

CRIZMAC presents...

Gente del Sol The Art and Culture of Guatemala

Antigua, Panajachel, Guatemala City
July 15-23, 2010 • 9 Days • 16 Meals

Join Stevie and Kitty of CRIZMAC for an exciting immersion in the art and culture of Guatemala. The highlands of Guatemala offer us an opportunity to explore multiple and contrasting facets of this magnificent country. The stately colonial architecture of Antigua built in the 16th century; diverse Indian groups, each speaking their native languages and wearing village-specific clothing; Lake Atitlan, surrounded by volcanic peaks and colorful villages; and the modern metropolis of Guatemala City, with its museums and cultural programs all await us.

Gente del Sol
CRIZMAC Travel Adventures



**Journeys
of Art
and Soul**



► Daily Itinerary

Included meals in parentheses:

B=Breakfast, **L**=Lunch, **D**=Dinner

Thursday, July 15

Arrive Guatemala City's airport, where you will be met by your tour leaders and escorted to your hotel.

Friday, July 16

After enjoying breakfast at the hotel, we'll begin our tour with an orientation to the activities of the week. Our first excursion is to the remarkable Ixchel Museum, which is dedicated to Maya culture, with a particular emphasis on traditional weaving. You'll enjoy learning about the stunning collections of hand-woven fabrics including impressive examples of ceremonial costumes. Following a group lunch at a local restaurant, our afternoon will be spent at the Popol Vuh Archeological Museum to view an outstanding collection of artifacts from the Preclassic, Classic, Postclassic and Colonial times. In the afternoon, we'll travel to Antigua where we'll check into our hotel and later enjoy a fabulous welcome dinner. **(B,L,D)**

Saturday, July 17

After enjoying breakfast, we will take a walking tour of Antigua, a UNESCO World Heritage site and one of America's most enchanting colonial cities. Located in a sweeping highland valley, Antigua is known for its cobbled streets and grand Baroque-style colonial architecture. You'll learn about the

city's history and many points of interest. We'll have a group lunch at a charming local restaurant, followed by a visit to Casa del Tejido, a museum of textiles. **(B,L)**

Sunday, July 18

After breakfast, our morning begins with a visit to a fascinating local jade factory where we will learn about the importance of jade in pre-Columbian history and about the largest jade deposit found in the Western Hemisphere. We'll discuss the religious, ceremonial, and economic role of jade in the early societies. After we enjoy lunch together, the afternoon hours are free for you to enjoy the sights and shopping of Antigua. **(B,L)**

Monday, July 19

This morning, we'll check out of the hotel after breakfast and board our motorcoach for our transfer to Panajachel. This sleepy, lakeside village offers its residents a simple lifestyle and serves as a fantastic location for more adventures into the highlands. After checking into our hotel, we will take a walking tour and explore the local culture. **(B)**

Tuesday, July 20

Our visit to the Solola market offers an incredible display of color and texture. Traders from all over the highlands, women dressed in striped red cloth and men in embroidered trousers, fill the plaza. You will enjoy a visit to a women's cooperative to observe tradition in action. Following a group lunch, there will be plenty of time to immerse yourself in the wonders of the market. We'll reconvene in the evening for a group dinner at a popular local restaurant. **(B,L,D)**

Wednesday, July 21

After breakfast, we will board our boat for a trip across Lake Atitlán, an astonishingly beautiful body of water surrounded by hills and volcanoes. The strength of traditional Maya culture is very evident in the lakeside villages, some of the very few places where the men still wear traditional clothing. Our destinations include the villages of San Pedro and Santiago Atitlán. **(B,L)**

Thursday, July 22

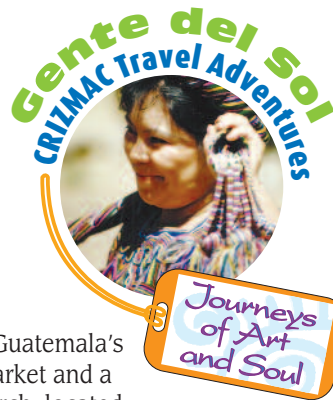
Our visit to Chichicastenango takes us to one of Guatemala's most popular destinations, the scene of a vast market and a pivotal center of Maya religion. Santo Tomás church, located on the plaza, was built in 1540 on the site of a Maya altar and rebuilt in the 18th century. The indigenous people set up their own altars inside the church, and today practice a unique hybrid of Maya and Catholic worship. During our visit, you will find the market stalls brimming with textiles, masks, pottery and more. Our day will be spent enjoying the sites and sounds of Chichicastenango, including a visit to a mask-making workshop, before we transfer to Guatemala City. We'll arrive in the city in the late afternoon and enjoy our farewell dinner together. **(B,D)**

Friday, July 23

Depart from the hotel with many special memories, and your bags brimming with treasures from Guatemala. **(B)** (flight time permitting)

► Your Journey Includes

- Three nights accommodations in Antigua
- Three nights accommodations in Panajachel
- Two nights accommodations in Guatemala City
- Daily breakfast, five lunches, three dinners
- Transfers from the airport to hotel (for those traveling on scheduled arrival and departure dates)
- Land transportation to seminar events
- Museum and site admissions
- Guides and demonstrations
- Baggage, hotel and server tips for group meals
- Tour handbook
- Cost based on double occupancy rooms, single rooms available for an additional fee.
- AIRFARE NOT INCLUDED



► Important Information

Every effort will be made to carry out all activities as planned and advertised, however, CRIZMAC and the seminar leaders reserve the right to make any alterations, deletions, or modifications to the itinerary and/or accommodations deemed necessary due to circumstances beyond their control.

Payment Deadlines

Enrollment will be made on a "first-come, first-served" basis. A \$500.00 deposit is required to guarantee your space. **Register by April 1, 2010 and receive a \$50 gift certificate for CRIZMAC merchandise.** Gift certificates will be included with your final tour documents. Registration and deposit payments may be made by phone, mail, or online at www.crizmac.com. Final payment is due on or before May 15, 2010.

Cancellations and Refunds

Cancellations must be received in writing. Participants who cancel on or before June 1, 2010 will receive a full refund **less a \$200.00 processing fee. If cancellation is made after that point, no refund is given.** CRIZMAC will make every effort to operate the tours advertised. In the event CRIZMAC must cancel a tour, participants will receive a full refund of all seminar fees, however, CRIZMAC is not responsible for losses due to non-refundable airline tickets or other travel arrangements. **Travel insurance, available from CRIZMAC or your travel agent, is highly recommended.**



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► Price

\$2,395 per person, based on double occupancy
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