

## Single Parent Tours Itinerary Guatemala – July 2017

Day 1 (July 15th, 2017)- Welcome to Guatemala! & transfer to Antigua  
Day 2 (July 16th, 2017)- Antigua walking Tour & Peanut butter Workshop  
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**Day 1 (July 15th, 2017)- Welcome to Guatemala! & transfer to Antigua-** 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, you will experience the splendors of ancient times! A few things you will find are art galleries and exhibits, coffee shops, amazing cuisine, cute little bars and much more.

### In brief

- Meet & Greet
- Transfer to Antigua
- Overnight at hotel in Antigua (Porta Antigua)

On arrival, our local representative will meet you at the airport for you transfer to the hotel. Tomorrow morning is a breakfast briefing. (-,-,-)



**Day 2 (July 16th, 2017)- Antigua walking Tour & Peanut butter Workshop-** Enjoy eating your favorite peanut butter? Learn how to make it fresh from scratch at the home of a peanut farmer on the slope of Agua volcano. You'll learn about the basics of peanut farming and how to make it at home. Your own peanut butter will not have added sugars, salt, oil or preservatives!

#### **In brief**

- Breakfast at hotel
- Antigua walking tour
- Lunch in town (included)
- Transfer to San Miguel Escobar town
- Peanut butter tour
- Transfer back to Antigua
- Overnight at hotel in Antigua (Porta Antigua)

After breakfast enjoy a guided walking tour of Antigua. You will visit breath taking colonial monuments and find out why this city was the bustling center of the region for the Spaniards. After lunch in town your driver and guide will take you San Miguel Escobar. On arrival, Lilian and Lidia, two local peanut farmers, will teach you how to make peanut butter from scratch. Enjoy a delicious homemade tortilla with your own peanut butter. After the tour, transfer back to your hotel. **(B,L,-)**

**Day 3 (July 17th, 2017)- Chocolate workshop & transfer to Lake Atitlan-** The cocoa seed used to be very important to the ancient Mayans. It was a commercial symbol, used as a coin and a key ingredient for the preparation of ceremonial drinks and dishes.

#### **In brief**

- Breakfast at hotel
- Chocolate workshop
- Transfer to Lake Atitlan
- Dinner in town (included)
- Overnight at hotel in Lake Atitlan (Atitlan hotel)



After breakfast, you will also visit the chocolate museum and learn how to prepare chocolate from scratch with a Mayan recipe. Learn hands on about this important seed through a personalized workshop were you will be able to work with the kernel, brew, toast and grind it to elaborate chocolates as we know them. Make your own chocolates and just one hour later you will be able to enjoy them. After the workshop, transfer to Lake Atitlan for hotel accommodations. Enjoy a wonderful dinner on arrival to Lake Atitlan. **(B,-,D)**

**Day 4 (July 18th, 2017)- Kayak & San Juan village tour-** With three stunning volcanoes rising out of its emerald surface, Lake Atitlan located 144km west of Guatemala City. It is characterized by its natural beauty surrounded by gorgeous views of the volcanoes and indigenous villages filled with culture. The famous writer Aldous Huxley considered it "the most beautiful lake in the world".

**In brief**

- Breakfast at hotel
- Boat transfer to Santa Cruz village
- Kayak
- Lunch
- Boat transfer to San Juan village
- Village tour
- Transfer back to hotel
- Overnight at hotel in Lake Atitlan (Atitlan hotel)

After breakfast, a private boat transfer will take you to Santa Cruz village to pick up the kayak gear. You will paddle for approximately 45 minutes along delightful peninsulas admiring the shore's beautiful gardens. The views are spectacular with three stunning volcanoes, Atitlan, San Pedro, and Toliman. Lunch will be held at a local restaurant. After lunch, transfer to San Juan village. San Juan la Laguna is famous for its naïf art galleries, town murals and natural dyes textiles. This town is set as an example of organization and tourism destination among the highlands. Its beauty and cooperatives have set the perfect village. After the tour, transfer back to the hotel. **(B,L,-)**

**Day 5 (July 19th, 2017)- Zip line adventure & afternoon flight to Peten-** The valley where the San Buenaventura natural reserve is located has undergone tremendous transformations over the years. It started as a coffee plantation in the 1700s and by 1997 it opens as a natural reserve and visitor center. This amazing natural reserve has close to 35 acres of land, including areas of old oak forest and old shade coffee groves.



