



Volcan Pacaya Overnight Hike

Trip Description

Volcano Pacaya (8370ft/2552m) may not be Guatemala's highest peak, however its slopes and smoldering lava fields are certainly of some of the most impressive volcanic landscapes in all of Central America. Set in its own National Park, Pacaya is a storybook volcano with a continuous plume of smoke drifting from its summit and a massive lava flow reforming the valley at the base of its caldera.

Our group meets at Old Town Outfitters Shop in Antigua at 14:00hrs - where drinking water, bathroom facilities and retail outdoor equipment are available for hikers. Our drive to the trailhead is just over 1-hour in private transport from Antigua to the Park Office. After checking in with the park administration, our guide will gather current information and decide on the best trail approach on the mountain (as trail conditions change quickly on the volcano). As our group moves up the myriad of trails on the mountain, our guide will direct the group toward active surface or sub-surface lava flows near the summit. No matter what conditions we encounter on the mountain, our group will have the opportunity to traverse unique volcanic-rock landscapes - just a few weeks or months old - as we ascend towards the peak. We'll undoubtedly encounter geothermal hot-spots on the cooled lava formations - which are always available to help roast marshmallows!

Your Old Town guide will decide where to make camp for the evening, and arrange the the group's campsite close to one of Pacaya's many beautiful vistas. A freshly prepared dinner will be prepared for the group while you have ample opportunities to enjoy the sunset views and fiery orange glows which characterize Pacaya's super-surface lava flows after dark. Hot coffee and tea will keep your group warm after sundown, and after a good night's rest in tents and bags - views of surrounding highland volcanoes Agua, Fuego and Acatenango will greet campers at first light. Early morning hours in the Guatemalan highlands are characterized by clear and bright conditions - ideal for sipping coffee and snapping photos of Volcan Pacaya's smoldering peak and surroundings.

After breakfast our group will break camp and have a relaxed descent of Pacaya's slopes as we move down to the trailhead. Our group returns to Antigua by private transport to arrive in town at ~12:00hrs.

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Included in Trip Price:

- Private round trip transportation from Old Town Outfitters office in Antigua
- All park entrance fees
- Freshly prepared picnic dinner and breakfast served on the mountain
- Hot coffee and tea at mealtimes
- Sleeping bags, sleeping pads and comfortable tents for camping at altitude
- Full tour of Volcan Pacaya by a local, bilingual guide with certified 1st-Aid training

Not included (what you need to bring):

- Hiking boots or trekking shoes (no sandals)
- Trekking pack (30+liters) with rain cover
- One warm layer and/or windbreaker
- Rain jacket (May thru October)
- Personal Toiletries and/or medications
- Camera, Hat, Sunglasses & Sunscreen
- Two liters of water
- Flashlight
- **TIP** for great service from your Old Town Guide!

Price:

02 PAX - US\$170 p/p

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