



## **“THE WORLD OF THE MAYA & THE GREAT BARRIER REEF OF BELIZE”**

**Antigua – Lake Atitlan – Guatemala City– Tikal – Ambergris Caye – San Pedro Island**

**Nov. 13 – 21, 2010 - Trip Price: \$1,499 each (Double Occupancy)**

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### **Guatemala:**

With its wild volcanic and jungle landscapes, atmospheric colonial towns, staggering Mayan sites, and famous Indian markets, Guatemala offers a vibrant overview of the diversity of Central America. The Mayan culture is nowhere more alive and colorful than in Guatemala. You will find fantastic antique temples towering over vast jungles teeming with monkeys and birds. You'll see the modern day Mayans carry on the traditions of their ancestors gathering in great open-air markets. The Spanish left behind colonial cities of indescribable beauty and atmosphere such as colonial Antigua, declared as a World Cultural Heritage site, where we will start our adventure on a guided walking tour of charming Antigua. We will explore the hub of the Mayan highlands, the village of Chichicastenago, the site of the most festive market in the land, a great gathering of thousands of Mayan Indians. Browse the endless stalls heaped with crafts and textiles of every design; observe mask makers at a local workshop; and witness odd religious rites melding Catholic and pre-Colombian traditions. We will sail across the Lake Atitlan by boat to the picturesque, lakeside village of Santiago. We will fly to Flores and then onto Tikal, the ceremonial city of the classic Mayan civilization, considered one of the most significant archeological sites in the Americas. This great Mayan site, restored over the past quarter-century, is an ancient site of towering temples, with sophisticated stone dwellings reflecting the splendor of a 2,500 year-old civilization. If you are the adventurous type you can hike up to the Pacaya Volcano to watch lava rivers and volcano activity.

### **Belize:**

Belize offers many adventures, while remaining so utterly unspoiled and little developed. The least inhabited Central American country, Belize combines the rarest wildlife of Central America, the finest Caribbean beaches, and the most flamboyant marine life in the western hemisphere. You can go on an exciting adventure of Cave Tubing, where rivers disappear into the underworld as you float on inner tubes with only your headlamp to lead the way. Glide past entrances from above, filtering mists of jungle light, as you float through underground river caves sparkling with mica-studded stalactites and stalagmites. We will board boats to Ambergris Caye, Belize's great launch site for explorations of the world's second longest barrier reef. We'll arrive at the island hub of San Pedro and proceed to your bare-foot resort, nestled among the tall swaying palms on the white sand beaches. You can soak up the sun on the beach; or do some of the finest snorkeling and scuba diving in the world (the famous blue hole). There will be many optional excursions to choose from, such as snorkeling, scuba diving, fishing and sailing trips.

**TRIP PRICE INCLUDES:**

\*Round trip airfare from LAX to Guatemala City and return Belize to LAX; Airfare to Flores to visit the Mayan Temples in Tikal

\*8 nights double occupancy - 1 night Antigua, 1 night Lake Atitlan, 2 nights Guatemala City, 1 night Belize City, 3 nights San Pedro Island \* All Hotel Taxes included

\*14 meals – 7 breakfasts, 5 lunches and 2 dinners

\*Roundtrip bus transfers from airport to hotels; chartered air condition coach with English speaking guide

\*Roundtrip boat transfers from Belize City to Ambergris Caye (San Pedro Island)

\*Tours included in the itinerary: Antigua, Chichicastenango, Lake Atitlan, Guatemala City \*English speaking Tour Guide throughout the trip

**Price Does Not Include:** U.S. departure tax and fuel surcharge ~\$226; Optional tours on free days: Volcano ~\$30, Cave Tubing ~\$66, & Scuba Diving

Non CSSC members to add \$45, payable to CSSC - This price is guaranteed for the first 35 sign ups This price is based on double occupancy; you are responsible to have your own roommate when you send in your deposit. We will try to place you with a roommate therefore Double occupancy is not guaranteed – Single supplement is \$489

**RESERVATION AND CANCELLATION POLICY**

Make checks payable to New Horizon Tours. To confirm a reservation a \$150 deposit is required. Final payment is due 60 days prior to trip departure. Cancellations more than 60 days prior to trip date will be charged \$75. Cancellations 59-31 days prior to trip will be \$250 and cancellations less than 30 days prior to trip will have no refund unless a replacement is found. Name change fee on tickets is \$150.

**THIS IS A "WALKING TOUR" - YOU MUST BE IN GOOD PHYSICAL HEALTH TO PARTICIPATE ON THIS TRIP**