

TRAVEL PASSES

Ahuevos Express Ways (from Cancun)

Backpacking

24 Days / 6 Countries

Mexico , Belize , Guatemala ,

Honduras , El Salvador & Costa Rica

Departure city: Cancun, Mexico

End city: San Jose, Costa Rica



HIGHLIGHTS

- Discover the ruins of Chichen Itza and Tikal
- See panoramic views from the Pacaya Volcano
- Taste local delicacies in San Jose, Costa Rica

Start in Cancun and journey through Central America as you cross through Belize, Guatemala, El Salvador & Costa Rica ending your trip in San Jose. Experience pristine nature and rich cultural sights along the way.

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What is included



Travel Passes

Include all of your transport and experiences while giving you full flexibility to change the dates and pick your accommodation on the go.



Transport: 17

- La Fortuna to San Jose
- Monteverde to La Fortuna
- Manuel Antonio to Monteverde
- San Jose to Manuel Antonio
- San Salvador to San Jose
- El Tunco to San Salvador
- La Ceiba to El Tunco
- Copan Ruins to La Ceiba via San Pedro Sula
- Antigua to Copan Ruins
- Lanquin to Antigua
- Flores to Lanquin
- Belize City to Flores
- Caye Caulker to Belize City
- Chetumal to Caye Caulker via San Pedro
- Tulum to Chetumal
- Playa del Carmen to Tulum
- Cancun to Playa del Carmen



Meals: 1

- 1 Lunch(es),



Experiences: 5

- San Jose Bites & Sights Experience
- Pacaya Volcano Trek
- Semuc Champey & Kanba Caves Tour
- Tikal Early Morning Day Tour
- Chichen Itza Day Trip (roundtrip from Cancun)

What is not included

- Guide throughout the trip
- Meals not mentioned in the itinerary
- Travel Insurance
- Tips
- Personal Expenses
- Accommodation pick-up drop-off from Bus Stations

*Prices for optional activities are subject to change at any time without prior notice. Please confirm these prices before departing on your trip.

Experiences Included

Chichen Itza Day Trip



Learn about the ancient ways of life in this well-preserved Mayan citadel with an English speaking guide. Ponder the disappearance of this archaeological site former inhabitants while you walk around these pre-Hispanic ruins. Recently added to the list of the 7 World Wonders, this is a site you do not want to miss!

INCLUDED

- Roundtrip transportation
- English-speaking guide specialized in archeology
- Box lunch
- Entrance fees to Chichen Itza archaeological site

NOT INCLUDED

- Governmental Entrance Fee (USD 23)
- Breakfast & drinks
- Tips for guide
- Extra fees

Tikal Early Morning Day Tour



Experience the jungle as it comes alive in the early hours of the morning. Learn about this former Maya citadel, once the largest and most powerful civilization in Meso-America, by exploring this archaeological site and taking advantage of this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to marvel at the majestic pyramids hidden away in the jungle.

INCLUDED

- Transportation
- English-speaking guide

NOT INCLUDED

- Accommodation pick-up and drop-off
- Entrance Fee to Tikal Archaeological Site
- Lunch & drinks
- Tips for guide
- Sunrise tour upgrade (\$15 USD or approx. 117 Quetzal)

Semuc Champey & Kanba Caves Tour



Hike through the mysterious caves of Kamba, which are filled with extraordinary limestone formations. Enjoy free time to swim in the crystalline waters of Semuc Champey, where you will find natural pools filled with fresh mountain spring water above a 300-meter long limestone bridge immersed in a pristine lush jungle setting.

INCLUDED

- Transportation
- English speaking guide
- Entrance fee to Semuc Champey National Park

NOT INCLUDED

- Lunch
- Tips for Guide
- Flashlight

Pacaya Volcano Trek



Brag to your friends about trekking an active volcano after hiking up the steep slopes of the Pacaya Volcano to reach a moon-like landscape of dried lava with panoramic views of nearby volcanoes above the clouds.

