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ANNOUNCING GUATEMALA

THE NEWEST ADDITION TO THE JOURNESE® CENTRAL AMERICA PORTFOLIO



Marvel at the ancient ruins of Tikal



Attend an event to learn more about local culture



Spend the day exploring historical landmarks



Bask in breathtaking lake and volcano views



Uncover the beauty of Pacaya Volcano



Learn about and sample local dishes



Replenish with a well-being getaway

A Central American republic with coasts along the Pacific and Atlantic oceans, where ancient Mayan sites and colonial roots meet biodiverse landscapes, active volcanoes, European-inspired architecture and indigenous culture, discover colorful Guatemala. From colonial-laden Antigua, volcanic Lake Atitlan and the ancient city of Tikal to the heart of the country in Guatemala City, Journese® can handcraft every aspect of your vacation from all classes of air service, private transfers, engaging activities including private excursions and a guided vacation option, allowing travelers inspiring possibilities to experience this fascinating country.

Direct flights are available (on nine different airlines) from: Atlanta (ATL); Chicago (ORD); Dallas/Fort Worth (DFW); Fort Lauderdale (FLL); Houston (IAH); Los Angeles (LAX); Miami (MIA); Newark (EWR); New York (JFK); Orlando (MCO); and Washington, D.C. (IAD).

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PENSATIVO HOUSE HOTEL



VILLA BOKEH



HILTON GUATEMALA CITY



INTERCONTINENTAL REAL GUATEMALA



PACAYA NATIONAL PARK EXCURSION

JOURNESE PREMIER PORTFOLIO

Known as the *Land of the Eternal Spring* for its temperate climate, experience a world of multicultural history, proud heritage and spirituality traditions amid incredible natural beauty and burgeoning metropolis, Guatemala is ideal for adventure seekers, cultural enthusiasts and curious travelers.

ANTIGUA

Hotel Camino Real Antigua | ★★★★★1/2

Pensativo House Hotel | ★★★★★ | AO

Villa Bokéh | ★★★★★

PRIVATE & SHARED ACTIVITIES

Antigua Excursion | FD, HD, T

Lake Atitlan Adventure | FD, M, T

Luxury Antigua Experience | HD, M, T

Pacaya National Park Excursion | HD, T

Tikal Experience | FD, M, T

GUATEMALA CITY

Courtyard by Marriott Guatemala City | ★★★★★

Hilton Guatemala City | ★★★★★1/2

Hyatt Centric Guatemala City | ★★★★★

Intercontinental Real Guatemala | ★★★★★

The Westin Camino Real | ★★★★★1/2

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LAKE ATITLAN

Casa Polopó | ★★★★★ | R

PRIVATE & SHARED ACTIVITIES

Chichicastenango Excursion | FD, M, T

Lake Atitlan Adventure | FD, M, T

TIKAL | PRIVATE & SHARED ACTIVITY

Tikal Experience | FD, M, T

BEHIND THE LETTERS | AO: Adults-only | R: Private resort residences/villas available FD: Full-day, 7+ hours | HD: Half-day, 3 - 6 hours | M: Meals included | T: Transfers included

GUIDED VACATION

Ideal for travelers seeking to learn more about the local culture and traditions with an insider's view of the country, this set itinerary includes all in-destination transportation, activities including entrance fees for all excursions, some meals and a personal, English-speaking certified guide. Guided vacations are guaranteed departures every Friday and travelers can customize each vacation with pre- and post-night stays to explore at their leisure.

DISCOVER GUATEMALA | 5 nights / 6 days

Day 1 | Arrive in Antigua

Day 2 | Antigua Experience

Day 3 | Antigua, Chichicastenango & Panajachel (Lake Atitlan) Excursion

Day 4 | Panajachel (Lake Atitlan) & San Juan La Laguna Day Trip

Day 5 | Panajachel (Lake Atitlan) & Guatemala City Experience

Day 6 | Return from Guatemala City or extend your stay

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LAKE ATITLAN ADVENTURE



CHICHICASTENANGO EXCURSION



CASA POLOPO



TIKAL EXPERIENCE

Below is just a sample of the immersive itineraries our Destination Specialists can create. Visit Journese.com/itineraries for more options.

AN AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCE THROUGHOUT GUATEMALA | 8 NIGHTS / 9 DAYS

DAY 1: GUATEMALA CITY | After your comfortable flight, your bilingual guide will escort you to your private transfer to the energetic capital city of Guatemala for an elegant three-night stay at *The Westin Camino Real*. Located in the heart of the exclusive modern district, unwind in tranquil European styling with contemporary amenities, full-service spa, outdoor pool, sports courts, casino and dining options including diverse international fare. Delight in your first evening in Guatemala City by exploring local cultural attractions including the neo-colonial historic district, Mercado Central, the stately Metropolitan Cathedral and the National Palace.

