

Friendship In Action in Guatemala

January 11 - 20, 2017

Itinerary for Friendship Force (up to 14 ambassadors)

Day 1 - Wednesday, January 11

Time pending: **Arrival to Guatemala City airport (GUA)** Please provide flight information. A driver will be waiting for you at the only airport exit on the left hand side with a sign that says FRIENDSHIP FORCE. He will take you directly to **Hotel Posada San Sebastian in Antigua**. Travel time subject to traffic/rush hour (1 - 2 hours or more)

Overnight in Antigua – Posada San Sebastian

Check in / Check out : 13:00

Day 2 - Thursday, January 12

9:30am Meet your Antigua Tours guide at the fountain in the Central Park for a **private Cultural Walking Tour around this World Heritage Site**. The tour focuses on the city's history, cultural trends and restoration efforts. We visit the City Hall Palace, Palace of the Captain's General, the Cathedral with its majestic ruins, Antigua's unique cultural lifestyle, Maya archeology visiting the Maya Jades Museum, and the best museums in town at Paseo de los Museos. Complete the tour at Hotel Casa Santo Domingo at 12pm.

Overnight in Antigua – Posada San Sebastian

Day 3 - Friday, January 13

9:00 Private transportation **from Posada San Sebastian in Antigua to Hotel Dos Mundos in Panajachel** on the shores of Lake Atitlan (through the mountainous roads of the Guatemalan highlands).

On the road you will visit the **archeological site of Iximche (admission included) and Comalapa (indigenous art)**

Lunch at El Pedregal – pay directly

Overnight in Panajachel – Hotel Dos Mundos

Check in 14:00 / Check out: 13:00

Day 4 - Saturday, January 14

9:00am Meet your guide at the lobby of Hotel Dos Mundos, **day boat trip to lakeside villages.**

Departure to **San Juan La Laguna** (1 hour)

Visit the town and admire the local textile dyers (1 hour)

Boat departs to **Santiago Atitlan** (40 minutes)

Visit the church and Maximon brotherhood (1 hour)

Boat departs to **Panajachel** (40 minutes)

Lunch on your own

Overnight in Panajachel – Hotel Dos Mundos

Day 5 - Sunday, January 15

8:00am Private transportation from Hotel Dos Mundos in Panajachel - through the mountainous roads of the Guatemalan highlands- **to Santo Tomas Hotel in Chichicastenango.** (1 hour)

Free time to explore the market on your own. We recommend lunch at Hotel Santo Tomas. The buffet lunch is about \$15 per person. Purchase your lunch tickets in advance and it includes a bathroom pass.

3:00pm Private transportation from Hotel Santo Tomas in Chichicastenango - through the mountainous roads of the Guatemalan highlands - **back to Hotel Dos Mundos in Panajachel.** (1 hour)

Overnight in Panajachel – Hotel Dos Mundos

Day 6 - Monday, January 16

Free day – perhaps Solola Market, Maya Traditional Medicine Garden, Lunch at Hotel Atitlan, Atitlan Nature Reserve (trails & butterfly garden)

Overnight in Panajachel – Hotel Dos Mundos

Day 7 - Tuesday, January 17

Time pending: Private shuttle **from Hotel Dos Mundos in Panajachel/Lake Atitlan to Hotel Posada San Sebastian in Antigua** (2 ½ hrs.)

Overnight in Antigua – Posada San Sebastian

Check in / Check out : 13:00

Day 8 - Wednesday, January 18

Humanitarian/Social service project and free time

Overnight in Antigua – Posada San Sebastian

Day 9 - Thursday, January 19

Humanitarian/Social service project and free time

Overnight in Antigua – Posada San Sebastian

Day 10 - Friday, January 20

Choose time 4:00am, 7:30am, 9:00am, 11:00am, 12:30pm, 3:00pm Departure (Please provide flight information). – Shared **shuttle from Hotel Posada San Sebastian in Antigua to the GUA international airport.** (1 to 1 ½ hours, travel time subject to traffic)