

## VIP TEACHER TOUR JULY 2026 SAY GUATE - HOMESTAY PROGRAM

### Saturday, July 18 - Arrival Antigua

Greetings by Interact's Foreign Representative in the Guatemala International airport lobby. Transfer to your centrally located Antigua Homestay.

Meals included: Dinner

### Sunday, July 19 - Guided Tour, Shopping

Antigua is a cultural UNESCO World Heritage Site. The city is regarded as a cultural gem because of its rare beauty, vibrant culture, and historical significance. Antigua is a captivating small town that makes you feel time might have stopped some 300 years ago. It's famous for its spring-like climate, cobblestone streets, impressive ruins and is renowned for its tranquility and friendliness. Meet the local guide for your guided walking tour of the Centro Histórico and orientation to the crafts bargaining market, featuring over 200 vendors.

Meals Included: Breakfast and Lunch

### Monday, July 20 – Pacaya Volcano / SOMOS humanitarian *interACT* ion

Panoramic drive to Pacaya. This iconic hike is considered moderate to advanced moderate. Be prepared by bringing a waterproof warm jacket, gloves, and hiking shoes. Walking sticks or horses (pending availability) can be rented at the entrance. Once you reach the plateau, enjoy the exhilarating views and try your luck roasting a few marshmallows. Following lunch, complete your **SOMOS** humanitarian experience as you interact with the children while playing games or working on the designated project.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

### Tuesday, July 21 - Tikal Tour ✈️

Early morning transfer to the International Airport for your nonstop jet flight to Flores. Transfer to the Tikal National Park. Many call Tikal one of the most spiritually powerful spots on earth. The monumental site with its towering pyramids looms out of the thick jungle canopy like stoic sentinels of ancient mysteries. Explore Tikal under the guidance of a specialized local guide. Nonstop jet flight after lunch and return to your homestay.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

### Wednesday, July 22 - Monterrico Beach

Sit back and enjoy a scenic drive to Monterrico, considered the best beach on Guatemala's Pacific coast. Relax at the nicest hotel in this region, UTZ-TZAB. You have access to the dressing rooms, swimming pool, and restrooms. Lunch is served at the hotel. The black volcanic sand beach stretches for miles and miles. Swimming is not recommended unless you are a strong experienced swimmer.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

### Thursday, July 23 – Chichicastenango / Lake Atitlan

Early morning departure to the Guatemalan Highlands along the Panamericana Highway to Chichicastenango. Visit the Church of Santo Tomas, where you will personally witness the blending of two cultures: the pre-Hispanic and Catholic rituals celebrated in a church built on the remains of a Mayan temple some 400 years ago. Market days acquire great significance as smoky incense impregnates the atmosphere with mysticism and religion. On the way back, stop at Panajachel in the Guatemalan highlands which provides incredible views of three volcanoes and Lake Atitlan.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

### Friday, July 24 – Dia Libre in Antigua



Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

### Saturday, July 25 - Return to the United States

Meals Included: Breakfast



Included:

-  Roundtrip airfare Chicago-Guatemala City
-  8 DAYS/7 NIGHTS Antigua Homestay