

Itinerary for

SINGLE PARENT TOURS

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GUATEMALA  
July 19-25, 2020  
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## Single Parent Tours – July 18-25, 2020

### Guatemala Family Getaway

July 18: Welcome to Guatemala & transfer to Antigua  
July 19: Antigua half day tour & peanut butter workshop  
July 20: Pacaya Volcano hike & horseback riding  
July 21: Chocolate Workshop & transfer to Lake Atitlan  
July 22: Kayak, Tzununa hike & San Juan village tour  
July 23: Zip line adventure & afternoon flight to Peten  
July 24: Tikal Mayan Ruins & Wildlife Encounter  
July 25: Flight back to Guatemala City & departure day

#### Itinerary Highlights

- Visit Antigua: UNESCO world heritage site
- Peanut butter at a Mayan home over a firewood stove
- Live volcano hike
- Horseback riding at a working coffee farm
- Kayak at a high altitude lake
- Live Mayan culture encounter
- Zip line adventure in the middle of the jungle
- Visit Tikal National Park archaeological site



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**Day 1 (July 18th, 2020). Welcome to Guatemala & Transfer to Antigua** - Antigua is among the world's best conserved colonial cities in the Americas and a UNESCO site. It is a magical and captivating small town that makes you feel as if 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! Kids will love the brightly colored colonial buildings and will marvel at the steaming volcanoes in the distance.

**Included today:**

- Meet & Greet
- Transfer to Antigua
- Welcome dinner at hotel
- Overnight at Camino Real Antigua (standard room)

A Maya Trails representative will meet you at the Guatemala City airport for your 45 minute transfer to your hotel in Antigua. Welcome dinner included at hotel. **(-, -,D)**

**Day 2 (July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020). Antigua half day walking tour & peanut butter workshop** - Discover the secrets of Antigua's traditional history and art. Admire the colonial architecture of the XVI century churches, buildings, fine arts, terra-cotta ceramics, wooden sculptures and a great variety of traditional weavings

**Included today:**

- Breakfast at hotel
- Antigua walking tour
- Lunch
- Peanut butter workshop
- Overnight at Camino Real Antigua (standard room)

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, you'll be transferred to San Miguel Escobar town. 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 hand made peanut butter. **(B,L,-)**



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**Day 3 (July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020). Pacaya Volcano hike & horseback riding** - Pacaya is one of the most active volcanoes among Guatemala's 33 volcanoes. Sitting 2,500mt (8200 feet) above sea level, Pacaya is one of the youngest volcanoes with beautiful views toward the Pacific Coast and three other volcanoes nearby (Agua, Acatenango and Fuego).

**Included today:**

- Breakfast at hotel
- Transfer to volcano
- Pacaya Volcano hike
- Picnic lunch
- Transfer to Antigua
- Horseback riding
- Overnight at Camino Real Antigua (standard room)
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After breakfast, your guide will meet you at the lobby of your hotel for your transfer to the volcano. It takes around 2.5 hours to get to the summit. Once on top, you'll be able to enjoy a wonderful picnic lunch & freshly made s'mores with marshmallows roasted over hot vents in the rocks! Kids will love the adventure of making this treat! After the trek, you'll be transferred to a coffee hacienda for a 2 hour horseback ride through the coffee fields. **(B,L,-)**



**Note:** Children ages 3-5 will ride with an adult. If children are taller than 1.20 mts(4 feet) they can ride alone. Every horse will have a coffee farm worker guiding the horse by the reins. Neither adults nor children ride alone. The horses are Texan mules.

**Day 4 (July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020). Chocolate Workshop & transfer to Lake Atitlan-** With three stunning volcanoes rising out of its emerald surface, Lake Atitlan is located 144km (75 miles) 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".

**Included today:**

- Breakfast at hotel
- Chocolate workshop
- Transfer to Lake Atitlan
- Overnight at Atitlan hotel (standard room)



After breakfast, learn hands-on about cocoa seed through a personalized workshop where you will be able to work with the kernel, brew it, toast it and grind it to elaborate chocolates as we know them. Make your own chocolate creations and one hour later, you'll be able to enjoy them! After the chocolate tour, you'll be transferred to Lake Atitlan **(B,-,-)**

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**Day 5 (July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020). Kayak, Tzununa hike & San Juan Village tour-** Tzununa is a small village located on the north shore of Lake Atitlan. The trek uphill and back to Santa Cruz la Laguna has no true road access, so you will be hiking along ancient paths that have been used by the Kaqchikel Mayans for centuries. While trekking you'll be able to watch beautiful views of the lake. The word Tzununa means "Land of the sparrows".



**Included today:**

- Breakfast at hotel
- Boat transfer to Santa Cruz
- Kayak and hiking tour
- Lunch
- Village tour
- Boat transfer to hotel
- Kids activity & parents' night in town
- Overnight at Atitlan hotel (standard room)

After breakfast, your guide will take you on a private boat to pick up the kayaks and gear for your paddling on the lake. Enjoy an easy 45 minutes – 1-hour kayak tour along the shores of Lake Atitlan, paddling past small indigenous villages, local Mayan fisherman and rugged cliffs with exotic plants and birdlife. We arrive at the small village of Tzununa and then embark on an easy hike along footpaths used by the local people, with stunning views of the volcanoes surrounding the lake.



After lunch, you will travel by boat to San Juan la Laguna, a traditional indigenous village on Lake Atitlan where we'll learn about the weaving traditions of the Maya at a women's textile co-op. After exploring San Juan, the boat will take you back to the hotel in the village of Panajachel.



