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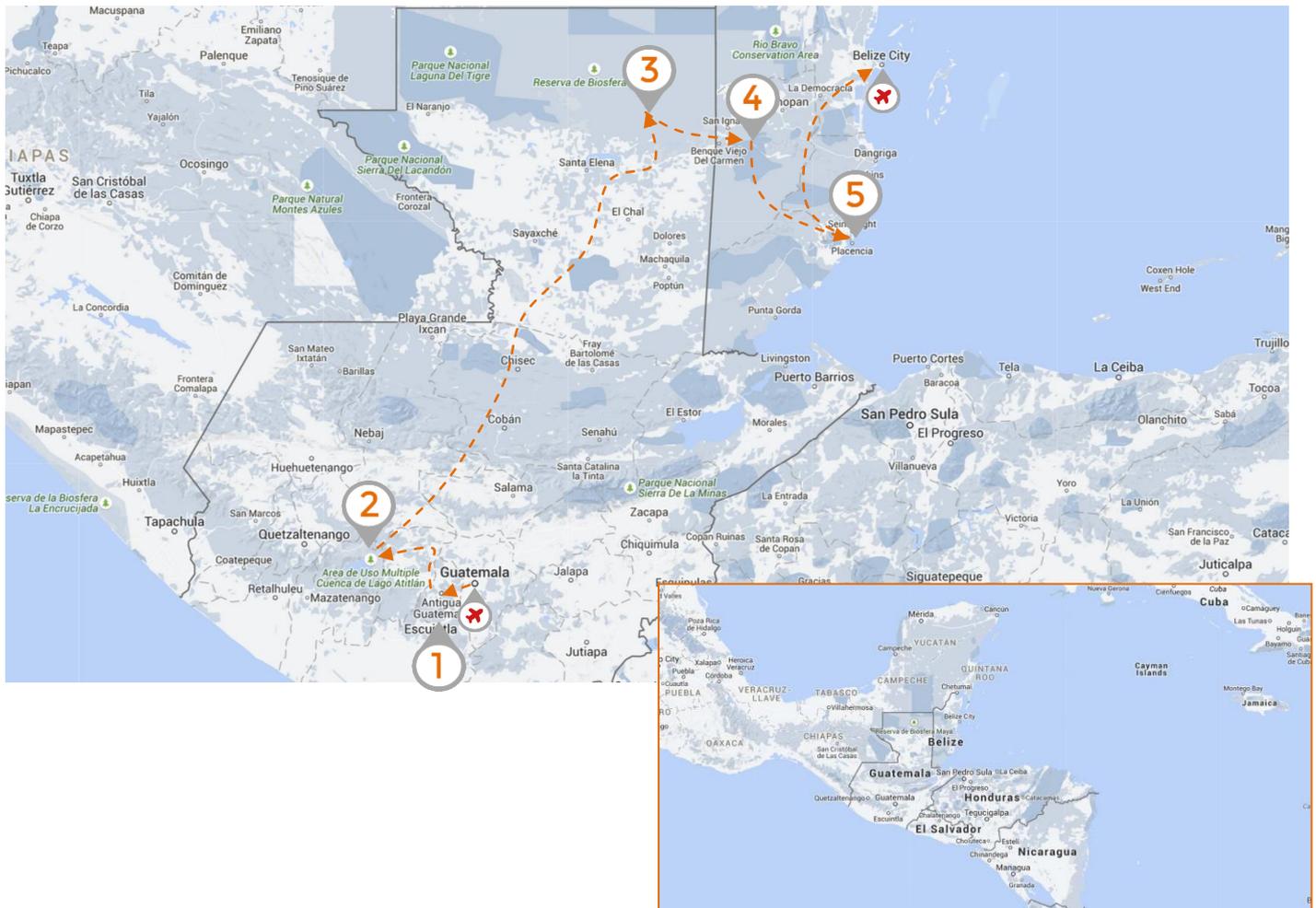
Discover Guatemala & Belize

15-days / 14-nights



Itinerary Summary

No.	Date	Location	Details	Meals	Hotel	Nts
1	Day 01	ANTIGUA	Arrive in Antigua	-	Meson de Maria	2
	Day 02		Half day walking tour of Antigua	B		
2	Day 03	LAKE ATITLÁN	Road & boat transfer to Lake Atitlán	B	Posada Santiago	2
	Day 04		full day San Juan La Laguna and Lake Atitlán tour	BL		
3	Day 05	FLORES	Air & road transfer to Flores visit to market en-route	BL	Villa Maya	2
	Day 06		Full day guided excursion to the ruins at Tikal	BL		
4	Day 07	CAYO DISTRICT	Road transfer to the Cayo District	B	Black Rock Lodge	3
	Day 08		Day at leisure	B		
	Day 09		Day at leisure	B		
5	Day 10	PLACENCIA	Road transfer to Placencia	B	Singing Sands	4
	Day 11		Day at leisure	B		
	Day 12		Day at leisure	B		
	Day 13		Day at leisure	B		
	Day 14	DEPART	Meet the return flights to the UK	B	-	
	Day 15	HEATHROW	Arrive back in the UK	-	-	



Detailed Itinerary



Day 01 ANTIGUA

Depart Heathrow with American Airlines via Miami.