INCLUDED

- Transportation
- Local Guatemalan guide (Spanish only)
- Entrance fee to Pacaya Volcano

NOT INCLUDED

- English-speaking guide
- Snacks & bottled water
- Optional hiking equipment rental
- Optional horseback ride
- Tips

San Jose Bites & Sights Experience



Unmask the beauty and culture of contemporary Costa Rican life on this San Jose walking tour that takes you through busy streets,

INCLUDED

- English speaking local guide
- Typical food samples
- Small group experience; Max 12 people

NOT INCLUDED

- Other meals and drinks
- Personal expenses
- Tips for guide

Recommended Itinerary

This is a recommendation for your trip, but travel passes are flexible and you can decide how long to stay in each destination.

Day 1: Cancun - Playa del Carmen, Mexico



Chichen Itza Day Trip (roundtrip from Cancun)

DepartureTimes: 04:00 (summer), 05:00 (winter)

Duration: 10 hrs.

Upon arrival to Chichen Itza, a specialised guide will give you a detailed tour of the site, enjoying the quiet of the morning visit before the crowds. Throughout the tour, your guide will provide archaeological essential background to better understand the history of Chichen Itza.

Discover how this large pre-Columbian city played an important role in the Mayan civilization around 600 AD to 1200, and remained a center of worship and pilgrimage until the arrival of the Spaniards. Even today, it is still considered sacred by the Maya people of Yucatán Peninsula site. Like many of the cities of ancient Mexico, the site was abandoned, and its ruins were hidden by jungle. Hear how the site was discovered and excavated by archaeologists, earning the protection of UNESCO and today considered one of the New Seven Wonders of the World. They will explain the philosophy, cosmology and mythology behind this ancient place, such as the meaning of the stone carvings, pyramids, platforms, ball games. Visit the Temple of the Jaguars, the Temple of the Warriors and of course the famous pyramid, also known as the Temple of Kukulcan. Hear how a serpent of light seems going up the stairs of this temple in the spring and fall equinoxes (around March 21st; September 21st). Enjoy a lunch box on your way back to Cancun.



Cancun to Playa del Carmen

Type: Transfer

DepartureTimes: 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8:00, 8:30, 9:00, 9:30, 10:0, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30, 12:00, 12:30, 13:00, 13:30, 14:00, 14:30, 15:00, 15:30, 16:00, 16:30, 17:00, 17:30, 18:00, 18:30, 19:00, 19:30, 20:00, 20:30, 21:00, 21:30

Duration: 1.5 hrs.

Day 2: Tulum, Mexico



Playa del Carmen to Tulum

Type: Transfer

DepartureTimes: 01:15, 01:30, 02:45, 04:00, 06:00, 07:15, 08:00, 08:30, 09:00, 09:15, 09:30, 09:45, 10:45, 11:45, 12:30, 14:30, 15:15, 17:15, 18:30, 18:45, 19:00, 19:15, 21:45, 22:15, 23:30

Duration: 1 hrs.

Day 3: Tulum - Caye Caulker, Mexico



Tulum to Chetumal

Type: Transfer

DepartureTimes: 00:05, 08:35, 09:45, 10:35, 12:05, 13:05, 15:50, 17:05, 21:05

Duration: 4 hrs.



Chetumal to Caye Caulker via San Pedro

Type: Transfer

DepartureTimes: 15:00

Duration: 3 hrs.

Day 4: Caye Caulker, Mexico

● Free Day

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Day 5: Caye Caulker - Flores, Belize



Caye Caulker to Belize City

Type: **Transfer**

DepartureTimes: 08:00, 09:00, 10:30, 12:00, 13:30, 15:30, 17:00

Duration: 1.5 hrs.



Belize City to Flores

Type: **Transfer**

DepartureTimes: 11:00, 13:30

Duration: 5 hrs.

Day 6: Flores, Guatemala



Tikal Early Morning Day Tour

DepartureTimes: 03:00, 04:30, 08:00

Duration: 8.5 hrs.

Depart Flores at 4:30 am this morning for your early morning experience to Tikal archaeological site. Walk among giant pyramids towering over 200 feet at dawn to feel the magical vibration of Tikal and its historic splendor. Listen to the jungle sounds of exotic birds, monkeys and small mammals and feel the humid jungle air on your skin as the Maya inhabitants of this site felt it 2000 years ago. Immerse yourself in the jungle at dawn for an early morning tour through the archaeological site to experience the jungle come alive as it wakes up at sunrise, a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to get in touch with nature and marvel at the majestic pyramids hidden away in the jungle.

