



Nebaj to Todos Santos

"Hut-to-Hotel" Trip Description

DAY 1 - Transfer to Nebaj & hike to Acul: Today is a long day as we start with an early morning 6 hour drive out to Nebaj. Nebaj, the main town of the Ixil Triangle is rich in culture and history. This region of the country was the "hot-seat" of the rebellion during the country's nearly 35 year civil war.

Our trek today is to the neighboring village of Acul, the first of Guatemala's "model villages". As a way to undermine the strength of the Mayan peasant farmers, the Guatemalan military rounded up various Mayan groups of different ethnic background and forced them to live together under the watchful eye of the Government. Settlements like this were thus called "model villages". Although a relatively short hike distance-wise at roughly 6kms, it is still tough as we'll have a big push up the ridge separating the two villages. Tonight's lodging is at an active cheese farm, where we will enjoy rustic cabins and an old farm ambiance.

DAY 2 - Acul to Pajuil Pais: We'll start with a short pick-up truck ride to the next trail head just 7 km.s up the road from Acul in the village of Xexocom. Today's hike will start with a long climb (~2hrs, 800 mts) up to a high plateau in the Cuchumatanes. Once on the plateau, we will enjoy beautiful cross country walking through farm fields, forests, and local towns. We'll trek through the remote Mayan settlement of Chortiz, a town completely isolated from the world with no connections by road or power. The town is a pure picture of life for the local Maya in these highlands, and a very unique place to visit. Continuing across the altiplano at nearly 3,300 mts., we'll finally start our descent to the mountainside community of Pajuil Pais where we'll overnight in a community hostel.

DAY 3 - Pajuil Pais to Chancol: Today's objective will be to cross the Aguacatan Ravine- we'll hike across the plateau and down into the valley before climbing back out, beginning our 13 kilometer push. Our day's objective is to reach one of the most unique lodgings in Guatemala, the Unicornio Azul. This lodge is a rustic horse farm in the middle of the highlands, with picturesque views and rolling hills on all sides.

DAY 4 - Chabal to Tuicoyg: Today will again start with a short pick-up truck ride across the densely populated Paquix plateau to the community of Chabal where a stunning piece of trail climbs up to the high ridge home to the highest two non-volcanic peaks of Guatemala: La Torre (~3,800 mts.) and Cerro Los Cuervos (~3,850 mts.). Once on the plateau the hike is mostly flat as we traverse the open expanse known as the "devils flats" on our way to the village of Tuicoyg.



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DAY 5 - Tuicoyg Todos Santos: Our final walk in this range will drop us off the high plateau and down into the town of Todos Santos, a cowboy town and one of the few remaining villages where men wear the traditional village garb. This rocky trail is virtually all downhill, snaking its way out of the mountains down through the thick pine forests that characterize the region. We will explore this colorful and vibrant village in the afternoon and spend the night here before our transfer to Antigua the following morning.

***DAY 6 - Transfer Todos Santos to Antigua**

Trip Information

Pricing:

- **2 PAX: US\$850 per person**
- **3 – 4 PAX: US\$699 per person**
- **5 – 6 PAX: US\$599 per person**

Included in Trip Price:

- Round trip transportation from Old Town Outfitters office in Antigua
- All food and lodging

Not included (what you need to bring):

- Hiking boots or trekking shoes (no sandals)
- Daypack 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 (minimum)
- Flashlight
- **TIP** for great service from your Old Town Guide!

***For a more expedited trip you could shuttle back from Todos Santos to Antigua on day 5 upon arrival into town. This makes for a long day and does not allow for much time in Todos Santos, but does make the trip a bit cheaper.**

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