Late in the afternoon, kids will have a special supervised activity at the hotel. While they are doing a scavenger hunt in the hotel's gardens, the parents will have a private vehicle that will take them to the Circus Bar in town.  
**(B,L,-)**

**Day 6 (July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020). 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 opened as a natural preserve and visitor center. This amazing natural preserve has close to 35 acres of land, including areas of old oak forest and old shade coffee grove.

**Included today:**

- Breakfast at hotel
- Transfer to Atitlan Natural Reserve
- Zip line adventure
- Transfer to Guatemala City's airport
- Afternoon local flight to Peten
- Transfer to hotel

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- Overnight at Camino Real Tikal (standard room)

After breakfast, your guide and driver will transfer you to the Atitlan Reserve. On arrival, you'll start your zip line and trekking adventure through the forest. Fly through and be amazed by the wonderful views of the lake. After the zip line, you'll be transferred to Guatemala City's airport for your local flight to Peten. On arrival, transfer to hotel. **(B,)**

**Day 7 (July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020). Tikal Mayan Ruins Adventure-** Tikal was one of the grandest and most important cities in the Mayan civilization. Today this ancient metropolis sits in ruins, its massive temples, palaces and ceremonial complexes devoured by the jungle. Declared a UNESCO World Heritage site in 1979, Tikal is Guatemala's most famous cultural and natural preserve. Kids can explore this archeological jungle gym as if they were Indiana Jones, climbing up and over structures all the while howling along with the calls of the howler monkeys in the jungle canopy above!



**Included today:**

- Breakfast at hotel
- Transfer to Tikal National Park
- Tikal Tour
- Lunch
- Transfer to hotel
- Farewell dinner at hotel
- Overnight at Camino Real Tikal (standard room)

After breakfast you will be met by your guide at the lobby of your hotel and transferred to Tikal National Park for your expertly guided visit. He 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 back to your hotel. Farewell dinner included at your hotel. **(B,L,D)**

**Day 8 (July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020). Flight back to Guatemala City & departure day-** After breakfast, your driver will transfer you to the airport for your local flight back to Guatemala City. **(B,-,-)**

**Included today:**

- Breakfast at hotel
- Transfer to airport
- Flight back to Guatemala City

**END OF SERVICES**

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Price for Adult & Child 11 & under	Price for Adult & Child 12 & over	Price for Adult & 2 children
\$3096.00 for both	\$3316.00 for both	Triple room available
Sharing a twin bedded room	Sharing a twin room	Pricing upon request
International air not included	International air not included	

\*\*\*Note: The trip will operate with 3 families or more. If only 1 or 2 families sign up, these families have the option of paying a bit more or cancelling with full refund. \*\*\*

Included	Not included
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Private transfers</li> <li>● Hotel accommodations</li> <li>● Hotel tax</li> <li>● Round trip flight GUA-FRS-GUA</li> <li>● Entrance fee to:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Antigua half day tour: La Merced, San Francisco &amp; The Cathedral</li> <li>○ Peanut butter workshop</li> <li>○ Pacaya volcano</li> <li>○ Chocolate workshop</li> <li>○ Horseback riding</li> <li>○ Zip line</li> <li>○ Tikal tour</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Meals as described per person:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 7 breakfasts</li> <li>○ 4 lunches with one soft drink</li> <li>○ 2 dinners with one soft drink</li> </ul> </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 travel insurance</li> <li>● Personal expenses</li> <li>● Alcoholic beverages</li> <li>● Meals not mentioned in itinerary</li> <li>● Activities not mentioned in itinerary</li> <li>● Departure tax at airport</li> </ul>

## Hotel Descriptions

### Camino Real Antigua [www.caminorealantigua.com.gt](http://www.caminorealantigua.com.gt)

Located in one of the most beautiful cities in Guatemala, declared National Patrimony by UNESCO, this hotel has 86 luxury rooms distributed in a colonial style. All the rooms are gathered around a central garden. Among the amenities the hotel offers are duck feather sheet duvet, Bulgari bathroom supplies, and a selection of pillows.



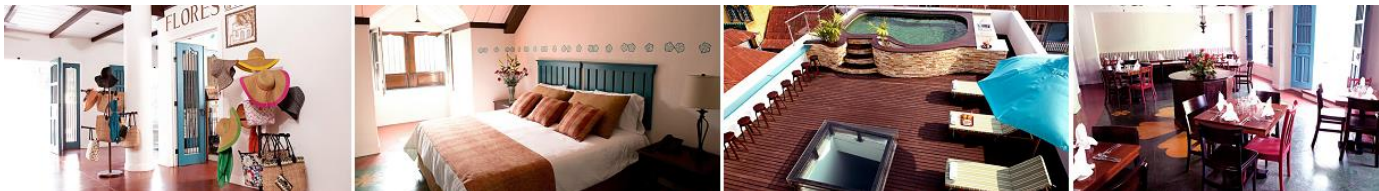
### Hotel Atitlan [www.hotelatitlan.com](http://www.hotelatitlan.com)

Hotel Atitlán has the best views of the lake and is a property with fantastic gardens, birds, and a 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. An infinity pool overlooks the lake.



### Hotel Isla de Flores [www.hotelisladeflores.com](http://www.hotelisladeflores.com)

This charming hotel is conveniently located on Flores Island in Petén. Its comfortable and elegant rooms will allow you the most pleasant rest. This hotel has 24 fully equipped bedrooms, a restaurant and a terrace pool.



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