

Yaxha Sunset from Tikal



- Minor Astronomic Complex
- Causeway of the Quarry
- Ball Court
- Visit North-East Acropolis
- Square of the Birds
- North Acropolis (triadic pattern)
- Maler Group
- Causeway of the Reservoir
- Mayor Astronomic Complex
- Causeway of the Lake
- South Acropolis (residential area of the nobility)
- Walk by East Causeway
- Twin Pyramids Complex
- East Acropolis
- Temple of the Red Hands

Yaxha is a different archaeological site because it is located between two lakes, Lake Yaxha and Lake Sacnab, this site started in the Pre-Classic period (3000 BC to 300 AD), during its peak in the Classic period (300 AD to 900 AD) worked as an important lake port. In 900 A.D. when the Mayan collapse happened, for still unexplained reasons, this city was abandoned and the jungle was responsible for burying it with soil, the product of the dried leaves of vegetation over time.

A thousand years later after it was abandoned, a German explorer named Teobert Maler exploring the area, managed to find the lost city of Yaxha in 1904, Yaxha with their neighbors Nakum and Naranjo and after a long process, were declared as Yaxha-Nakum-Naranjo National park in 2006, just after being stage for the reality show called "Survivor" filmed in Guatemala in 2006.

As this is a very young national park, it is little known but super charming, as few archaeological sites, at Yaxha the visitor feels completely in the middle of a Mayan city, because when this was not yet a national park, it was allowed to cut much weeds covering the palaces, temples, ball courts, pyramids, causeways and squares, so the viewer can see more than 900 feet around. Many visitors after visiting several Mayan sites, they conclude that their favorite place is Yaxha.

Itinerary

The adventure begins when we pick you up at your hotel

Transfer to Parking lot of Yaxha

Visit the Minor Astronomical Complex

Walk along the Causeway of the Quarry

Visit of North-East Acropolis

Explore the Square of the Birds with the best stele

Climb the North Pyramid of North Acropolis (triadic pattern)

Visit of Maler Group

Walk Through Causeway of the Reservoirs

Climbed the Mayor Astronomical Complex

View of the Causeway of the Lake

Explore the South Acropolis (residential area of the nobility)

We pass the Ball Court

Walk by East Acropolis

Walk through the Twin Pyramids Complex

Explore the East Acropolis

We climb the Temple of the Red Hands from where we observe the sunset

End of the activity at the lobby of your hotel

Starts

The activity starts when we pick you up at your hotel in Tikal at 11:00 a.m.

Ends

The activity ends when we leave you at your hotel in Tikal at 8:30 p.m.

Things to bring

- Best walking shoes
- Rain coat
- Bottle of water
- Best clothing for warm weather

Inclusions

- Professional Tour Guide in Yaxha who speaks excellent English and knows a lot about local history, flora and fauna
- Transfer with air conditioning round trip from your hotel

Exclusions

- Entry fees
- Meals
- Personal expenses

Additional info

Entrance tickets to the park for foreigners cost 80 GTQ (about US\$11)
US dollars are NOT accepted to pay tickets, tickets are purchased upon arrival at the park

Children under 5 years old can enter the park free of charge.

There are several lunch options, prices range from US\$10 to US\$15 per person.

Notes:

*) Bring enough bottled water and sunscreen. Petén has a tropical climate similar to the rest of the Yucatan Peninsula in Mexico.

***) There are no ATMs in Yaxha, so be sure to bring the necessary cash with you.