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**BELIZE**  
& GUATEMALA

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AFRICAN AMERICAN TRAVELERS



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CRUM BALLS • CHOCOLATES  
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COFFEE BY THE POUND!

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# MEET THE TEAM



**Lawrence McLean**

**CEO/FOUNDER OF AAT  
TRIP HOST**

Lawrence McLean developed the concept of AAT in 2012, as a result of the constant let down of friends backing out of travel plans, or simply not sharing his interest in traveling any further than the Caribbean. He started the group, African American Travelers of Philadelphia, followed by another chapter in New York, on meetup.com. Since, he has led thousands from around the country, on the most epic, unforgettable, international tours. AAT's groups have perused six continents, including its, signature, annual NYE in Dubai experience, and taking travelers "Home for the Holidays" to the beautiful motherland, Africa, year after year. According to "Madame Noir" Lawrence has been recognized as one of the three US entrepreneurs who is changing the perception of travel to Africa!



**Andrea McLean**

**SOCIAL MEDIA ENGAGER  
HOST ASSISTANT**

Andrea McLean is known for traveling with style. She has worked in customer service and sales for many years, mastering 60-second pitches since the spunky age of 6! She is focused on customer satisfaction, engagement, and bringing a smile to our travelers faces. Some believe that she may have been a comedian in her past life. Whenever she is around, there is always laughter.



**William McLean**

**SOCIAL MEDIA ENGAGER  
HOST ASSISTANT**

William Mclean is our newest addition to the team. William is currently in college majoring in business acquiring relevant skills that will not only enhance your traveling experience with African American Travelers but ensure that your experience is our top priority. William loves building connections and meeting new people, as our entire team is incredibly eager to present our customers with the opportunity to develop lifelong friendships and memories as that will last forever.

**"Great things in business are never done by one person. They're done by a team of people."**

**– Steve Jobs**

# THE ITINERARY

## SUNDAY, NOV 3

 USA → BLZ

ARRIVE IN BELIZE



BELIZE HOTEL

3:00 PM CHECK IN



8:00 PM

BLACK & GOLD HOST DINNER

## MONDAY, NOV 4



DEPART FOR 2ND  
BELIZE HOTEL / FREE DAY

12:00 PM DEPART FOR AUTOGRAPH COLLECTION HOTEL

1:00 PM CHECK IN / FREE DAY

## TUESDAY, NOV 5



HOL CHAN SNORKELING TRIP

9:00 AM DEPART FOR SNORKELING VIA PRIVATE BOAT

5:00 PM RETURN TO HOTEL



**WEDNESDAY, NOV 6**



**FREE TIME**

**THURSDAY, NOV 7**



**DEPART FOR SAN IGNACIO**

**9:00 AM** CHECK OUT/ DEPART FOR SAN IGNACIO

( 45 MIN FERRY / 2 HOUR DRIVE )

**1:30 PM** CHECK INTO SAN IGNACIO KA'ANA RESORT

**FRIDAY, NOV 8**



**DEPART FOR XUANANTUNICH**

**10:00 AM** CHECK OUT / DEPART FOR XUANANTUNICH

**11:00 AM** VISIT XUANANTUNICH

**12:00 PM** BREAK FOR LUNCH

**1:00 PM** DEPART FOR CARCOAL

**5:00 PM** RETURN TO HOTEL



**8:00 PM**  
FAREWELL DINNER

# THE ITINERARY

**SATURDAY, NOV 9**



**SAN IGNACIO**

**12:00 PM CHECK OUT**



**CHECK OUT / FLY HOME**

**12:00 PM** CHECK OUT HOTEL / TRANSFER TO AIRPORT

# THE EXTENSION

**SATURDAY, NOV 9**



## TIKAL MAYAN RUINS

- 9:00 AM** CHECK OUT / VISIT TIKAL MAYAN RUINS  
( 2 HOURS DRIVE )
- 2:30 PM** CHECK INTO LAS LAGUNAS BOUTIQUE HOTEL

**SUNDAY, NOV 10**



## FLY TO GUATEMALA

- 10:00 AM** CHECKOUT/ DEPART FOR AIRPORT
- 1:55 PM** DEPART FOR GUATEMALA  
( TAG AIRLINES FLIGHT NO 5U161 )
- 2:55 PM** ARRIVE IN GUATEMALA / BEGIN CITY TOUR
- 7:00 PM** CHECK INTO HOTEL CASA SANTO DOMINGO

