

Come Tour Maya Ruins With Us!

Embark on a grand adventure, exploring deep green jungles and ancient Maya ruins. Here rulers were considered gods and were worshiped at temples on top of pyramids. But this is only 1/2 the story. Cutting-edge research has now revealed an even earlier civilization (B.C. times). Come explore an area that was a cradle of ancient American high culture with great kings who controlled vast commerce networks and used their wealth to employ masterful architects and artisans to construct exquisite palaces, cement highways, and grand cities.



But what really makes this tour special is that alongside your crash course on the Maya, you will be immersed in Book of Mormon history, stories, and geography -- considering prime candidates for Book of Mormon lands and settings, with highlights in candidate locations for the Lands of Nephi, Zarahemla, & Bountiful.



GREAT METROPOLISES OF THE MAYA AND THE REMOTE USUMACINTA RIVER, "NILE OF THE MAYA"

THE ULTIMATE BOOK OF MORMON SYMPOSIUM

WITH DR. MARK WRIGHT & DR. DAVID BOKOVOY

This tour focuses on phenomenal Maya ruins (including Tikal, Palenque, Yaxchilan, and Copan) coupled with visiting traditional markets and villages of the living Maya. This particular tour is our *upgraded* version, with the best available hotel in each region (one-five star).

MEXICO & GUATEMALA 12 DAY TOUR: AUGUST 1-12, 2012

Price: **\$2,199/person + Airfare** (discounted price with 20+ on tour)
\$2,499/person + Airfare (price with 10+ on tour)

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TOUR DESCRIPTION

- ➔ View Maya masterpieces as you explore Tikal, one of the greatest of all ruins. This massive city has at least 3000 buildings (50+ restored) dating from 300 B.C. to 900 A.D. Climb pyramids over 200 feet tall, with tops that tower over the jungle. Learn of the rise and fall of empires as Tikal rises to dominance.
- ➔ Feel like Indiana Jones as you take a boat ride deep into the remote jungle on the Usumacinta River, "Nile of the Maya", prime candidate for the River Sidon. See Yaxchilan ruins, a fortress on the river and candidate for Angola. You will never forget this day.
- ➔ Visit Palenque Maya ruins with world-famous archaeologist Alfonso Morales. Many consider Palenque the most beautiful of Maya ruins, with a stunning palace (lower left). Palenque sits at the "Narrow Neck" of the Maya and is a candidate for Teancum.
- ➔ View Maya masterpieces at Copan, where some of the greatest artworks of the ancient Americas were created. Learn of ancient kings, their religion, politics, and warfare, including First Quetzal Macaw (Yax Kuk Mo'), one of the great kings of the ancient Americas.



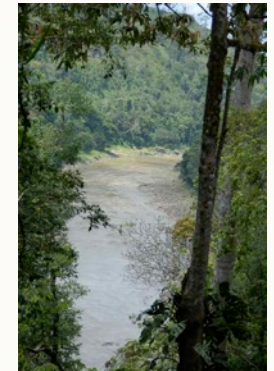
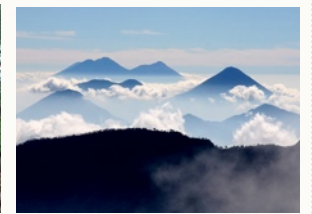
*Tikal; A City Shrouded in
Jungle*



*Pyramids TALLER than
the Forest Top*



Copan Stone Sculpture; Magnificent Art!



Remote Ruins on the Usumacinta, "Nile of the Maya"

TOUR DESCRIPTION (CONT.)

➔ Switch gears from the hot jungles and head up into the towering mountains of southern Guatemala where weather is cool to the “Land of Eternal Spring” with its ancient capital Kaminaljuyu (prime candidate for the City of Nephi).

➔ The breathtaking setting at Lake Atitlan, where our hotel has acres of flower gardens, and the communities of colorful living Maya are places you will never forget and to which you will surely return. It is here, around Lake Atitlan, that the Quiche Maya believe the world was created. Explore Maya markets that provide a window to the past, and dine on traditional Maya cuisine in a private Maya home. The traditions practiced here are thousands of years old. Vistas of Lake Atitlan and surrounding areas are some of the most beautiful in Central America. Relax and recharge at Lake Atitlan, one of the most beautiful lakes on earth, where our hotel has acres of flower gardens and tremendous views.



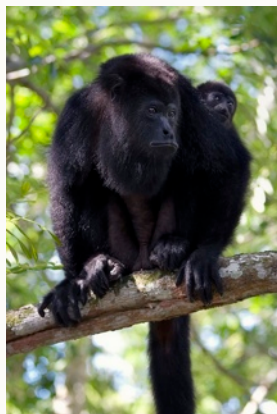
Hotel Atitlan & Gardens



Colorful Maya



Maya Men at Santiago



Howler Monkey



Scarlet Macaw

OLMEC (JAREDITE?) ADD ON

\$199/person (dbl./tpl.), \$249/person (sgl.)

➔ Visit La Venta Park, an outdoor museum that houses treasures of the Olmecs, prime candidate for the Jaredites, along with an in-depth symposium on the Jaredites.

ANTIGUA ADD ON

From \$195 - \$300 + tax/room/night

(*based on room category)

➔ Antigua is considered by many the most beautiful town in Central America and our hotel, the Palacio Dona Leonor with its exquisite rooms is the ideal home base (located 1/2 a block from the town square). Many want an extra “2nd honeymoon” night in Antigua at this fabulous hotel and/or an extra day in this interesting town.

For Questions and to Enroll . . .

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(*Price is based on 2 people sharing a room. For more information on the Tour Director and details of this tour, visit the website tour page for this tour. A detailed day-by-day itinerary will be included in your

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