

TRAVEL PASSES

Conchita Express Ways (from Cancun)

Backpacking

13 Days / 3 Countries

Mexico, Belize & Guatemala

Departure city: Cancun, Mexico

End city: Antigua, Guatemala



HIGHLIGHTS

- Discover the ruins Chichen Itza and Tikal
- Trek the Pacaya Volcano for panoramic views
- Hike through the mysterious caves of Kanba

Explore Guatemala, Belize and the Caribbean coast of Mexico as you make your way from Cancun to Antigua. Experience local life, ancient ruins and marine life.

MAP



What is included



Travel Passes

Include all of your transport and experiences while giving you full flexibility to change the dates and pick your accommodation on the go.



Transport: 10

- Panajachel to Antigua
- Antigua to Panajachel
- Lanquin to Antigua
- Flores to Lanquin
- Belize City to Flores
- Caye Caulker to Belize City
- Chetumal to Caye Caulker via San Pedro
- Tulum to Chetumal
- Playa del Carmen to Tulum
- Cancun to Playa del Carmen



Meals: 1

- 1 Lunch(es),



Experiences: 4

- Pacaya Volcano Trek
- Semuc Champey & Kanba Caves Tour
- Tikal Early Morning Day Tour
- Chichen Itza Day Trip (roundtrip from Cancun)

What is not included

- Guide throughout the trip
- Meals not mentioned in the itinerary
- Travel Insurance
- Tips
- Personal Expenses
- Accommodation pick-up drop-off from Bus Stations

*Prices for optional activities are subject to change at any time without prior notice. Please confirm these prices before departing on your trip.

Experiences Included

Chichen Itza Day Trip



Learn about the ancient ways of life in this well-preserved Mayan citadel with an English speaking guide. Ponder the disappearance of this archaeological site former inhabitants while you walk around these pre-Hispanic ruins. Recently added to the list of the 7 World Wonders, this is a site you do not want to miss!

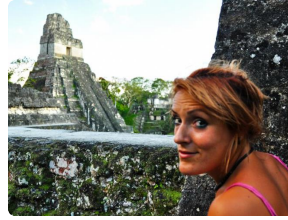
INCLUDED

- Roundtrip transportation
- English-speaking guide specialized in archeology
- Box lunch
- Entrance fees to Chichen Itza archaeological site

NOT INCLUDED

- Governmental Entrance Fee (USD 23)
- Breakfast & drinks
- Tips for guide
- Extra fees

Tikal Early Morning Day Tour



Experience the jungle as it comes alive in the early hours of the morning. Learn about this former Maya citadel, once the largest and most powerful civilization in Meso-America, by exploring this archaeological site and taking advantage of this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to marvel at the majestic pyramids hidden away in the jungle.

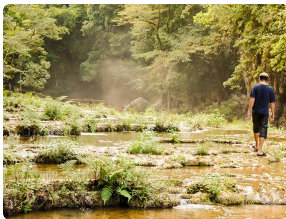
INCLUDED

- Transportation
- English-speaking guide

NOT INCLUDED

- Accommodation pick-up and drop-off
- Entrance Fee to Tikal Archaeological Site
- Lunch & drinks
- Tips for guide
- Sunrise tour upgrade (\$15 USD or approx. 117 Quetzal)

Semuc Champey & Kanba Caves Tour



Hike through the mysterious caves of Kamba, which are filled with extraordinary limestone formations. Enjoy free time to swim in the crystalline waters of Semuc Champey, where you will find natural pools filled with fresh mountain spring water above a 300-meter long limestone bridge immersed in a pristine lush jungle setting.

INCLUDED

- Transportation
- English speaking guide
- Entrance fee to Semuc Champey National Park

NOT INCLUDED

- Lunch
- Tips for Guide
- Flashlight

Pacaya Volcano Trek



Brag to your friends about trekking an active volcano after hiking up the steep slopes of the Pacaya Volcano to reach a moon-like landscape of dried lava with panoramic views of nearby volcanoes above the clouds.