**MONDAY, NOV 11**



## DEPART FOR SAN ANTONIO PALOPO

- 9:00 AM** CHECK OUT / DEPART FOR SAN ANTONIO PALOPO  
( 3 HOURS DRIVE )
- 2:55 PM** MAYAN CEREMONY & LAKE ATITLAN TOUR
- 2:30 PM** CHECK INTO HOTEL ATITLAN

## TUESDAY, NOV 12



### CLIMB OF VOLCAN DE ACATENANGO (For those who booked)

5:00 AM DEPART FOR CLIMB

2:00 PM CHECK INTO BASE CAMP



### COOKING CLASS (For those who booked)

9:00 AM DEPART FOR CLASS

12:00 PM RETURN TO HOTEL

# FREE TIME

THOSE WHO DIDNT BOOK  
EXCURSION

## WEDNESDAY, NOV 13



### CLIMB OF VOLCAN DE ACATENANGO (For those who booked)

6:00 AM DEPART FOR SUMMIT / RETURN TO HOTEL



### BACK TO GUATEMALA CITY

12:00 PM CHECK OUT / DEPART FOR GUATEMALA CITY  
(3 HOURS DRIVE)

3:00 PM CHECK INTO HOTEL



8:00 PM  
FAREWELL DINNER

## THURSDAY, NOV 14



GUATEMALA HOTEL

12:00 PM CHECK OUT



FLY BACK TO HOME





## *Belize City*

Founded in 1638 by British loggers, Belize City served as the British colony's capital until the government was relocated to Belmopan in 1970. With more than 70,000 residents, Belize City is easily the largest municipality in the country and still serves as Belize's industrial and financial capital. Although some of the historic buildings are still intact, much of the city was leveled in 1961 by Hurricane Hattie.



## *San Pedro*

San Pedro is a town on the southern part of Ambergris Caye, an island in the Caribbean Sea, off the coast of Belize. It is a popular tourist destination that is known for its barrier reef, beautiful beaches, crystal-clear waters, and vibrant culture. One of the main draws of San Pedro is its stunning beaches. The island's shores are dotted with soft, white sand, and the waters are a dazzling shade of turquoise. Visitors can lounge on the beach, take a dip in the sea, or try their hand at a variety of water sports, including snorkeling, diving, and fishing. San Pedro is also known for its lively culture. The town is home to a diverse population that includes both locals and expats from around the world. Visitors can explore the town's colorful streets, sample traditional Belizean cuisine, and experience the lively music and dance scene.



## *Hol Chan Snorkeling*

Many say that snorkeling Hol Chan Marine Reserve is as impressive as snorkeling the best spots in the world. Perhaps for this reason Hol Chan is considered the most popular snorkel site in Belize. Just about 4 miles south of San Pedro Town, or a short 15 minute boat ride, Hol Chan, Mayan for "little channel" and "quebrado" in Spanish, is home to over 160 species of fish, along with nearly 40 species of corals, 5 sponges, 8 algae, 2 seagrasses, 3 marine mammals and 3 species of sea turtle. Schools of jacks, groupers & snappers come to greet their new guests, as you are guided off to the channel's edge where vibrant coral forms crevices and an overhang where green eels and lobsters dwell



## *San Ignacio*

San Ignacio is a quaint town west of Belize City. With plenty of accommodations catered to adventurers, it's a great base for exploring Maya ruins and cave systems in the Western part of the country. San Ignacio is as easy to get to as it is full of adventure. It's the largest town in the Cayo District, the area of Belize known for drawing adventurers and thrill seekers from all over the world. San Ignacio is connected to its twin town, Santa Elena, by the only suspension bridge in the country, Hawkesworth Bridge. The construction of this historic bridge made the connection from Belize City to the adventure-filled Western regions not only possible, but easy.



