



# Volcan Pacaya Day Hike

## Trip Description

Volcano Pacaya (8370ft/2552m) may not be Guatemala's highest peak, however its slopes and unique landscapes 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 dried lava field forming the valley at the base of its caldera.

Our group meets at Old Town Outfitters Shop in Antigua at 09:00hrs. Our drive to the trailhead is just over 1-hour in private transport from Antigua to the trailhead.

As our group moves up the myriad of trails on the mountain, Guatemala's impressive vistas open up before us. After a couple of hours we reach the base of the caldera, and our guide will direct the group through the rugged dried lava fields, recently reformed by a massive eruption in 2010.

No matter what conditions we encounter on the mountain, our group will have the opportunity to traverse unique volcanic-rock landscapes as we ascend towards the peak. Here the group will stop to enjoy a freshly prepared picnic lunch, along with views of nearby volcanoes Agua, Fuego and Acatenango.

There will be plenty of opportunity to explore geothermal hot-spots on the cooled lava formations - which are always available to help roast marshmallows! We can even hope for some active lava flows! Our hike down brings across the plateau of dried lava fields before we begin our descent through Pacaya's lush and lesser known forests and farmland. After our hike down to the trailhead, our group returns to Antigua by private transport to arrive in town at ~16:00hrs.

## Trip Information

### **Trip Price:**

- \$49 per person
- \$5 will be donated back to your NGO

### **Included in Trip Price:**

- Round trip transportation from Old Town Outfitters office in Antigua
- \$7 Pacaya Entrance Fee
- Local Pacaya guide
- Freshly prepared picnic lunch/dinner served on the mountain
- Fully guided tour by a bi-lingual Old Town guide with certified 1<sup>st</sup>-Aid training

### **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 + flashlight (for sunset-hike)
- TIP for great service from your Old Town guide!