

JUDAICA TOUR TO GUATEMALA ITINERARY



With poet and prominent Jewish educator Danny Siegel

(late January to early February when tours resume)



TUESDAY

Arrive to Guatemala by late afternoon. ¡Bienvenido a Guatemala!
Welcome dinner and introduction to the tour.

Overnight: Las Americas Hotel – Guatemala City /
www.lasamericas.com.gt

WEDNESDAY

Guided tour of Guatemala City, 9 AM – 4 PM. Social Justice Tour including Police Archives, Interactive Why Are We the Way We Are, Ixchel Textile Museum

Discussion led by Danny Siegel: Mitzvahs, Tzedek, Tikkun Olam and Why as Jews We are Here in Guatemala.

Dinner on your own.

Overnight: Las Américas Hotel – Guatemala City /
www.lasamericas.com.gt



THURSDAY

Travel to Aguas Calientes and meet with weavers. Lunch with artisans. Travel to Comalapa for a visit to MayaWorks' sponsored Rosa Moya Education Center. Visit tallitot weavers. Overnight in Tecpán – bring warm clothes!

Dinner as a group in the hotel restaurant.

Overnight: Albergues de Tecpan / www.alberguesdetecpan.com

FRIDAY

A day in the campo! Visit school children in Xetonox. Meet with women who create cornhusk dolls; learn of their microcredit projects and how they are learning to make tallitot. Walk the “main road”. Lunch in artisan Vicenta’s home. Visit Iximche Archaeological Site. Return to Guatemala City hotel before sunset.

Shabbat with Adat Israel, Guatemala’s Reform Congregation.

Overnight: Caprizzo Hotel – near Adat Israel / www.hotelcaprizzo.com.gt



SATURDAY

Morning prayer service at Adat Israel. Lunch with the congregation.

Kosher dinner as a group at the hotel.

Overnight: Caprizzo Hotel – near Adat Israel / www.hotelcaprizzo.com.gt

SUNDAY

Drive to Panajachel on the shores of Lake Atitlan. En route, detour to visit Chichicastenango Market which is the largest artisan market in Guatemala. Upon arrival at Panajachel, boat ride across Lake Atitlán to Santiago for overnight stay.

Dinner on your own.

Overnight: Posada de Santiago / <https://www.posadadesantiagoatitlan.com/>



MONDAY

Boat trip across Lake Atitlan to San Marcos to meet kippot crocheters. Visit to Santiago kippot crocheters and mezuzah beaders.

Before dinner discussion led by Danny Siegel: Here we are in God's Country – Just What is it that is Stirring our Jewish Kishkas so Mightily?

Dinner on your own.

Overnight: Posada de Santiago / <https://www.posadadesantiagoatitlan.com/>

TUESDAY

Transfer to Antigua, Guatemala's only surviving Spanish colonial city, by the southern Guatemala coastal plains, visiting en route a coffee plantation at Los Tarrales Reserve. Hike, relax, and enjoy wonderful coffee. Lunch on the farm.

Dinner on your own in Antigua.

Overnight: Hotel Las Farolas – Antigua / www.hotelasfarolas.com



WEDNESDAY

Morning Antigua City Tour. Afternoon free for shopping, relaxing, reflecting.

Before dinner discussion led by Danny Siegel: There is no Such Thing as a Small Mitzvah.

Dinner as a group.

Overnight: Hotel Las Farolas – Antigua / www.hotelasfarolas.com

THURSDAY

Shalom and Kol Tuv. We say goodbye to our new friends. Shuttles from Antigua to Guatemala City's International Airport.