



Volcan Acatenango Overnight with 4X4 'Off-Roading'

Overview:

Our signature hike, combined with an adventure 4X4 off-road ride to the trailhead, is certainly a unique way to see the wild side of Guatemala. Whether you are the type of person seeking an adventurous ride up the volcano, or if you just want to knock off most of the uphill trek, this trip is for you. We will park our car 500 meters from the summit, and embark on beautiful hike to our campsite.

4X4 Ride:

Our group leaves from the Old Town Outfitters Shop at 12:00pm, where you can fill up your water bottles and purchase any additional gear you might need. We will leave Antigua in our 4X4 car and drive through neighboring towns, getting a glimpse of the local life outside of Antigua. After about an hour's drive, transitioning from concrete to dirt, we will arrive at the entrance of a farm sitting at the base of Volcan Acatenango. From there we will enter the dirt farm roads, spending the next hour traversing the maze of farmland and forest as we head up some hills you will doubt we will make it up. About half-way up, we will stop at a beautiful vista overlooking Volcan Agua and the Antigua valley, where your guide will prepare a fresh picnic lunch.

While we will be offered some amazing views on our ride, the extra beauty of this alternate route is that we cut off about 3½ hours of the typical hike, leaving a far easier trip to the summit, and giving us plenty of extra time. We will leave our car at 3500 meters, cutting out 1300 meters of elevation, and take a little over an hour to get to our campsite.

Day 1: Hike To Camp

After we park our car and lace up our hiking shoes, we will turn south along Acatenango's ridge, taking a beautiful trail through temperate coniferous forest and tropical dry forest. This storm beaten tree-line was caught in a forest fire a decade back, leaving behind many starch-white petrified trees and a unique looking forest. Our trail is very moderate, with only a handful of uphill sections, as we make our way to camp. Our hike provides views of Volcan Agua towering above the Antigua valley, and as we approach camp we will get our first views of the spectacularly active Volcan Fuego. Our campsite is perched just below tree-line, with sweeping views of the Antigua valley and Volcan Fuego. After setting up camp, hikers are free to rest, relax and enjoy their surroundings while our guide prepares a fresh camp dinner with hot drinks at 3750m. Weather providing, we will have a campfire and spend the night under the stars hoping for a high altitude firework show from Fuego.

Day 2: Summiting Acatenango

In the morning, after an early camp breakfast, our group embarks on an hour long ascent to the summit, across a sand and gravel scree-trail dotted with dwarf pine trees and high alpine mosses. The trail up is the steepest we will have seen, and leads to the rocky summit exposed to the gusty and cold winds which constantly pass over Acatenango's peak.

At the summit, our group will rest and enjoy unparalleled 360-degree views of the entirety of



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the Guatemalan highlands - all the way to the border of Mexico. Here we will enjoy the views from the crater, rest, and take in all that we have seen. When we have finished, we will begin our hike back down to our car, a little over an hour long, and we will switch back to some more 4X4 adventure as we head down the steep road. We will arrive back in Antigua in the afternoon with plenty of time for you to enjoy the delights of the old Spanish colonial capital (~16:00hrs).

Trip Information

Included in Trip Price:

- Round trip transportation from Old Town Outfitters office in Antigua
- All park entrance fees + local guide from the community of La Soledad
- Freshly prepared picnic lunch, dinner, and breakfast + juice/coffee/tea & snacks
- Sleeping bags, sleeping pads and comfortable tents for camping at high-altitude
- Full tour of Volcan Acatenango by a local, bilingual guide with certified 1st-Aid training

Not Included (what you need to bring):

- Hiking boots or trekking shoes (no sandals)
- Large-capacity backpack (35L+) with rain cover
- One warm layer and/or windbreaker
- Rain jacket (May thru October)
- Cold-weather clothing for near-freezing night-time temperatures at camp
- Personal toiletries and/or medications
- Camera, hat, sunglasses & sunscreen
- 4 liters of water (minimum)
- Flashlight
- **TIP** for great service from your Old Town guide!

Price:

2 PAX - US\$475.00 p/p

3 PAX - US\$325.00 p/p

4 PAX - US\$250.00 p/p

Service Porter \$25.00 per day

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- Work to support the local communities in all of the areas we visit
- Respect the cultures, beliefs and traditions in all of the areas we visit
- Respect the environment, work to utilize resources sustainably, and minimize our impact