Central America (half day private tour)
- ✓ Antigua - Coffee plantation tour (half day small group tour)
- ✓ Lake Atitlan - Boat trip to San Juan & Santiago Atitlan villages (full day private tour)
- ✓ Lake Atitlan - Chichicastenango market visit (market days Thursday & Sunday) (half day private tour)
- ✓ Flores - Yaxha archeological site sunset tour (half day private tour)
- ✓ Flores - Tour of Tikal National Park (half day private tour)

■ OTHER INCLUSIONS: Also included in this trip

- ✓ Meals - As indicated in the itinerary.
- ✓ All national park entrance fees.
- ✓ All other entrance fees for attractions visited in the itinerary.
- ✓ Support - Emergency numbers and contacts for each destination.
- ✓ Guidebook - Our exclusive Trip Guidebook.



INCLUSIONS & EXCLUSIONS FOR THIS ITINERARY

- ✓ Financial Peace of Mind - All monies paid to us are legally protected under UK law.
- ✓ Support from your dedicated Latin America specialist.

■ NOT INCLUDED IN THIS TOUR

- ✗ International Airfare to / from the start / finish of your trip - we can book these flights on request.
- ✗ Travel insurance to cover any medical treatment.
- ✗ Discretionary gratuities to drivers and guides.

■ END



WHAT OUR CLIENTS SAY - SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE



"I would like to say a big thanks to the team for making this trip such a pleasurable one for me and recommend without hesitation any friends, family or colleagues to use this company."

John Vlacos



"I would highly recommend using this company. We had a fabulous trip to Costa Rica. Extremely well organised and with just the right amount of advice and suggestions. Can't wait to plan our next trip with them."

S. Trisk & Family



"Great Value, Efficient, and Effective. The Latin America Travel Company worked with me to plan precisely the experience I wanted, at the time I wanted, and at a very competitive price."

David Blanchard & Family



"This trip outstripped my expectations by a long way. Costa Rica was such an amazing place with so much to do. The hotel choice was amazing and we felt so well looked after from start to finish."

Mrs Harrison



"Our trip was made so easy by your fantastic and professional organisation. The flight connections were flawless and all the guides and drivers friendly, helpful and informative. We thought your guidebook was a great bonus."

Mr & Mrs Owen



"LATC organized a wonderful trip for us. We wanted a nature tour with walking and wildlife and were rewarded in spades. The satisfaction of finding smaller creatures and the sheer variety was fantastic."

Mr & Mrs Hardy

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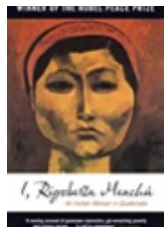
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THE BEAST
OSCAR MARTINEZ

This book is about the total experience of Guatemalans, Hondurans, Salvadorans, and Nicaraguans traveling from the southern border to the northern border of Mexico. Often recommended as a book you need to read to put your life into perspective.



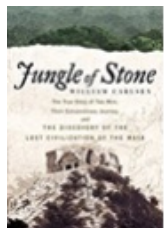
I RIGOBERTA MENCHU
RIGOBERTA MENCHU

One of the most heartbreaking and emotionally riveting books about Guatemala is the life story of Rigoberta Menchu, the Guatemalan Maya activist who won the Nobel Prize for Peace in 1992. Once you've read this book, you'll understand why the Maya went to war with the government.



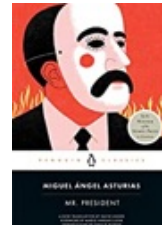
SILENCE ON THE MOUNTAIN
DANIEL WILKINSON

This book helps understand the country as it tells the story of Guatemala not from the perspective of those in power but from those who experienced the war firsthand: the poor farmworker, the plantation owners, the average people of the small towns and cities.