This magical ancient city is teeming with native flora and fauna. If you are lucky you may be able to spot a jaguar walking leisurely through the park, although large numbers of visitors have caused the wildlife to move further into the jungle away from the noise. Howler monkeys here are famous for their loud growling sounds which may surprise you from a tree top overhead. Keep an eye out for colorful birds throughout the park such as toucan, parrots, eagles and quetzals.

Tucked away in the vast Peten Region that covers 222 square miles of lush jungle in the northwest corner of Guatemala lie the ruins of the most magnificent archaeological site and important Maya citadel in Mesoamerica. Tikal National Park, declared as a UN World Heritage Site in 1979, is the largest excavated archaeological site on the American continents and is one of the most important natural reserves of Central America.

It is known that Tikal, meaning "Place of Voices" in Maya, was one of the most powerful cities of their era covering more than 16 square kilometers and dominating other tribes in the surrounding region as well as interacting with neighboring cultures as far as Teotihuacan in the Valle de Mexico. The site was estimated to house between 10,000 - 90,000 inhabitants before being abruptly abandoned over 1000 years ago.

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It is necessary to purchase your entrance fee at any Banrural bank in Flores the day before the tour. The ticket booths will not be open at the time you arrive to take part in the sunrise tour.

Day 7: Lanquin, Guatemala



Flores to Lanquin

Type: **Transfer**

DepartureTimes: **08:00**

Duration: **9 hrs.**

Day 8: Lanquin, Guatemala



Semuc Champey & Kanba Caves Tour

DepartureTimes: **09:00**

Duration: **10 hrs.**

Take a hike through the mysterious caves of Kanba (activity at your own risk) which are filled with extraordinary limestone formations distributed among an endless stretch of different chambers (so far, the end of the cave system has not yet been discovered) housing a sharp pointed rock altar where ancient Maya once performed sacred rituals. The Maya people of Guatemala continue holding spiritual ceremonies here and believe that the cave is the "heart of heaven" where the secrets of many centuries are held.

Enjoy some free time to swim and go river tubing in the crystalline waters of Semuc Champey where there are natural pools filled with fresh mountain spring water above a 300-meter long limestone bridge. Flowing underneath the bridge is the Cahabón River where you will have time to swim in the cool waters in a beautiful natural surrounding immersed in native flora and fauna. At the end of the bridge you will visit waterfalls over 40-feet in height where the water from the pools rejoins the Cahabon River. The color of the water is constantly changing depending on factors such as the season, sun and rainfall, a characteristic of the national park that makes this place an idyllic and awe-inspiring setting to experience and take photographs.

Day 9: Antigua, Guatemala



Lanquin to Antigua

Type: **Transfer**

DepartureTimes: **08:00**

Duration: **8 hrs.**

Day 10: Antigua, Guatemala



Pacaya Volcano Trek

DepartureTimes: **06:00, 14:00**

Duration: **8 hrs.**

Get up close and personal with an active volcano and brag to your friends about it. Hike up the Pacaya Volcano slope for two hours and then trek onto dry lava that resembles a moon-like landscape. Look up to catch an eruption from the active volcano if you're lucky (depending on the activity of the volcano you may or may not see eruptions or lava). Take unforgettable photos in a landscape so surreal that you feel like you are walking on the moon. Admire the breathtaking landscape and views of neighbouring volcanoes peeking through the clouds around you. Take your time returning to the base of the mountain as you make your way down the slippery, muddy slopes. (Note: Horses can be rented for the trip up and back.)

We recommend wearing comfortable trekking shoes and bringing a flash light and a walking stick (or rent one for a few dollars from local kids before you start your hike). It gets dark and steep on the mountain if you are going up in the afternoon. If you are travelling during rainy season bring a raincoat or poncho... you will definitely need it! Bring bottled water for the trek and some extra cash to buy snacks afterwards or pack a few power bars in your day pack to take with you.

