

ITINERARY \*

DAY OF THE DEAD MAYA GUATEMALA CULTURAL TOUR 2022

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**Fri. Oct. 28th (optional pre-tour event)**

3:30 - 5:30

Free Antigua walking tour which meets at Iglesia La Merced at 3:30. I am planning to arrive in Antigua on the 28th and will be taking this tour for the first time.

It takes two hours and you would need to sign up for it in advance.

<https://www.freetour.com/antigua/antigua-guatemala-city-free-walking-tour>

**Sat. Oct. 29th.**

11:00 Group gathers at Posada San Pedro

Orientation & walking tour

12:30 Jade museum

1:00. Lunch of typical and delicious Guatemalan food

2:30. Museos de Santo Domingo (there are 5 small fascinating museums in this complex)

4:30 El Arco de Catalina & Nim Pot

5:30 Iglesia La Merced

6:30 Dinner\* on own & Free evening

**Sun. OCT. 30**

8:00 Breakfast at hotel

9:30 Gather at Posada San Pedro

10:00 Museo Antiguo (USAC)

11:00 Chocolate Museum and **Chocolate Making workshop**

1:30 Lunch

2:30. Parque Central Y Cathedral

3:00. Artisan's market

Free time //Dinner\* on own

7:30 Gather on terrace at Posada San Pedro for beverages

Evening : NOCHE DE LOS GLOBOS. , candlelight lanterns

**Mon. OCT. 31**

8:00 Breakfast at hotel

- pack for Sumpango

10:00 Mercado General de Antigua

12:00 Sack Lunch  
2:00 Lv. For Sumpango  
3:00 Arrive Sumpango, check in at homestay

~Day of the Dead market  
~Sumpango food market, snacks!  
~Watch the kitemakers put the finishing touches on their kites!  
5:00 Relax on the terrace of the homestay for sunset with Guatemalan beverages. Enjoy a delicious traditional meal made by our hosts and served by their family.  
7:30 Parade and **Shamanic Ceremony to Bless the Kites**  
9:00 **Pre-festival fiesta** on the kite grounds as the kitemakers begin the first stage of erecting the giant kites by positioning huge bamboo poles into the ground. Lots of excitement as hundreds of vendors begin what for them is the biggest event of the year. Offerings of regional handicrafts, food, beer and of course kites.

### **Tues. NOV. 1**

7:30 or 8:00 Breakfast  
9:00 Cemetery & **Kite Festival!** Orientation, seating. Set up of giant kites, kite flying competition for kites under 6 meters.  
(Lunch\* on your own, on site vendors are certified for hygienic food service)  
5:00 Group reconnects.  
6:30 Dinner with hosts  
Sharing experiences and photos from the festival .

### **Wed. NOV 2**

8:00 Breakfast (Bags packed for San Pedro la Laguna)  
9:00 – 11: 30 **Kite making workshop**  
11:30 – 2:30 Kite flying and Lunch in the cemetery with Julio and his family, in the traditional honoring of the dead in Sumpango on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. The cemetery has been cleaned and decorated with flowers and long pine needles and the people of Sumpango come to on this day to spend time with their dead and provide them with kites, beauty and food. We are invited to spend time with Julio and his family and also with our kites.  
2:30 Mini-van transport to San Pedro La Laguna – 4 hours  
6:30 Check-in Comfortable Beautiful Locally owned Hotel with wifi in San Pedro.  
5 nights.  
Dinner\* on your own, many terrific, affordable nearby restaurants and easy walking for many evening sights.

### **Thurs. NOV 3**

#### **San Pedro la Laguna**

8:30 Breakfast  
10:00 **San Pedro** art, heart and orientation walk  
~ Parque Central & Iglesia  
~ Food market  
~ Art galleries

12:00 Lunch (shanti shanti)  
1:30. Women's artisan gallery  
Free time

4:00. Meet at hotel for beach walk  
6:00 Dinner \*  
Optional solar hot pool soak (Q50 = \$6.50)

#### **Fri. NOV 4**

8:00 Breakfast  
9:30 Tuk Tuk or launch (10 min) to **San Juan la Laguna**  
~Visit natural dye weaving collectives – cotton spinning and dye demonstration  
~Maya medicinal herb garden and natural medicine collective  
~Walking tour of San Juan's wall murals  
1:00 Group lunch  
~ The world of Mayan bees  
~ Galeria Imox  
3:00 Free time time to wander the shops  
5:00 Return to San Pedro  
Free time on return to San Pedro. Evening dinner\* on your own.

#### **Sat. Nov. 5**

7:00 Breakfast  
8:00. Transport to Santa Clara. Hike to Rostro de Indio (uphill 30 min.) with geologist Matt Purvis who will talk about the fascinating geology of Lake Atitlan and the volcanos of Guatemala. At the top you will see amazing views of Lake Atitlan.  
12:00 Lunch  
Free time. Rent a kayak, go swimming, wander around or just chill.

#### **Sun. Nov. 6**

7:45 Breakfast  
9:15 boat to Santiago Atitlan  
10:00 Santiago, Center of the Tzutujil Maya world,  
~ Journey to Maximón, a revered and unusual Mayan diety  
~ Visit the informative museum of textiles  
~ Visit to one of the oldest Catholic churches in Guatemala and it's history during the Guatemalan civil war  
1:00 Lunch\*  
~ Shopping! Santiago offers one of the most extensive array of Guatemalan handicrafts in the country. From huipils to handbags to leather goods to embroidery and bedspreads, to original paintings, Santiago offers exceptionally reasonably priced handmade work.  
5:00 Boat return to San Pedro  
7:30 Group dinner, closing

Sun. NOV. 7

Breakfast dependent on transportation needs

Shuttle to airport from San Pedro (not included, \$20-\$35)

Be sure and let me know your departure time

^Also be aware that Guatemala does not change time though the US changes to standard time on this date

Meals with \* are not included in tour price

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