From San Ignacio, Tikal 1 day Tour

1. DESCRIPTION

Guided tour through virgin forest trails, visiting the main archaeological buildings, some of them can be climbed as one of the highest Mayan constructions: the temple of the double-headed serpent, with 212 feet high.

Tikal is a World Heritage Site, both Cultural and Natural, it covers 222 square miles of jungle and about 10,000 structures in ruins. Tikal became an important ceremonial, cultural and commercial center over the centuries. Most of the great temples of the city were built during the 8th century AD, when Tikal became the largest city in the Mayan world with a population of perhaps 200,000.

The Museum of the University of Pennsylvania, the Guatemalan Institute of Anthropology and History restored the structures of Tikal during the 1950s and 1960s. More recently, the cooperation of Spain has donated resources to restore some other structures.

Today Tikal is for Guatemala what the great pyramids are for Egypt, a national symbol and a source of pride in the past. Temple I rises about 157 feet above the eastern end of the Great Plaza. A stone staircase leads up to the pyramid of nine levels, corresponding to the nine levels of the Mayan underworld.
2. SOME INITIAL INFORMATION

a. It will be a pleasure for our selected team of guides to offer you this tour, they know a lot about local history, flora and fauna.

b. We will pick you up at your hotel in San Ignacio for transportation to and from Tikal.

c. On the Guatemalan side, our guide will assist you in the immigrations check, on the Belizean side only our Belizean driver will be in charge, our guide starts and ends at the border in the no man's land between both immigrations desks.

d. To exchange money, the best option is to request quetzales from your bank in your country, the second option is to stop at an ATM at the border town Melchor de Mencos with a debit or credit card with a chip on it, the third option is to exchange with the money exchangers available at the border. There are no ATMs in Tikal, so make sure to bring the necessary cash with you from the border town.

e. To cross the border, if you are a US or European citizen, you only need your passport, pay the exit tax of Belize of US $ 20 p / p (only passengers from 13 years old and up pay this tax) and nothing else. If you are from another nationality, please check online at http://www.minex.gob.gt/Visor_Pagina.aspx?PaginalID=21 to know if you need a visa to visit Guatemala.

3. START

07:00 The adventure begins in the lobby of your hotel in San Ignacio
10:00 The walk begins in the parking lot of Tikal.

4. ENDS

15:00 The walk ends in the Tikal parking lot.
18:00 We finish the activity in the lobby of your hotel in San Ignacio

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5. ITINERARY

07:00 After breakfast, we pick you up at the lobby of your hotel in San Ignacio

07:30 Cross border and you pay your Belize departure tax of US $ 20 per person (not included)

08:00 Transfer to Tikal

10:00 Walking tour in Tikal as follows

Visit of the Q complex

Visit and climb of the Double-headed Serpent Temple (IV)

Visit the giant cedar

Walk by Temple of the Jaguar Priest (III)

Walk through the Palace of Windows

We explore the Lost World complex, used as an astronomical observatory

We climb the Great Pyramid

Visit of the Square of the Seven Temples

Walk by the South Acropolis

Visit of Temple V

Explore the Central Acropolis

Visit of the Great Plaza

Climb the Temple of the Masks (Temple II)
Explore the North Acropolis

Walk around the Temple of the Great Jaguar (I)

Visit the Ball Game

14:45 We finish the walking tour and transfer back with lunch options on the way

17:00 Arrival back to the border and border crossing

18:00 Arrival at your hotel in San Ignacio

6. THINGS TO BRING

a. The best walking shoes
b. Raincoat
c. Water bottle
d. The best clothes for hot weather
e. Sunblock, Tikal has a tropical climate similar to the rest of the Yucatan Peninsula in Mexico.

7. INCLUDED

a. Professional tour guide on the Guatemalan side
b. Transfers with air conditioning Border / Tikal / Border with our guide on board and Hotel in San Ignacio / Border / Hotel in San Ignacio with another vehicle only with our Belizean driver
c. Help with the border crossing
d. We help to exchange any currency needed to pay tickets to the park, etc.
8. DOES NOT INCLUDE

a. Payment of departure tax of Belize (US $ 20 p / p)
   i. Only people 13 and older pay this tax
b. Payment of tickets to the park (GTQ150 p / p of 13 years or more)
   i. You can buy your tickets for Tikal directly in the park where they only accept quetzales in cash, if that is too complicated, we can buy your Tikal tickets for you. We will need the name and surname of each participant for that, then we pay in quetzales or dollars when we meet.
   ii. Admission to the Tikal museums costs GTQ 30 p/p, one ticket is valid for the two museums in the park and you must buy it at the entrance to the park.
c. Food and drink
   i. There are several lunch options, prices range from $ 8 to $ 15 USD per person.

9. HOW LONG?

a. The walk lasts 5 hours plus time of transfers and meals.

10. DISTANCE

a. We will walk approximately 4 to 5 miles, but not consecutively. The longest walk that we will take between two stops is approximately 20 minutes.

11. WHAT TO WEAR?

a. Wear whatever makes you comfortable.
b. Our tours are walking, so be sure to wear comfortable walking shoes, especially on uneven terrain
c. Bring your camera! We love taking pictures, we can show you the best places to take photos.
12. WEATHER

a. We run our tours either if there is rain or sun. Our region has a tropical climate, which means that if we have brief rains, we will find a place to hide and wait.