

JOURNEYS INTERNATIONAL INC.



GUATEMALA 2019

AN EASTER JOURNEY

GUIDED TOURS TO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING DESTINATIONS:

- Guatemala City
- Antigua for Easter Celebrations
- Chichicastenago
- Lake Atitlan
- Panajachel
- Solalá
- Santiago Atitlán
- San Antonio Polopó
- Tikal



Journeys International, Inc. is an international tour operator providing tours throughout North, Central & South America, Europe and beyond! Our group tours are specifically customized to take you comfortably off the beaten path, giving you a one-of-a-kind cultural experience that immerses you, challenges your world view and rewards you with the memories that last a lifetime.

GUATEMALA CITY

Guatemala City is home to Maya history and contemporary culture. Some of the principal sites we will visit are the National Palace, the Cathedral the Popol Vuh Museum, which houses fine examples of pottery, jades and wooden masks used in the traditional dance “Los Conquistadores” and a small but valuable collection of Spanish Colonial Art, and the Museum Ixchel of Costumes.

ANTIGUA

Easter celebrations in Antigua! We will admire an unchanged tradition of the Colonial Period that is famous all over the world. Beautiful images are carried out of churches in solemn processions. The people of Antigua create intricate carpets of flowers and colored sawdust, which are laid on the street in the path of the floats that parishioners carry on their shoulders. You can observe some of the families and their friends who live along the streets of the processions who come out in the middle of the night and spend hours building these incredible carpets as an expression of their faith. Truly a remarkable city, this UNESCO World Heritage Site maintains its cobblestone streets, ruined churches and beautifully restored homes.



CHICHICASTENANGO

Surrounded by valleys, with nearby mountains looming overhead, Chichicastenango has always been an important market town. We will visit the most colorful and picturesque Indian open-air market in the country. Hundreds of Mayans from the surrounding countryside gather to barter their goods and produce. We will also witness the interesting religious ceremonies held on the steps and inside of the 400-year old Church of Santo Thomas.



LAKE ATITLÁN

Lake Atitlan is one of the most beautiful lakes in the world, which can be seen from a distance with its crystalline-azure waters in the crater bowl below three volcanoes. The K'iche', Tz'utujil and Kaqchikel Maya provide an explosion of color appreciated in their textiles, crafts, artworks, and way of life. Lake Atitlan is the deepest lake in all of Central America with a maximum depth of 1,120 feet. It is an endorheic lake, meaning that it does not flow to the sea.



PANAJACHEL

Panajachel is the ideal place to observe one of the most intriguing aspects of the Mayan lands, the handmade traditional clothing. The native dresses come in infinite and exotic variety, often differing dramatically from village to village. Twelve Indian villages surround the lake and their habitants are descendants from the great Quiché, Cakchiquel, and Tzutuhil nations.



SOLALÁ

One of the major markets of the western highlands, Solalá is a Cakchiquel town. Every Tuesday the plaza and surrounding streets are filled with sellers from the nearby towns. Displays of meat, vegetables and fruit, house wares and clothing are neatly arranged in every available space, with tides of buyers ebbing and flowing along the spaces in between.

SANTIAGO ATITLÁN

Travel across the lake to the picturesque Indian village of Santiago Atitlan, one of the twelve villages surrounding Lake Atitlán. We will walk around this bustling Indian community, where you can watch weavers at work on the colorful textiles.

SAN ANTONIO PALOPÓ

San Antonio Palopo is one of the oldest settlements of Lake Atitlán and is home to one of the oldest churches in Guatemala, over five hundred years old. There are several cooperatives which produce some of the most beautiful textiles and ceramics.

TIKAL

In the heart of the Guatemalan rainforest lies Tikal - where the Maya raised their pyramids to the sky. Because of its geographical location Tikal was a major trading city. The superbly designed city of Tikal was inhabited for a thousand years and is currently a UNESCO Natural and Cultural Heritage of Humanity site.



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