



# Monterrico Mangroves 1-Day Kayak Trip

## Trip Description

Meet at Old Town Outfitters Shop at 8:00am where you can purchase any riding, paddling and hiking gear you might need. After meeting your guide and checking gear, we load bags and bodies into your private transport and set out for our 1.5-hour road trip westward out of the valley, and down the Pacific slope of the Guatemalan Highlands. We'll arrive at our kayak put-in spot - "La Avellana" - and load up our boats for the day's paddle.

As we paddle through Guatemala's *Biotopo Reserva Monterrico-Hawaii*, we'll move through the natural coastal habitat of many species of tropical waterfowl (herons, egrets, cranes, etc...) A multitude of other exotic animals are to be found in the reserve - including fruit bats, turtles, raccoons, caimans, anteaters, iguanas and other water-lovers! The thick mangrove swamps provide sweet relief for the strong coastal sun, and kayakers normally encounter a variety of wildlife resting in the shade.

After navigating through the labyrinth of isolated lagoons by kayak, your group will arrive in the sleepy beach community of Monterrico and visit a local "Turtle Project" (*time-permitting*) which helps to boost and protect the numbers of Pacific Coast sea turtles, as well as nurse other sick animals which may find themselves in danger. Depending on their schedule, you may even be able to see a turtle release!

After a fresh seafood lunch (included) at a local restaurant and a long bask on volcanic black-sand beach, we'll hop back into our kayaks for the paddle back to "La Avellana". After rucking-up our boats and gear, our transport will bring us back to Antigua where we arrive around sunset.

### **Included in Trip Price:**

- Private round trip transportation from Old Town Outfitters office in Antigua
- All park entrance fees & project donations; Fresh seafood lunch
- All paddling gear (sea kayaks, paddles, lifejackets, dry bags)
- Tour of *Biotopo Reserva Monterrico-Hawaii* by a local, bilingual guide with certified 1<sup>st</sup>-Aid training

### **Not included (what you need to bring):**

- Walking shoes + Sandals
- Swimsuit + towel
- Change of clothes
- Rain jacket (May thru October)
- Personal Toiletries and/or medications
- Camera, Hat, Sunglasses & Sunscreen
- 2 liters of water (minimum)
- **TIP** for great service from your Old Town Guide!

### **Price:**

**02 PAX - US\$145 p/p**  
**3+ PAX - US\$120 p/p**

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