Day 11: Copan, Honduras



Antigua to Copan Ruins

Type: **Transfer**

DepartureTimes: **04:00**

Duration: **5 hrs.**

Day 12: La Ceiba, Honduras



Copan Ruins to La Ceiba via San Pedro Sula

Type: **Transfer**

DepartureTimes: **11:00**

Duration: **7.5 hrs.**

Day 13: La Ceiba, Honduras

● Free Day

Explore on your own, or add an optional extra experience

Day 14: El Tunco, El Salvador



La Ceiba to El Tunco

Type: **Transfer**

DepartureTimes: **09:30**

Duration: **13 hrs.**

Day 15: San Salvador, El Salvador



El Tunco to San Salvador

Type: **Transfer**

DepartureTimes: **09:30 10:30 11:30 12:30 13:30 14:30 15:30 16:30 17:30 18:30**

Duration: **1 hrs.**

Day 16: San Jose, Costa Rica



San Salvador to San Jose

Type: **Transfer**

DepartureTimes:

Duration: **1 hrs.**

Day 17: San Jose, Costa Rica



San Jose Bites & Sights Experience

DepartureTimes: **08:30, 11:30**

Duration: **3 hrs.**

On this San Jose tour you'll get up close and personal with Costa Rican life, through architecture, history, food, and more! Nothing could get you closer to authentic San Jose than strolling through the streets with a local as they show you the ins and outs of daily life. Take a wander through the city with us on this tour that takes typical San Jose and turns it into a local experience you'll never forget.

Your San Jose food tour starts with a morning pick-me-up cup of coffee in a café located in Parque España, where you can get to know your local guide and relax into your surroundings. From here you'll take a stroll through the park, enjoying the views of the Yellow House, or Foreign Ministry, as you go, and learning more about the park itself, which is the oldest in the city and also known as Expression Park. You'll visit a number of landmarks in this area, including the National Liquor Factory and the Metal Building, two 19th century buildings that play an important role in the history of San Jose. Your guide will give you all the local knowledge about what these landmarks mean to the city, and its citizens, giving you exclusive insights in what makes San Jose tick.

Your San Jose walking tour continues through Parque Nacional for yet another taste of San Jose's rich history, before you head back into contemporary Costa Rican life and towards the Central Market. While seeing the sights and architectural gems of San Jose will help you get to know the city better, on this tour you'll use another sense – taste – to get you even more in tune with San Jose.

There's no better place in San Jose to experience the local cuisine than the Central Market, a 120-year old building full to the brim with typical Costa Rican food and drink. Here you can sample local delicacies, learn about the herbs used in local medicines, or simply sip on your second rich and smooth Costa Rican coffee of the day. The Central Market is an experience that no visitor the San Jose should miss, and with a local guide by your side you'll unearth all the secrets behind this San Jose treasure.

The Central Market will be the last stop on this San Jose tour, and by the end you'll be full of local knowledge (and perhaps even some local lingo!), giving you the full San Jose experience that is sure to be a highlight of your time in this vibrant city.

Day 18: Manuel Antonio, Costa Rica



San Jose to Manuel Antonio

Type: **Transfer**

DepartureTimes: **06:30, 14:15**

Duration: **5 hrs.**

Day 19: Manuel Antonio, Costa Rica

● Free Day

Explore on your own, or add an optional extra experience

Day 20: Monteverde, Costa Rica



Manuel Antonio to Monteverde

Type: **Transfer**

DepartureTimes: **06:45**

Duration: **4 hrs.**

Day 21: Monteverde, Costa Rica

● Free Day

Explore on your own, or add an optional extra experience

Day 22: La Fortuna, Costa Rica



Monteverde to La Fortuna

Type: **Transfer**

DepartureTimes: **08:15**

Duration: **4 hrs.**

Day 23: La Fortuna, Costa Rica

● Free Day

Explore on your own, or add an optional extra experience

Day 24: San Jose, Costa Rica



La Fortuna to San Jose

Type: **Transfer**

DepartureTimes: **12:45**

Duration: **3.5 hrs.**

