



Moran Travel Group to Guatemala & Belize 1st March 2012



01 Mar



Depart Humberstone via Amsterdam for Guatemala City, flying with KLM / Delta Airlines in economy.

Dep: Humberstone 06:05 / Arr: Amsterdam 08:20

Dep: Amsterdam 11:00 / Arr: Atlanta 14:50

Dep: Atlanta 18:50 / Arr: Guatemala City 21:21

Antigua

Private transfer on arrival (45mins) to Antigua for 2-night's accommodation at Meson de Maria. 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, complimentary internet. The hotel offers personal service and boasts beautiful corridors, soothing búcaros (fountains), numerous lounges and spaces to relax while admiring the volcanoes (Agua, Fuego, and Acatenango) that surround Antigua.

Meson de Maria / 2nd Floor Twin Deluxe / Breakfast

02 Mar

Private half day walking tour of the city (inc. entrance fees).

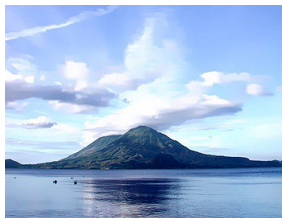
Founded in 1543, Antigua has been lovingly restored and is now recognised and protected by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site. Its setting is truly stunning, surrounded by the volcanoes of Agua, Acatenango and Fuego, which still occasionally sends up a cloud of ash. An easy place to explore on foot - wandering around the cobbled streets with colourful colonial buildings topped with terracotta tiles, leading to plazas which are perfect for sitting in and people-watching.

Meson de Maria / 2nd Floor Twin Deluxe / Breakfast



Antigua

03 Mar



Private half day excursion on Lake Atitlan (inc. lunch).

Lake Atitlán rightly deserves its reputation as being the world's most beautiful lake. A two hour drive from Antigua takes you up through the highlands and then down to the lakeshore. Viewed from the north shore, the lake is stunning. Three volcanoes rise between 1500 and 3100 metres on the southern shore and seeing these across a calm, tranquil, shimmering lake is an amazing experience. Motor launches connect the small towns and villages that line the lakeshore, such as

Santiago Village which you will visit. Crossing from one side to the other takes about half an hour, the journey south takes you up close to one of the mighty volcanoes. A region of natural beauty, Lake Atitlán is the perfect base for visiting the markets and villages of the highlands.

Overnight accommodation at Posada de don Rodrigo. A lovely colonial property located on the shores of Lake Atitlán. The hotel Posada offers 39 rooms with private bathroom, hot water, air conditioning and cable TV.

Posada de don Rodrigo / Twin Standard / Breakfast

Lake Atitlán

04 Mar

Private transfer to Guatemala City, via Chichicastenango Market. This small town really comes alive every Thursday and Sunday when thousands of locals and neighbouring villagers descend on the town for market day. If you're looking for a brightly coloured blanket or a traditional poncho, this is the place to visit. The noise and vibrancy is quite extraordinary, all the main roads are closed as the Mayan traders spill out across the streets, their stalls filled to the rafters with arts and crafts. The central plaza all but disappears amidst the chaos, while the smell of burning incense fills the air. Amongst it all there is a wonderful colonial church with flower sellers lining the steps outside. This is a wonderfully intoxicating experience; you might just pick up a bargain too!

Lake Atitlán / Tikal





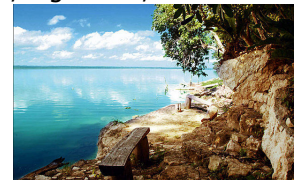
Drop off at airport to meet your onward internal flight.

Dep: Guatemala City 18:20 / Arr: Flores 19:30

Private transfer on arrival to the Hotel Villa Maya for 3nts accommodation. 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 offers 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. The hotel has 56 spacious air-conditioned guest rooms.

El Peten, in northeast Guatemala, represents the largest tropical forest in Central America, containing ruins, great and small, from the ancient Maya civilization. The crown jewel among the Peten's 13,000 square miles is Tikal, a sprawling complex of more than 3,000 structures. The ruins of Ceibal, Aguateca, and Yaxha contribute to the Peten's standing as the heartland of the Maya. Countless more ruins still lie shrouded by dense forest overgrowth in the Peten, which contains over 800 species of trees, 57 species of reptiles, and 500 species of birds. Tapirs, peccararies and jaguars still roam the emerald forests, just as they did when the ancient Maya ruled the region.



Hotel Villa Maya - Tikal / Twin Standard / Breakfast

05 Mar

Tikal



Private full day guided tour of Aguateca site (inc lunch & entrance fees).

Private transfer to Sayaxche (approx 1.5hrs) on the shores of the River Passion. From here you will transfer by boat down this attractive river into the rainforest area surrounding the site at Aguateca. You may enjoy a jungle hike to get to this pretty site including the spectacular natural fault that surrounds the site and provided the Maya population with a moat-like fortification. Hike down into the fault and back out again to experience its depth and then out to visit the site itself with newly

renovated monuments and interesting carved stellae. You will then enjoy a picnic lunch at the site, before returning to your hotel.