INCLUDED

- Transportation
- Local Guatemalan guide (Spanish only)
- Entrance fee to Pacaya Volcano

NOT INCLUDED

- English-speaking guide
- Snacks & bottled water
- Optional hiking equipment rental
- Optional horseback ride
- Tips

Recommended Itinerary

This is a recommendation for your trip, but travel passes are flexible and you can decide how long to stay in each destination.

Day 1: Cancun, Mexico



Chichen Itza Day Trip (roundtrip from Cancun)

DepartureTimes: 04:00 (summer), 05:00 (winter)

Duration: 10 hrs.

Upon arrival to Chichen Itza, a specialised guide will give you a detailed tour of the site, enjoying the quiet of the morning visit before the crowds. Throughout the tour, your guide will provide archaeological essential background to better understand the history of Chichen Itza.

Discover how this large pre-Columbian city played an important role in the Mayan civilization around 600 AD to 1200, and remained a center of worship and pilgrimage until the arrival of the Spaniards. Even today, it is still considered sacred by the Maya people of Yucatán Peninsula site. Like many of the cities of ancient Mexico, the site was abandoned, and its ruins were hidden by jungle. Hear how the site was discovered and excavated by archaeologists, earning the protection of UNESCO and today considered one of the New Seven Wonders of the World. They will explain the philosophy, cosmology and mythology behind this ancient place, such as the meaning of the stone carvings, pyramids, platforms, ball games. Visit the Temple of the Jaguars, the Temple of the Warriors and of course the famous pyramid, also known as the Temple of Kukulcan. Hear how a serpent of light seems going up the stairs of this temple in the spring and fall equinoxes (around March 21st; September 21st). Enjoy a lunch box on your way back to Cancun.

Day 2: Playa del Carmen, Mexico



Cancun to Playa del Carmen

Type: Transfer

DepartureTimes: 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:0, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 13:00, 13:30, 14:00, 14:30, 15:00, 15:30, 16:00, 16:30, 17:00, 17:30, 18:00, 18:30, 19:00, 19:30, 20:00, 20:30, 21:00, 21:30

Duration: 1.5 hrs.

Day 3: Tulum, Mexico



Playa del Carmen to Tulum

Type: Transfer

DepartureTimes: 01:15, 01:30, 02:45, 04:00, 06:00, 07:15, 08:00, 08:30, 09:00, 09:15, 09:30, 09:45, 10:45, 11:45, 12:30, 14:30, 15:15, 17:15, 18:30, 18:45, 19:00, 19:15, 21:45, 22:15, 23:30

Duration: 1 hrs.

Day 4: Tulum - Caye Caulker, Mexico



Tulum to Chetumal

Type: Transfer

DepartureTimes: 00:05, 08:35, 09:45, 10:35, 12:05, 13:05, 15:50, 17:05, 21:05

Duration: 4 hrs.



Chetumal to Caye Caulker via San Pedro

Type: **Transfer**
DepartureTimes: **15:00**
Duration: **3 hrs.**

Day 5: Caye Caulker, Mexico

● Free Day

Explore on your own, or add an optional extra experience

Day 6: Caye Caulker - Flores, Belize



Caye Caulker to Belize City

Type: **Transfer**
DepartureTimes: **6:30 to 17:00**
Duration: **45 min hrs.**



Belize City to Flores

Type: **Transfer**
DepartureTimes: **12:30, 13:30**
Duration: **5 hrs.**

Day 7: Flores, Guatemala



Tikal Early Morning Day Tour

DepartureTimes: **03:00, 04:30, 08:00**
Duration: **8.5 hrs.**

Depart Flores at 4:30 am this morning for your early morning experience to Tikal archaeological site. Walk among giant pyramids towering over 200 feet at dawn to feel the magical vibration of Tikal and its historic splendor. Listen to the jungle sounds of exotic birds, monkeys and small mammals and feel the humid jungle air on your skin as the Maya inhabitants of this site felt it 2000 years ago. Immerse yourself in the jungle at dawn for an early morning tour through the archaeological site to experience the jungle come alive as it wakes up at sunrise, a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to get in touch with nature and marvel at the majestic pyramids hidden away in the jungle.

