



Nebaj to Todos Santos

"Hut-to-hut" Trip Description

DAY 1 - Nebaj to Xexocom: A 6-hour mountainous drive from Antigua will take us out to Nebaj in the department of Quiché, right into the heart of the Mayan highlands. 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 takes us over a ridge and through the neighboring village of Acul, the first of Guatemala's "model villages". As a way to undermine the strength of the Mayan 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". From there, we continue on to Xexocom, a tiny village set right underneath the Chortiz plateau. Our overnight there is what is known as a "salon comunitario", i.e. a multi-purpose building that is a classroom by day and serves as a haven for weary travelers by night.

DAY 2 - Xexocom to Pajuil País: Today's hike will take us up a long climb (~2hrs, 800 mts) onto the Chortiz plateau. Once up there, 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 3300m, we finally start our descent to the mountain-side community of Pajuil País, where we overnight in a community hostel.

DAY 3 - Pajuil País to Chabal: Today's objective will be to cross the Aguacatán ravine. We hike across the plateau and down into the valley before climbing back out, beginning our 13 kilometer push to the Chancol and San Nicolás area. Here we catch local transport across the densely populated Paquix plateau to the community of Chabal, where we overnight.

DAY 4 - Chabal to Tuicoyg: A stunning piece of trail climbs up to the high ridge home to the highest two non-volcanic peaks of Guatemala; La Torre (~3800mts.) and Cerro de los Cuervos (~3850mts.). Once on the plateau, the hike is mostly flat, as we traverse the open expanse known as the "Devil's flats" on our way to the village of Tuicoyg.



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DAY 5 - Tuicoyg to 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 the 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 to Antigua**

Trip Information

Pricing:

- 2PAX US\$699 per person
- 3-4PAX US\$550 per person
- 5-6PAX US\$499 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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