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A Day in the Life - Antigua

\$254.00 PER PERSON

2 DAY TOUR - A DAY IN THE LIFE - ANTIGUA

La Antigua has been named by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site and is a central location for many visitors. Antigua is a great city to visit during your time in Guatemala. Located just over 20 miles from Guatemala City and the International airport, many guests enjoy a day or two at the beginning or end of their stay.

Immerse yourself in the diversity of local Antigua culture. The nearly 500-year-old city is cradled by three volcanoes and accented with colorful facades of 16th century mansions, churches and convents. Enjoy hands-on experiences with a series of incredible workshops designed to integrate you into the Maya culture.

Day 1 - Explore Antigua Walking Tour and Choice of Workshop



Experience Antigua Walking Tour

PRICE

\$25.00 USD

The first day around Antigua you will enjoy the harmonic combination of past and present. You will visit ancient buildings that once were convents, monasteries, and churches. This will be the most beautiful introduction to the Guatemalan lifestyle, tradition and culture. Visit San Francisco church and ruins, Santo Domingo ruins, La Merced church and ruins, the street with the famous Santa Catalina Arch and buildings around the Main Square (Municipality, Palace, Cathedral).



Antigua Guatemala

Antigua Guatemala, Sacatepéquez, GT

Population: At Antigua's peak in the mid 18th century, prior to moving the capital, Antigua was home to 60,000; now 45,669

Location: Central Highlands of Guatemala; departmental capital of Sacatepéquez Department; approximately 24 miles from Guatemala City

Elevation: 5,029 feet

Significance: Served as the capital of the Kingdom of Guatemala prior to moving the capital in 1773 to Guatemala City, due to the constant tremors and damaging earthquakes in September and December of that year. La Antigua has been named by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site and is a central location for many visitors.

What you will see: Santa Catalina Arch; Volcán de Agua; Volcán de Fuego; Acatenango Volcano; San Francisco church and ruins; Santo Domingo ruins; La Merced church and ruins; Antigua's market days.

Fun Facts: Panza Verde, or green belly was the name given to those that remained in Antigua after the capital was moved to Guatemala City. It is said that the people received this name because of their reliance on avocados for a food source after the damage to the city from earthquakes. Founded in 1542, Antigua was the first planned city in the Americas, structured on a rigid grid pattern, and is easily recognized by its cobblestone streets.



Arco de Santa Catalina

5a Avenida Norte, Antigua Guatemala, Sacatepéquez, GT, 03-001



La Merced

6a. avenida norte, La Antigua Guatemala, Sacatepéquez, GT



Iglesia de San Francisco el Grande

7a. Calle Oriente, La Antigua Guatemala, Sacatepéquez, GT



Casa del Jade

Antigua Guatemala, Sacatepéquez, GT, 03001



Iglesia del Carmen

Small but exciting ruins lining a popular street in Antigua, Guatemala



Chocolate Workshop

The chocolate workshop teaches each guest the process "from the cacao bean to the chocolate bar". The workshop is approximately 2 hours and you learn the individual steps of the creation of the chocolate bar, from the very beginning of the cacao harvest from the plantation to the end resulting chocolate bar. You will start by roasting and peeling the cacao beans, and then grind the beans into a paste. The cacao paste is then used to prepare the traditional chocolate, (also known as Mayan Chocolate), the first known drink made from cacao. To finish your workshop, you will prepare your own chocolate to take home from the refined chocolate.



Local Culinary Class

Enjoy the authentic tastes and flavors of Guatemala's food culture. Depart on a journey of gastronomy and learn how to prepare and cook the country's local cuisine, while discovering the unique history and influence behind the local creations. With a distinctive harmony of Mayan and Spanish influence, the mixture of ingredients, spices, and foods, create an unusual fusion that only Guatemala can produce. Receive instruction from local culinary experts to recreate these delights from your own kitchen at home.



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Day 2 - Discover Antigua's Surrounding Villages



Explore Antigua and its Local Villages

Immerse yourself in the diversity of local Antigua culture. Visit two of Antigua's surrounding villages and learn about their local specialties.

Villages to visit: Pastores (leather), San Juan del Obispo (chocolate), San Pedro las huertas (Jade), Ciudad Vieja (coffee), San Antonio Aguas Calientes (textiles), and Santa María de Jesús (Santa María de Jesús has special events only on Sunday).



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