### In brief

- Breakfast at hotel
- Transfer to Atitlan Natural preserve
- Zip line adventure
- Transfer to Guatemala City
- Afternoon flight to Peten
- Transfer to hotel
- Overnight at hotel in Peten (Camino Real Tikal)

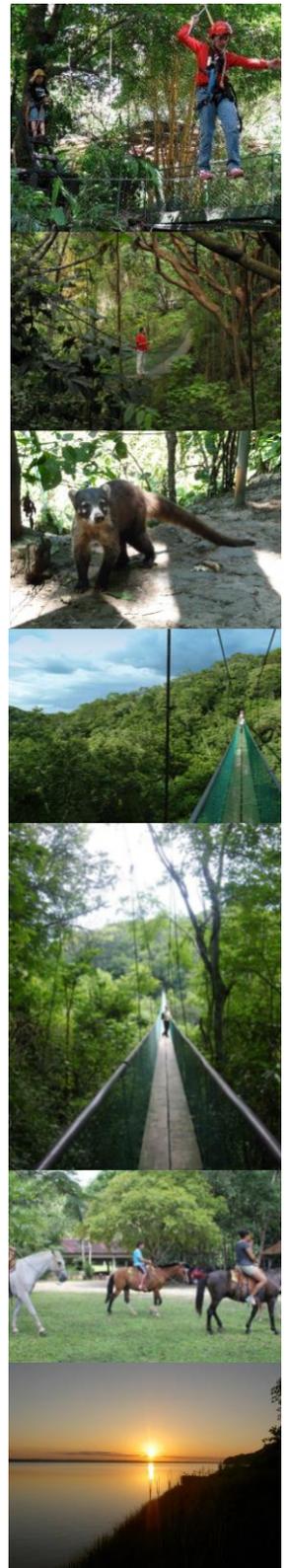
After breakfast, transfer to Atitlan Natural preserve. Enjoy a zip line adventure surrounded by magnificent views of Lake Atitlan. After the tour, transfer to Guatemala City for an afternoon flight to Peten. On arrival, our representative will meet you for your transfer to the hotel. **(B,-,-)**

**Day 6 (July 20th, 2017)- Horseback riding, hanging bridges & Sunset cruise-** Ixpanpajul is the perfect destination for adventure and adrenaline fanatics; it has different zip line circuits where biodiversity can be admired during day or night, the park can also be explored horseback riding and over the 5 majestic suspension bridges. Besides enjoying incredible views of the jungle and Lake Peten Itzá, the park supports and promotes different conservation and development projects for the community.

### In brief

- Breakfast at hotel
- Transfer to Ixpanpajul park
- Horseback riding & suspension bridges
- Lunch in town (included)
- Transfer to the hotel
- Sunset cruise (adults only)
- Dinner at hotel
- Overnight at hotel in Peten (Camino Real Tikal)

After breakfast, you'll be transferred to Ixpanpajul park for an adventure day. You will walk through the jungle at the park suspension bridges. You will also be able to enjoy a horseback ride through the jungle. Lunch will be held in town. After lunch, transfer back to the hotel. In the afternoon, the adults will be transferred to Flores Island for a sunset cruise where they will be able to relax and enjoy a wonderful sunset. In the meantime, the children will stay at the hotel where they will be able to play soccer and do different activities with a guide. Dinner is included at the hotel. **(B,L,D)**



**Day 7 (July 21st, 2017)- Tikal tour & afternoon flight back to Guatemala City-** City and ceremonial center of the ancient Mayan civilization, Tikal became an important ceremonial center with the construction of major pyramids and temples. Its best years were the Late Classic Period (600-900AD). Tikal National Park contains some of the most fascinating archaeological remains of the Mayan civilization. Declared a UNESCO World Heritage site in 1,979, Tikal is Guatemala's most famous cultural and natural preserve.