This magical ancient city is teeming with native flora and fauna. If you are lucky you may be able to spot a jaguar walking leisurely through the park, although large numbers of visitors have caused the wildlife to move further into the jungle away from the noise. Howler monkeys here are famous for their loud growling sounds which may surprise you from a tree top overhead. Keep an eye out for colorful birds throughout the park such as toucan, parrots, eagles and quetzals.

Tucked away in the vast Peten Region that covers 222 square miles of lush jungle in the northwest corner of Guatemala lie the ruins of the most magnificent archaeological site and important Maya citadel in Mesoamerica. Tikal National Park, declared as a UN World Heritage Site in 1979, is the largest excavated archaeological site on the American continents and is one of the most important natural reserves of Central America.

It is known that Tikal, meaning "Place of Voices" in Maya, was one of the most powerful cities of their era covering more than 16 square kilometers and dominating other tribes in the surrounding region as well as interacting with neighboring cultures as far as Teotihuacan in the Valle de Mexico. The site was estimated to house between 10,000 - 90,000 inhabitants before being abruptly abandoned over 1000 years ago.

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It is necessary to purchase your entrance fee at any Banrural bank in Flores the day before the tour. The ticket booths will not be open at the time you arrive to take part in the sunrise tour.

Day 8: Lanquin, Guatemala



Flores to Lanquin

Type: **Transfer**

DepartureTimes: **08:00**

Duration: **9 hrs.**

Day 9: Lanquin, Guatemala



Semuc Champey & Kanba Caves Tour

DepartureTimes: **09:00**

Duration: **10 hrs.**

Take a hike through the mysterious caves of Kanba (activity at your own risk) which are filled with extraordinary limestone formations distributed among an endless stretch of different chambers (so far, the end of the cave system has not yet been discovered) housing a sharp pointed rock altar where ancient Maya once performed sacred rituals. The Maya people of Guatemala continue holding spiritual ceremonies here and believe that the cave is the "heart of heaven" where the secrets of many centuries are held.

Enjoy some free time to swim and go river tubing in the crystalline waters of Semuc Champey where there are natural pools filled with fresh mountain spring water above a 300-meter long limestone bridge. Flowing underneath the bridge is the Cahabón River where you will have time to swim in the cool waters in a beautiful natural surrounding immersed in native flora and fauna. At the end of the bridge you will visit waterfalls over 40-feet in height where the water from the pools rejoins the Cahabon River. The color of the water is constantly changing depending on factors such as the season, sun and rainfall, a characteristic of the national park that makes this place an idyllic and awe-inspiring setting to experience and take photographs.

Day 10: Antigua, Guatemala



Lanquin to Antigua

Type: **Transfer**

DepartureTimes: **08:00**

Duration: **8 hrs.**

Day 11: Antigua, Guatemala



Antigua to Panajachel

Type: **Transfer**

DepartureTimes: **0:800, 12:30, 16:00**

Duration: **2.5 hrs.**



Pacaya Volcano Trek

DepartureTimes: **06:00, 14:00**

Duration: **8 hrs.**

Get up close and personal with an active volcano and brag to your friends about it. Hike up the Pacaya Volcano slope for two hours and then trek onto dry lava that resembles a moon-like landscape. Look up to catch an eruption from the active volcano if you're lucky (depending on the activity of the volcano you may or may not see eruptions or lava). Take unforgettable photos in a landscape so surreal that you feel like you are walking on the moon. Admire the breathtaking

landscape and views of neighbouring volcanoes peeking through the clouds around you. Take your time returning to the base of the mountain as you make your way down the slippery, muddy slopes. (Note: Horses can be rented for the trip up and back.)

We recommend wearing comfortable trekking shoes and bringing a flash light and a walking stick (or rent one for a few dollars from local kids before you start your hike). It gets dark and steep on the mountain if you are going up in the afternoon. If you are travelling during rainy season bring a raincoat or poncho... you will definitely need it! Bring bottled water for the trek and some extra cash to buy snacks afterwards or pack a few power bars in your day pack to take with you.

Day 12: Antigua, Guatemala

● Free Day

Explore on your own, or add an optional extra experience

Day 13: Antigua, Guatemala



Panajachel to Antigua

Type: **Transfer**

DepartureTimes: 05:00, 09:30, 12:00, 16:00

Duration: 2.5 hrs.

