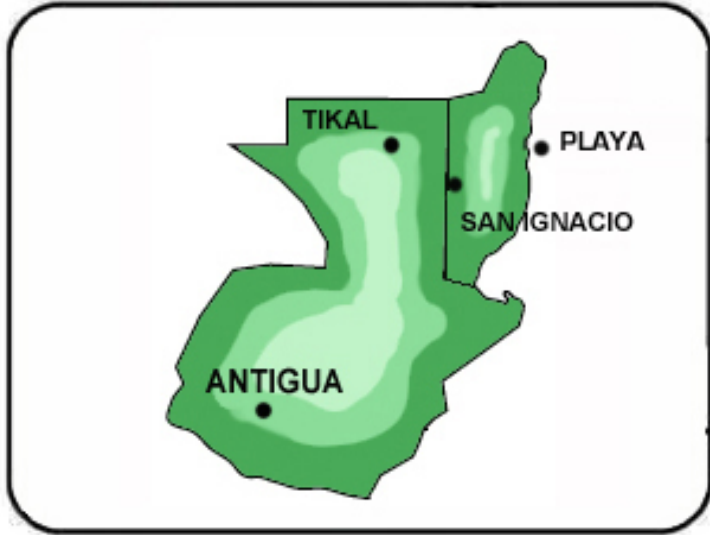


# Amistad

Homestay Language Study

## Echoes



### 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 Philadelphia Coffee Plantation which includes 6 dual line zip-lining platforms: \$75.
- Friday: Participate in our exclusive SOMOS humanitarian total experience. You'll receive a list of the most needed items and visit a local "super", where you'll have an opportunity to purchase those supplies (budget \$15 each). Complete your SOMOS experience as you interact with the children while painting, gardening, etc.

### SATURDAY – ✈ Tikal / Belize

Early morning flight to Flores, where you'll transfer to Tikal, Ancient City of Echoes. Explore Tikal with a specialized local guide. The site is set in within a protected area and boasts 5 temples, 3 of which you may climb. Return to a nearby lodge for lunch. Later, meet your Belizean guide for your transfer to the twin cities of San Ignacio & Santa Elena. Dinner in your hotel and an opportunity for a refreshing swim.

### SUNDAY – Barton Creek Cave / SOMOS *interAction*

Today, participate in your second SOMOS humanitarian experience (budget \$15 each). Here you'll visit a local school, and interact with the students and teachers. Continue to Barton Creek Cave, where you'll glide through a remote underground ancient Maya water cave system in a canoe equipped with a powerful spotlight. While canoeing through the cave, see large and colorful formations, skeletal remains and other cultural artifacts left behind by the Maya centuries ago.

On your return, you'll pass through a picturesque Mennonite community, where you can observe a slice of local, daily life.

### MONDAY & TUESDAY – Playa 2 nights

Breakfast in your hotel. Transfer to the coast for your boat taxi to San Pedro (Ambergris) or Caye Caulker. Close your eyes and picture a tropical island with white sand, blue-green water, and palm trees rustling overhead in the warm breeze. Belize's barrier reef is a paradise for divers. However, most of the area inside the reef is less than 20 feet deep and you can see as much with a mask and snorkel as you can diving. In just 6-10 feet of water you'll find an amazing diversity of marine life. The reef provides protection which makes for clear, calm water, so it's ideal for snorkeling.

### WEDNESDAY – Return to the USA



#### SUNDAY DEPARTURES

11 days / 10 nights



#### NIGHTS

Antigua Homestay	6
San Ignacio	2
Playa	2



**All meals are included inland.**  
**Playa meals are independent.**