**In brief**

- Breakfast at hotel
- Transfer to Tikal National Park
- Tikal tour
- Lunch (included)
- Transfer to the airport
- Afternoon flight to Guatemala City
- Transfer to hotel
- Overnight at hotel in Guatemala City (Westin Camino Real)

After breakfast your tour guide will meet you at the lobby of your hotel and transfer you to Tikal National Park. Your guide will show you the layout of the temples, architecture, history, some theories of why the Mayans disappeared and if you are lucky, a few monkeys, parrots, macaws and toucans will be on site. After the tour, enjoy lunch at a restaurant in the middle of the jungle. After lunch, you will be transferred to Mundo Maya Airport (FRS) for your flight to Guatemala City (GUA). Once in the city, your driver will transfer you to your hotel. (WeEstin Camino) **(B,L,-)**

**Day 8 (July 22nd, 2017)- Departure day-** After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight back home. **(B,-,-)**

**In brief**

- Breakfast at hotel
- Transfer to the airport

**END OF SERVICES**



**Tour cost:**

- Adult sharing twin room with child under 12: Total cost for 2 = \$ 4678.00
- Adult sharing twin room with child 12 & over: Total cost for 2 = \$7038.00
- Triple room rates available upon request

Prices based on minimum 3 families on the tour. If the group falls below 3 families, the remaining families have the option to take the tour at a slightly higher cost.

<b>Included</b>	<b>Not included</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hotel accommodations</li> <li>• Hotel tax</li> <li>• Private transfers</li> <li>• Entrance fee to:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Antigua walking tour: La Merced, San Francisco &amp; The Cathedral</li> <li>○ Peanut butter tour</li> <li>○ Chocolate tour</li> <li>○ Kayak</li> <li>○ Zip line at Lake Atitlan</li> <li>○ Ixpanpajul (suspension bridges and horseback riding)</li> <li>○ Sunset drinks (adults only)</li> <li>○ Tikal tour</li> </ul> </li> <li>• RT Afternoon flight GUA-FRS-GUA</li> <li>• Meals as described (breakfast daily , 3 lunches, 2 dinners)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gratuities for guides and drivers</li> <li>• Gratuities for porters and housekeeping at hotels</li> <li>• Personal expenses</li> <li>• Personal travel insurance</li> <li>• Mini bar and laundry expenses</li> <li>• Activities not mentioned in itinerary</li> <li>• Meals not mentioned in itinerary</li> <li>• Beverages</li> <li>• International airfare</li> </ul>

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## Hotels

### **Porta Hotel de Antigua** [www.portahotels.com](http://www.portahotels.com)

Porta Hotel Antigua is located in the beautiful Antigua Guatemala a charming little town only 1 hour away from la Aurora International airport. This hotel has 100 rooms all designed to meet the guest's wants and needs. The hotel also has a bar & restaurant, spa services, meeting room and banquet services.



### **Hotel Atitlan** [www.hotelatitlan.com](http://www.hotelatitlan.com)

Hotel Atitlán has the best views of the lake. A property with fantastic gardens, birds, and great place to stay when visiting the lake. Each room has a unique personality that is reflected in the decor of hand-woven fabrics, hand-crafted furniture, paintings and other decorations from the many indigenous villages in the region. The floors are made of traditional tile and covered by hand-made area rugs.



**Camino Real Tikal**      [www.caminorealtikal.com.gt](http://www.caminorealtikal.com.gt)

Camino Real Tikal is a perfect place to start your Mayan Adventure just 45 minutes from Tikal. The hotel is located at the National Reserve of Cerro Cahuí on the shores of Lake Petén Itza, offering a unique and private access to the second largest lake in Guatemala and the nature that surrounds it. The hotel is a tropical retreat located in the heart of the Petén's jungle, with all the facilities and comfort that will ensure a great experience.