DAY 2: GUATEMALA CITY / TIKAL | Following a cup of Guatemalan coffee, take a transfer to the international airport for a local flight to the Mayan Biospheric world on the *Tikal Experience*. Home to hundreds of archaeological wonders, structures and extraordinary flora and fauna, this UNESCO World Heritage national park bears secrets of an iconic ancient urban civilization as you traverse the vast ruins, including temples, plazas and carved relics, with time to enjoy lunch in the beauty of the park.

DAY 3: TIKAL / GUATEMALA CITY | Transfer from your hotel to Flores, Tikal airport for the short flight to Guatemala City. Don your sunhat and hiking shoes as you embark on the guided *Pacaya National Park Excursion* featuring the most active volcano in Guatemala. Get up close to the lush tropical landscapes, and black lava rock paths and rivers in the Pacaya National Park, as you ascend to the peak for dramatic otherworldly vistas and sights of rising steam from the caldera for an exciting half day of adventure.

DAY 4: GUATEMALA CITY / ANTIGUA | Enjoy a hearty breakfast before your transfer to the Western Highlands of Antigua. Upon arrival, settle into a spacious suite at the *Hotel Camino Real Antigua* for two glorious nights. Imbued with old world charm in the city center, unwind in modern colonial luxury with open-air patios, outdoor whirlpool and onsite spa. Sip drinks at Las Cañas Bar, and dine at Restaurant Las Velas, featuring delectable breakfast buffets and romantic candlelit dinners.

DAY 5: ANTIGUA | Embark on a day of exploration on the *Antigua Luxury Experience*. Stroll through fascinating history and local life at this UNESCO World Heritage city. Visit the bustling main plaza, marveling at the mermaid-laden Parque Central fountain and the surrounding Spanish-inspired architecture, indulge in a sweet workshop at the Choco Museum and delve into centuries-old regional flavors with a hands-on cooking experience making classic Guatemalan dishes for a taste of culture.

DAY 6: ANTIGUA / LAKE ATITLAN | Delight in all Antigua has to offer. For a little adventure, hike up to the lookout point for the breathtaking views from Cerro de la Cruz. Visit the museums of Casa Santo Domingo, sample authentic dishes or peruse the handicrafts at Mercado de Artesenias. Then transfer to Lake Atitlan and check in to the sophisticated boutique hideaway, *Casa Palopó*, for three exquisite nights. Set in the hillsides above the lake with dramatic volcanic views, laze in rustic-chic splendor with indigenous art, enjoy lakeside dining, an interactive tortilla bar, infinity pool, mosaic-tiled terraces, boutique spa and unique curated experiences.

DAY 7: LAKE ATITLAN | Awaken in paradise and prepare for a visit to the indigenous village of San Juan la Laguna on the *Lake Atitlan Adventure*. Embark on a short voyage to the southwest shores of the lake as you learn about Mayan history and centuries-old culture, including the ancient practice of weaving traditional textiles. Visit art galleries, artisan workshops and open-air shopping venues, before an authentic lunch with a local family.

DAYS 8 - 9: LAKE ATITLAN / GUATEMALA CITY | Begin at the most famous open-air market in the country on the *Chichicastenango Excursion*. Discover traditional medicines, produce, colorful textiles, crafts and more made from indigenous peoples. Then, explore the 16th-century Church of Santo Tomás, integrating traditional Mayan rituals and the Roman Catholic faith for a notable cultural experience.

Return to Guatemala City for an overnight stay then, relax on the scenic transfer to the airport for your comfortable flight home and begin planning your next immersive vacation.

INSIDER TIPS

- Located in Petén Province, visit the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Tikal National Park. Along with centuries of Mayan history, the park is famed for its rare animals including pumas, ant eaters, snakes, monkeys and many species of birds.
- The largest indigenous market in North America, stop at Chichicastenango for handicrafts, flowers, pottery and colorful textiles made by Quiché Mayans. Plus, sample local fruits, veggies, juices, Guatemalan coffee, handmade tortillas and more.
- Taste the national dish, pepián. Thick and exotic, this stew is influenced by the Spanish and local palates and features slow-cooked meats, onions, tomatoes, poblano peppers and potatoes, thickened with seeds and nuts including peppercorns, pumpkin seeds and cumin seeds. This hearty dish is served with rice and corn tortillas.

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