Hotel Villa Maya - Tikal / Twin Standard / Breakfast

06 Mar

Tikal

Private full day guided tour of the ruins (inc. lunch & entrance fees).

Guatemala's premier Mayan site is Tikal in the north of the country. Flying first to Flores it is a further 50 kilometres along a good road to reach the site. 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 breathtaking. All around there is virgin rainforest, punctuated with other temples that surpass the forest canopy.

Hotel Villa Maya - Tikal / Twin Standard / Breakfast



07 Mar

Cayo District



Private transfer across the border to Belize for 2-night's accommodation at Black Rock River Lodge. The unique eco-lodge is nestled in the rainforest above the Macal River in the Mayan Mountains of Belize and the stunning surroundings offer abundant opportunities for 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.

Black Rock River Lodge / Twin Riverview Cabana / Breakfast

08 - 09 Mar

Days at leisure from the lodge. 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 our experienced guides.

Black Rock River Lodge / Twin Riverview Cabana / Breakfast

Cayo District



10 Mar



Private transfer to Belize International to meet your shared road & river transfer to Lamanai Outpost Lodge for 2nts accommodation. Located 3hrs from Belize City, Lamanai is situated on the banks of Lamanai Lagoon and just yards from the famous Lamanai Archaeology Site. Your transfer to the lodge is normally by a tranquil river boat ride where you can enjoy viewing the local wildlife en route. The lodge offers first class accommodation in 18 cabanas which are rustic yet comfortable. Each cabana has a palm thatched roof, en suite bathroom, ceiling fan, 24 hour electricity and a verandah overlooking the tropical gardens and the lagoon. The lodge also has a restaurant and bar.

Lamanai

The lodge operates an all-inclusive system where guests choose and sign up for the tours they wish to go on each day. So you can sit on the deck, with its sweeping view of the lagoon and enjoy a cool rum punch as you contemplate your many options from the lodge. You can visit the ancient mayan temples, take a nature trek, canoe or kayak on the lagoon, do river trips and birding tours by boat or on foot. This is one of the best birding locations in Belize as the lodge is in the midst of five distinct habitats which are home to over 300 species. This is a great lodge for those interested in nature and wildlife.

Lamanai Outpost Lodge / Twin Standard / Full Board + activities

11 Mar

Shared guided activities from lodge.

Lamanai Outpost Lodge / 1 x Double Standard / Full Board + activities

Lamanai

12 Mar

Shared river & road transfer to Belize City International airport to board your internal flight to Ambergris Caye.

Dep: Belize City Intl TBA / Arr: San Pedro TBA

Shared transfer on arrival to Ramon's Village Resort for 2nts accommodation. Situated on a lovely stretch of beach just a five minute walk from Ambergris Caye's main town, San Pedro, Ramon's Village resort has 61 thatched roof cabañas, a lovely tropical style swimming pool, pleasant gardens, a restaurant and a bar. All the rooms have air-conditioning and fans and are simply decorated with Belizean murals on the walls. The hotel has bicycles and golf buggies to explore the island and can arrange numerous excursions such as scuba diving, snorkelling, fishing, kayaking or windsurfing.

Ramon's Village Resort / Twin Seaside Room / Breakfast

Ambergris Caye



13 Mar



Day at leisure. Ambergris Caye is the largest island in Belize and the main destination for travellers to this western Caribbean nation. San Pedro is the only town on the island and retains a relaxed and welcoming Caribbean feel to it, with the world's second largest reef nearby and first class snorkelling and diving. Getting around the island is easy by taxi, or hotels hire out electric golf carts and it is almost impossible to get lost! (*Snorkelling, diving and other activities can be booked locally*).

Ramon's Village Resort / Twin Seaside Room / Breakfast

Ambergris Caye

14 Mar

Depart

Shared transfer to San Pedro airport to board your internal flight to Belize City International airport.

Dep: San Pedro TBA / Arr: Belize City International TBA

On arrival, check-in for your return international flights to Humberside, flying with Delta Airlines / KLM in economy class.

Dep: Belize City Intl 12:03 / Arr: Atlanta 17:05

Dep: Atlanta 2350: / Arr: Amsterdam 13:05

Dep: Amsterdam 16:25 / Arr: Humberside 16:25 (15 Mar)

15 Mar

Dep: Amsterdam 16:25 / Humberside 16:25 (local time)

Arrive back into UK.

COSTS

Twin / Double Room : **£3495**

Single Room Supplement : **£ 600**

The above price includes:

- International Flights with KLM / Delta Airlines in economy class.
- Internal flights as listed in economy class.
- All pre-payable airport departure taxes.
- Transfers as listed.
- Meals as listed.
- Excursions as listed.

The above price does not include:

- Local departure taxes
- 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.*

This holiday tour and itinerary runs subject to numbers and availability.



**Moran Travel Worldchoice, ABTA Licence no. 99942, is acting as an agent
for ATOL holder Distinctive Americas, ATOL Licence no. 9027**