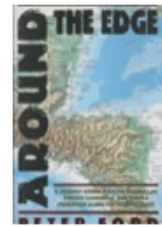
JUNGLE OF STONE
WILLIAM CARLSEN

Carlsen tells the life story of two amateur archaeologists, John L. Stephens and Frederick Catherwood, and their two journeys through Central America and Mexico in the 1840s. A good account well told.



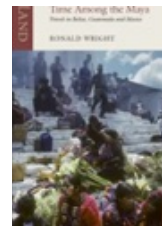
MR PRESIDENT
MIGUEL ANGEL

Mr President is the Nobel prize winner, Miguel Angel Asturias's masterpiece. Set in an unnamed country presumably Guatemala in the early 1900s, a ruthless dictator is plotting to get rid of his political opponent and maintain his hold on power.



AROUND THE EDGE
PETER FORD

A journey on foot and by sea from Belize to Panama along the Mosquito Coast. Few roads penetrate this land of thick jungle, home to native Miskito, Rama, and Garifuna peoples. It's an unusual travel book about a little-known region.



TIME AMONG THE MAYA
RONALD WRIGHT

Far from being an extinct people the Maya make up a significant percentage of the population of southern Mexico, Guatemala, and Belize. This account of contemporary Maya culture will help you understand a remarkable people who explored the world through arithmetic and time.



THE FULL MONTEZUMA
PETER MOORE

Written with Moore's wicked sense of humour and his eye for the bizarre, and punctuated by a roll call of annoying habits - map-hogging, over packing, bite-scratching and over-zealous haggling - The Full Montezuma is hilarious, incisive and acutely observed tale.



ESSENTIAL INFORMATION, TIPS & FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

HOW FAR IN ADVANCE DO I NEED TO BOOK?

A trip to Latin America can be quite a complex one with definite peak seasons when tickets and good hotel rooms can become scarce so we recommend booking as far in advance as possible with bookings a year in advance common.

CAN YOU OBTAIN VISAS FOR US?

Most countries do not need a visa for our clients but if you do we can advise and recommend a visa agent.

IS IT SAFE TO BOOK WITH YOU?

In a word, Yes! We members of ABTA and ATOL Bonded so any payments made to us are fully protected in the unlikely event of our financial failure. Our ABTA membership number is [Y1699](#) and our ATOL license number is [10287](#).

IS LATIN AMERICAN TRAVEL SAFE?

We believe so and in recent years we hear of very few problems and there is no reason why you should not feel as safe travelling in all the areas we operate tours. This applies to men or women traveling alone and exercising reasonable common sense.

WHAT HAPPENS ONCE WE MAKE A BOOKING?

On taking a booking we will confirm as many of the services as can be at that point and then ask you for a non-refundable deposit of 20% per person plus any international flights we are booking with the final balance payment due 60 days before your trip start date with us. 1 month before your trip with us starts we will send you our exclusive Trip Guidebook tailored to your specific trip with us.

CAN YOU BOOK INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS ?

Yes, as we hold an ATOL license (number 10287) we are permitted by the Civil Aviation Authority in the UK to book flights on behalf of our clients. We are a British Airways preferred operator but also book with other airlines to get the best deals and routes for our clients.

WHY SHOULD WE BOOK A TRIP WITH YOU

We took our first Latin America trip in the 1990s and between us have taken many trips since. We have been to all destinations we offer, often many times, and are passionate about sharing our knowledge and providing you with the best possible travel experience of these destinations which we love to visit ourselves. Add to this the back up we offer from financial protection of your payments to us to the 24 hour emergency numbers we give you before your trip and we think we are the full package for quality, service and reliability.

DO YOU CATER FOR ALL DIETS?

As long as we are informed at the time of making your booking we can cater for almost all dietary requirements.

CAN YOU TAILOR THIS ITINERARY?

Yes! Just let your travel consultant know what changes you would like and we will revise the itinerary for you.

IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE I SHOULD BE ASKING?

Almost certainly! We fully expect you will have many more questions and we are here to answer them so please do not hesitate to [contact us](#) - that is what we are here for!

