

Amistad

Homestay Language Study

Antigua



SUNDAY- Arrival Antigua

Arrival Guatemala City International Airport. Greeting by Tecun Uman Language School Staff in airport lobby. Transfer to Antigua. Antigua is among the world's best conserved colonial cities, it is a magical and 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 and impressive ruins. It's surrounded by lush tropical mountains and towering volcanoes. Antigua is renowned for its tranquility and friendliness.

Arrive Tecun Uman, which serves as the meeting point and social center for group activities. Meet the Program Director as you're introduced to your host families.

YOUR MIDDLE CLASS HOST FAMILIES are relatives, neighbors, or lifelong friends of our homestay directors. Regardless, all families are monitored and continually evaluated. Host families provide all meals - except those included as part of the touring. Everyone speaks Spanish in the home. Students normally share with one other group member of the same general language ability.

MONDAY-FRIDAY

Tecun Uman was founded in 1983 and is fully-accredited and recognized by the Ministry of Education and by INGUAT, the Official Tourism Office of Guatemala. Daily half day language sessions feature a blend of structure, conversation, and practicalities. Class size averages 3 students per native teacher, assuring individual attention and ample opportunity for participation. The campus is in a quiet location.

The following afternoon *interACTIONS* are included:

- Monday: Guided Caminata del Centro.
- Tuesday: ¡Salsa!
- Wednesday: Pacaya Volcano Hike
- Thursday: Azotea Coffee Plantation
Full-group option: Replace Azotea with Filadelphia Coffee Plantation which includes 6 dual line zip-lining platforms: \$75.
- Friday: Visit a local orphanage, where you'll help the children with their homework or play games. Please bring basic school supplies. Interact makes a donation to the local institution.

SATURDAY- Monterrico Beach

Scenic drive to Monterrico, considered as the best beach on Guatemala's Pacific coast. Relax at the nicest hotel in this region, UTZ-TZAB: swimming pool, dressing rooms and restroom facilities. Lunch is served at the hotel. The black volcanic sand beach stretches for miles and miles and is a great place to relax but swimming is not recommended unless you are a strong swimmer.

SUNDAY - Return to USA

Optional Tikal tour.

Student fee is based upon date of travel and required rooming arrangements.

SUNDAY - Tikal

Early morning transfer to the Guatemala International Airport where you'll board 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.

After a short rest, explore Tikal under the guidance of a specialized local guide. Return to your hotel for lunch and dinner. Enjoy a refreshing swim or browse the local museums (nominal admission may apply).

MONDAY – Tikal Departure

Option: sunrise tour, pay after arrival, estimated \$35. Bring your flashlight and follow your guide to the top of a tall Temple. Screeching howler monkeys and squawking parrots provide nature's soundtrack to all visitors in the area. From atop the temple, gaze at the rising mist of the jungle as you await the hazy sunrise. Later, transfer to the Flores Airport for your nonstop jet flight to Guatemala City for your final evening in this mystical country. Your Zona Viva hotel is located near the popular Proceres mall and cinema.

TUESDAY – Return to USA



SUNDAY DEPARTURES

8 days/7 nights



NIGHTS

Antigua Homestay

7



MEALS

Homestay families provide full board.