



Overnight Monterrico Trip

Monterrico: Kayaking and Wildlife, Beach and Beers!

Overview:

The coastal area around Monterrico is a totally different side of Guatemala. Life here is steeped with a sultry, tropical flavor - it's a place where your biggest worry is whether you'll be laying in a hammock or hanging out on the beach. Monterrico simply is a great spot for a weekend break at the beach.

During this overnight trip we'll be able to enjoy all facets of the beach: swimming in the sea, relaxing with a cocktail in a hammock, viewing sea turtles, kayaking through a large network of mangrove swamps and canals, and exploring the beach nightlife.

Day 1:

At 8am we'll meet at the Old Town Outfitters shop and leave Antigua to transfer to Monterrico (2hrs). After a short drive we will reach our residence for the weekend, the well known hotel and hangout, Johnny's place. There we'll stay in our own cabins with private pool!

In the afternoon, depending on the number of people, we'll divide ourselves in two groups. One half of the group will be able to enjoy the beach and all that comes with it, while the other half will start preparing for an adventurous kayak trip through the mangrove swamps and canals.

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, where kayakers normally encounter a variety of wildlife resting in the shade. After navigating through the labyrinth of isolated lagoons by kayak, we will reach the shore again near Johnny's place.

At night we'll all be able to enjoy the sunset and the nightlife at the beach. Depending on the time, you may also have the chance to see a turtle release into the sea.

Day 2:

After breakfast, the other half of the group now will have the chance to go out on the mangrove kayak trip. Meanwhile the other part of the group can relax and enjoy the beach, or hang out in a hammock. When the kayakers return around lunch time, we'll have one last lunch by the beach and then return to Antigua in our private transport.



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Trip Information

Trip Price:

- \$75 per person
- \$10 will be donated back to your NGO

Included in Trip Price:

- Private round trip transportation from Old Town Outfitters office in Antigua
- Beachfront hostel accommodation with private pool
- Fully guided tour by a bi-lingual Old Town guide with certified 1st-Aid training
- 3-4 hour guided paddle through the biotope reserve of Montericco
- All paddling gear (sea kayaks, paddles, lifejackets, dry bags)

Not Included (what you need to bring):

- Walking shoes + sandals
- Swimsuit + towel
- Change of clothes
- Rain jacket (May thru October)
- Personal toiletries and/or medications
- Camera, hat, sunglasses & sunscreen
- 2 liters of water (minimum)
- Q50 entrance fee for Turtleguero (turtle release project), if interested
- All meals
- **TIP** for great service from your Old Town guide!

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