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TRIP DETAILS
14 days / 13 nts - Multi-country

Departures Daily
Trip Ref 3223

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PRICES FROM $3,907

El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras & Nicaragua

Day 1: Arrival into San Salvador
Arrive at San Salvador, one of our representatives will be waiting for you at the airport. Overnight at Hotel Holiday Inn.

Day 2: San Salvador
Today we will explore the capital city of El Salvador, San Salvador, driving through the streets and avenues in the residential and historical areas. We will first visit the David Guzman Museum of Anthropology where we will have a guided tour of this historical location. We will see the famous Zona Rosa on our way to the Divino Salvador del Mundo monument at Plaza Las Americas. We shall go to a viewpoint located in Planes de Renderos, which will place us at an altitude of 1000 meters above sea level. At this height we will have a magnificent view of the city as well as access to a gallery of handcrafted artifacts.

In the afternoon, we will visit El Tazumal, which is the biggest pyramid that has been discovered in the country. Its architecture will definitely impress you. After this we shall continue to Joya de Ceren. Joya de Ceren was declared world heritage by UNESCO in 1993 for being the only location in the whole Mayan culture where you can appreciate the day to day living styles of the popular pre-Columbian inhabitants. All was well preserved thanks to the ashes of the volcano's eruption. We will return to the city through the Pan-American Highway going up and through the mountains that belong to El Balsamo´s Mountain Range. Overnight at Hotel Holiday Inn.

Day 3: San Salvador - Guatemala (Antigua)
Today we will enter Guatemalan territory, heading up north to Antigua Guatemala, a city founded in the early 16th century. Built 1,500 meters above sea-level, in an earthquake-prone region, it was largely destroyed by an earthquake in 1773, but its principal monuments are still preserved as ruins. Overnight at Hotel Villa Antigua.

Day 4: Antigua - Chichicastenango (Thu or Sun)
In the morning, we will discover the timeless colonial city of Antigua Guatemala, nestled in a valley surrounded by the peaks of three towering volcanoes. Over time it became the most important city in Central America, adorned with monasteries, churches and other monuments built in the Spanish Colonial architectural style. While in Antigua you will explore both the restored colonial buildings as well as those left as ruins throughout the city.

Among the intricate colonial buildings and interesting museums you will visit on our tour, you will explore the ornate La Merced church, the ruins of the Capuchinas convent and the San Francisco Cathedral, Mid afternoon you will be transferred to the community of Chichicastenango. Overnight at Hotel Santo Tomas.

Day 5: Chichicastenango - Guatemala city
Today, we will visit the Chichicastenango Indian market, reputedly the largest outdoor market in Central America, which attracts buyers and sellers from near and far every Thursday and Sunday. Many great souvenirs can be found here, from colorful Mayan fabrics and ceremonial masks to genuine leather goods, jewelry and accessories. In the afternoon, you will be transferred to Guatemala City. Overnight at Hotel Holiday Inn.

Day 6: Guatemala city - Flores
Today we will we will catch an early domestic flight to Flores. The tour continues with a one-hour drive until you reach Tikal. Tikal in its heyday 700 AD, was the capital of a vast Mayan empire. Today, the site is one of Guatemalan premier tourist attractions. Its unspoiled jungle setting makes it special for discerning travelers, particularly Archaeologists, Naturalists and bird watchers. Mid afternoon we will head back to Flores for overnight at Hotel Peten Esplendido.

Day 7: Flores - Honduras (Copan)
Early morning we will start our journey to Copan Ruins, in route we will visit Rio Dulce and Quirigua Ruins, a small Mayan site located in the Motagua River that was apparently ruled by an offshoot of Copan ruling dynasty during most of its history and served to secure Copan access to the Motagua river and the trade routes to the cities further north. Quirigua features the tallest stela in the entire Mayan world. We

will be reaching Honduran territory in Copan Ruinas late afternoon for overnight at Hotel Marina Copan.

Day 8: Copan
In the morning, we will have a guided tour of the main archaeological site that features the hieroglyphic staircase, the ball court and the famous stelas, in the afternoon, discover the various artifacts and art work carved in stone at the museum of Maya sculpture and the museum of archaeology, evening is at your disposal to stroll around the cobble stone streets of the town of Copan and visit its numerous restaurants, coffee and souvenir shops, Hotel Marina Copan.