AA39 Economy Dep: Heathrow 12:15
AA2432 Economy Dep: Miami 19:05

Arr: Miami Intl. 16:50
Arr: Guatemala City 19:45

Private transfer on arrival to your hotel.

Meson de Maria



1 x Deluxe Room on a Bed & Breakfast basis for 2-nights

Located in the heart of historic Antigua, the Hotel Meson de Maria offers 20 beautiful rooms, including two queen suites and one king. All rooms have cable TV, telephone, safe and complimentary internet access. The hotel offers personal service and boasts beautiful corridors, soothing búcaros (fountains), numerous lounges and spaces to relax whilst admiring the volcanoes (Agua, Fuego, and Acatenango) that surround Antigua. The hotel offers a bed and breakfast service and, due to the central location, it is easy to go out into Antigua for dinner in one of the many nearby restaurants.



Day 02 ANTIGUA



Private half day walking tour of Antigua including entrance fees & use of Tuc-Tucs

Your private guide will meet you at your hotel reception to begin your half day walking tour of Antigua. The tour will cover the highlights of the colonial city; including San Francisco Church, the Cathedral, Central Park and La Merced Church. The tour is flexible and other sites can be visited if desired. After the tour the guide can accompany you back to the hotel or take you to a place of your choosing. After your tour you'll have the afternoon to relax and explore Antigua.



Day 03 ANTIGUA - LAKE ATITLÁN

Private road transfer to Lake Atitlán and then meet a boat to your hotel.

Posada Santiago



1 x Standard Bungalow on a Bed & Breakfast basis for 2-nights

Posada Santiago is a stylish hotel offering 6 unique stone cottages and 4 suites. The hotel offers a very good restaurant and a small pool with excellent views across Santiago Bay to the San Pedro Volcano. There is a solar heated pool, hot tub and Jacuzzi as well as a wood heated sauna and sun deck to ensure guests are comfortable and relaxed. Guests can hire canoes to explore Atitlán's water's from the Posada lakefront or arrange water skiing with the local speed boat captain. This hotel offers excellent value for money in a good location on the lake.



Day 04 LAKE ATITLÁN



Private full day San Juan La Laguna and Lake Atitlán tour including lunch

You will be picked up from your hotel and transferred by boat to San Juan La Laguna village where you will visit a local textile cooperative to see the back strap loom in use, as well as to the home and workshop of a local naïf painter before boarding a boat to go to Santiago village for lunch. After the meal, you and your guide will find the house where the Maya God Maximón is living and have a ceremony performed if you wish. You can also see the local church and market to learn about the history and tradition of this town. When ready the driver will transfer you back to the hotel.



Day 05 LAKE ATITLÁN – FLORES – TIKAL



Private transfer to Guatemala City with a visit to Chichicastenango Market and lunch en-route

Transfer approximately an hour to the highland town of Chichicastenango. Upon arrival your guide will take you to explore this famous market and see the fruit and vegetable area as well as the craft area where you can appreciate beautiful textiles and wooden and ceramic crafts. Also visit the famous St. Tomás Church where local Maya people come to perform Maya rituals. There is an optional hike up the hill to the Pascual Abaj ritual site to see if any local shamans are performing rituals. After having lunch in Chichicastenango, continue exploring before being driven to Guatemala City Airport for your onward flight to Flores, flying with TAG.



T-01 Economy Dep: Guatemala City 17:15

Arr: Flores 18:15

Private transfer on arrival to your hotel.

Villa Maya



1 x Standard Room on a Bed & Breakfast basis for 2-nights

Located 10km outside of delightful town of Flores, on the way to Tikal, Villa Maya has a superb quiet location on the shores of Laguna Petenchel. The hotel has 56 spacious air-conditioned guest rooms with balconies offering lake or mountain views. There is a pool, restaurant, and kayak and bike rentals. There are crocodiles in the lake, so swimming is safest in the pool! There are various walkways around the hotel, leading around the lake to view the wealth of wildlife in this area of tropical rainforest.