## *Xunantunich*

the history of the Maya at Xunantunich is relatively short. Early Belize Maya settlers may have established a small village at the site during the Middle Preclassic (600-300 BC) period, but the ancient city, as we know it, rose to prominence and declined between AD 700 to 1000. This rather late development is unusual because it indicates that while most other cities in the region were waning during the troubled Terminal Classic period (AD 800-900), the fortunes of Xunantunich were on the rise.



## *Tikal Mayan Ruins*

Tikal National Park is located in Northern Guatemala's Petén Province within a large forest region often referred to as the Maya Forest, which extends into neighbouring Mexico and Belize. Embedded within the much larger Maya Biosphere Reserve, exceeding two million hectares and contiguous with additional conservation areas, Tikal National Park is one of the few World Heritage properties inscribed according to both natural and cultural criteria for its extraordinary biodiversity and archaeological importance. It comprises 57,600 hectares of wetlands, savannah, tropical broadleaf and palm forests with thousands of architectural and artistic remains of the Mayan civilization from the Preclassic Period (600 B.C.) to the decline and eventual collapse of the urban centre around 900 AD. The diverse ecosystems and habitats harbour a wide spectrum of neotropical fauna and flora.



## *Guatemala City*

Guatemala City, or Guate as it is referred locally, located in the heart of Guatemala, is an interesting blend of old and new which possesses a distinct Latin charm. Known by its ancestors as the “place of many trees” (name originated from Nahuatl language, Quaahtlemallan) the city mixes lots of green areas with modern architecture. Sitting on top of three tectonic plates, Guatemala City is the home of two million people, making it the most inhabited city in Central America. Its location, facilities and the Guatemala City international airport La Aurora makes it a great hub for tourism across the country and the starting point for your trip to the rest of Guatemala. Guatemala City has an active cultural life all year long, giving you plenty of options to spend your time here. It hosts art galleries, several important museums, the National Palace in Guatemala and different cathedrals. Guate has been growing throughout the years and is adapting to all new trends, attracting people from all over the world for its rich culture, great coffee and high concentration of fine restaurants.



## *San Antonio Palopo*

Perched on the mountainside of Lake Atitlán in Guatemala, San Antonio Palopó is a small town that has remained relatively unspoiled. Unlike Panajachel, you will not find many tourists in San Antonio! There are few hotels or restaurants, and the town’s life centers around its ceramics and textiles. With a picturesque church acting as the focal point, San Antonio Palopo is a beautiful place you must see on your next visit to Lake Atitlan.



## *Lake Atitlan*

Located in the department of Sololá, Lake Atitlán is one of the most visited tourist attractions in Guatemala, and was nominated as one of the seven wonders of the world. It is considered to be the most beautiful lake in the world, and it is also conceived as one of the most unique places. The lake has an area of 130 km<sup>2</sup>, and the color of its waters varies from deep blue to green. The lake, formed approximately 84,000 years ago as a result of a volcanic eruption, is 1,500 meters above sea level, with a length of 18 kilometers, and a depth of up to 341 meters, making it the deepest lake in Central America. The hills and volcanoes around the lake offer dense forests, where hiking can be practiced without problems, allowing for the observation of a wide variety of birds, from the timid little woodpeckers, to the Quetzal, the National bird.



## ***Volcan De Acatenango***

Antigua's Acatenango Volcano is a remarkable climb that stands tall at 13,041 ft / 3,976 m, and it is a must-do for most adventure travelers in Guatemala. The hike not only provides panoramic views of the entire region but also offers a unique vantage point to witness the nearby (and highly active!) Fuego Volcano has been erupting continuously since the Spanish conquistadors arrived 500 years ago.

# ACCOMODATIONS



Radisson Ft George Hotel



# ACCOMODATIONS



Alaia Belize - Autograph Collection Hotel



# ACCOMODATIONS



Ka'ana Resort



# EXTENSION ACCOMODATIONS



Las Lagunas Boutique Hotel





# EXTENSION ACCOMODATIONS



**Hotel Casa Santo Domingo**



# EXTENSION ACCOMODATIONS



Hotel Atitlan

