



Monterrico Mangroves 2-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.

Your group will enjoy a freshly prepared picnic lunch around mid-day while navigating through the labyrinth of isolated lagoons by kayak. At the end of the day, your group will arrive in the sleepy beach community of Monterrico and visit a local "Turtle Project" which helps to boost and protect the number 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 checking-in at our beautiful hotel outside Monterrico, you'll have plenty of time to bask on the volcanic black-sand beach, enjoy the sunset on the Pacific, and feast on a fresh and delicious seafood dinner at the hotel. After a good night's rest on the coast, your group will take breakfast in the morning, and hop back into your kayaks for another 3 hours paddling back through the mangroves to "La Avellana", where we'll sit down for lunch at a local restaurant. After rucking-up boats and gear, our transport will bring us back to Antigua and arrive around sunset.

Included in Trip Price:

- Round trip transportation from Old Town Outfitters office in Antigua
- Hotel Accommodation in Monterrico; All park entrance fees & project donations
- All paddling gear (sea kayaks, paddles, lifejackets, dry bags)
- All meals on Day 1 - (picnic lunch and seafood dinner), and Day 2 - (breakfast & lunch)
- Tour of *Biotopo Reserva Monterrico-Hawaii* by a local, bilingual guide with certified 1st-Aid training

Not included (what you need to bring):

- Walking shoes, Sandals, Swimsuit, Towel,
- (1) change of clothes + Rainjacket (May thru October)
- Personal Toiletries and/or medications
- Camera, Hat, Sunglasses & Sunscreen + 2L bottle for water
- **TIP** for great service from your Old Town Guide!

Price PDO

2-3 PAX - US\$315 p/p

4 + PAX - US\$301 p/p

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4 + PAX - US\$239 p/p

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