Day 06 TIKAL



Private full day guided excursion to the ruins at Tikal including lunch.

Unlike other major Mayan sites in Mexico and Belize, Tikal is unusual in that it is found deep in the rainforest. On a grand scale, you need to walk in excess of 15 kilometres to cover the whole site. The workmanship throughout is incredibly intricate and the 40 metre plus temples that shoot up to the sky are extraordinary. If you have a head for heights you can climb many of the temples and the views from the top are breath-taking. All around there is virgin rainforest, punctuated with other temples that surpass the forest canopy.



Day 07 TIKAL - CAYO DISTRICT

Private transfer to across the Belize border to the Cayo District and your hotel.

Black Rock Lodge



1 x Riverview Cabaña on a Bed & Breakfast basis for 3-nights

The unique eco-lodge is nestled in the rainforest above the Macal River in the Mayan Mountains of Belize. These stunning surroundings offer abundant opportunities for both exploration and adventure. Whether canoeing down the pristine Macal River, horseback riding to the Flour Camp caves or hiking up the various Canyon trails, the abundant diversity of the local flora and fauna is inspiring. Other activities include tubing, bird-watching, mountain biking, swimming and night hiking.

The lodge has 13 cabins which boast stunning views of Black Rock Canyon, the Macal River and the surrounding rainforest and wildlife. An inviting hammock is provided to enjoy the spectacular surroundings in total relaxation. The cabins are airy one-room structures built to take advantage of the fresh mountain breezes. Fully screened windows and high pitched roof lines create a bright and refreshing rainforest home for our guests. All cabins have en-suite bathrooms and closet areas. Simply decorated, the cabins display artwork created by local artisans and craftspeople.



Days 08-09 CAYO DISTRICT



Days at leisure. A selection of optional guided activities is offered by the lodge (payable locally). You may decide to hike to the peak of the challenging Summit Trail to catch a glimpse of the sun as it rises over the Mountain Pine Ridge. On your way back down the trail you'll spot many of the 200+ species of birds which call this area home. In the afternoon you could take it easy and cool off on a leisurely tube ride down the river, admiring the giant Garobo Iguanas along the way. On another day, you may opt to pack a special picnic lunch and explore the unexcavated Mayan ruin of Tipu by horseback from the lodge. After dinner, why not join a night hike and catch glimpses of all sorts of creatures with your night vision goggles, learning about the rainforest and its inhabitants from one of the lodge's experienced guides.



Day 10 CAYO DISTRICT - PLACENCIA

Private transfer by road from the Cayo District to Placencia and your hotel.

Singing Sands Inn



1 x Sea Front Cabana on a Bed & breakfast basis for 4-nights

Singing Sands Inn offers a relaxed and intimate atmosphere in a beautiful inn surrounded by lovely tropical gardens. The six thatched roof cabanas have been recently renovated and there are also 4 comfortable garden view apartments. Rooms are decorated using local artwork and hand-woven Guatemalan fabrics. They feature private bathrooms with hot showers, coffee makers, wireless internet connection and air conditioning. The lodge also features a fresh water swimming pool, 200' private dock, restaurant and 2 bars. Guests can use canoes, kayaks, bikes and snorkelling equipment and the hotel staff can organise fishing and sailing excursions.



Days 11-13 PLACENCIA



Days at leisure.



Day 14 PLACENCIA - DEPART

Private transfer to airport for onward flight with Tropic Air.



3320 Economy Dep: Placencia 09:00 Arr: Belize City 09:40

Check-in for your return international flights to the UK, flying with American Airlines.



AA2440 Economy Dep: Belize City 11:30 Arr: Miami 15:35
AA56 Economy Dep: Miami 18:20 Arr: Heathrow 08:10 (Day 15)



Day 15 HEATHROW

Arrive back in the UK.



Holiday Cost

from £2,795.00 per person

20% deposit is required to secure this booking

Suggested Itinerary

- This is just a suggested itinerary which we can amend to fit your exact requirements.

Includes

- International flights as listed.
- All pre-payable airport departure taxes.
- Hotel accommodation as listed.
- Transfers as listed (on a shared basis unless specified as private).
- Meals as listed.
- Excursions as listed (on a shared basis unless specified as private).

Excludes

- Local departure taxes where applicable.
- Tips and gratuities.
- Any future currency surcharges.
- Any future airline fare, tax or fuel surcharges.*

**In the event of airfare /tax increases you will have the option to pay for your airfare in advance to avoid these increases.*

Please Note

- The cost of this itinerary is based on 2 passengers sharing one room.
- All flights, accommodation and services are subject to availability at the time of booking.
- Air fares, taxes, schedules and routings are subject to change until ticket issue.

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