Day 9: Copan - Tegucigalpa
Discover Honduras through mountainous scenery while we head to the capital city of Tegucigalpa, in route we will visit our famous Pulhapanzak waterfall, we will have lunch at beautiful Lake Yojoa and also visit colonial former capital city Comayagua, where we have the oldest functioning clock in the Americas. We will arrive in Tegucigalpa late afternoon. Overnight at Hotel Clarion

Day 10: Tegucigalpa
Tegucigalpa is not only the capital city of Honduras but further a colonial town of abundant history, we will enjoy a morning tour of both modern and colonial districts, the Basilica of Suyapa and a sweeping view of the metropolitan area at the foot of the giant figure of Christ located at Picacho hill. We will finish our Honduras mainland tour visiting two charming old mining colonial towns, Santa Lucia and Valle de Angeles that are home to the local artisans school and many souvenir shops, evening is free. Overnight at Hotel Clarion

Day 11: Tegicugalpa - Nicaragua (Leon)
Today we are heading south to the Fonseca Gulf on the Pacific, which is shared by El Salvador, Honduras and Nicaragua, before entering Nicaragua territory we will visit the old town of Choluteca, we shall arrive at the city of Leon mid afternoon, we will have a city tour of Leon Viejo including the Art Museum and the magnificent Leon Cathedral were we will have a chance to go on the roof top and observe the volcanic chain in the far ground. Overnight at Hotel El Convento.

Day 12: Leon - Granada
Early morning departure for Léon, in route touring of Masaya Volcano National Park, arriving at Granada at noon, in the afternoon enjoy a carriage / walking tour of Granada including a guided visit to Museum San Francisco, evening free. Overnight at Hotel Colonial.

Day 13: Granada
We will have a tour of Las Isletas in the morning, exploring this peninsula en its main isles formed by a massive volcanic explosion, we will also visit a Spanish fortress in the area, returning to Granada before lunch time, afternoon is free to enjoy the colonial scene of the town. Overnight at Hotel Colonial.

Day 14: Granada - Managua
Today we will head to the capital city of Nicaragua, Managua, with visits to key political and cultural sites, including its historic center and to see the incredible footprints left by the Managua residents of 4,000 BC. Overnight at Hotel Crowne Plaza

Day 15: Managua - Return home
At the appropriate time, we will take you to the airport to catch your flight back home.

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Includes:
- Accommodations in single or double occupancy (standard rooms)
- 14 breakfasts
- Domestic air Guatemala City - Flores
- Private ground transportation in A/C vehicle
- English / Spanish speaking guide
- Entrance fees to all the attractions listed
- All hotel taxes

Does not include:
- International flights
- International airport departure taxes
- Personal expenses (phonce calls,laundry etc...)
- Tips to guides or drivers

Superior accommodations (5*):
San Salvador, El Salvador - Hotel Real Intercontinental
Antigua, Guatemala - Camino Real Antigua
Chichicastenango, Guatemala - Hotel Santo Tomas
Guatemala City, Guatemala - Westin Camino Real
Flores, Guatemala - Camino Real Tikal
Copan, Honduras - Hotel Marina Copan (Premium rooms)
Tegucigalpa, Honduras - Hotel Marriott
Leon, Nicaragua - Hotel El Convento
Managua, Nicaragua - Hotel Real Intercontinental
Granada, Nicaragua - Hotel Alhambra

Moderate accommodations (4*):
San Salvador, El Salvador - Courtyard by Marriott
Antigua, Guatemala - Hotel Las Farolas
Chichicastenango, Guatemala - Hotel Santo Tomas
Guatemala City, Guatemala - Holiday Inn
Flores, Guatemala - Hotel Peten Esplendido
Copan, Honduras - Hotel Marina Copan (standard rooms)
Tegucigalpa, Honduras - Hotel Plaza del General
Leon, Nicaragua - Hotel La Perla
Granada, Nicaragua - Hotel Colonial
Managua, Nicaragua - Holiday Inn

Economy accommodations (3*)
San Salvador, El Salvador - Comfort Inn
Antigua, Guatemala - Hotel Casa Antigua
Chichicastenango, Guatemala - Hotel Santo Tomas
Guatemala City, Guatemala - Howard Johnson Inn
Flores, Guatemala - Hotel del Patio
Copan, Honduras - Hotel Camino Maya
Tegucigalpa, Honduras - Hotel Alameda
Leon, Nicaragua - Hotel Los Balcones
Granada, Nicaragua - Hotel Terrasol
Managua, Nicaragua - Hotel D'Lido

Important:
- Vehicles used vary according to group size.
- Private and customized itineraries based on this program are also available, please enquire.
- For Chichicastenango Market, best if on a Thursday or a Sunday.
- Specific properties may be replaced for others of same quality.
- Category of hotels is based on standards of the country (only to be used as a guide). Three stars being the most limited of services and, five stars having superior amenities and closer to international standards.

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