# **Come Tour Guatemala 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 half 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 & PRIME CANDIDATE LANDS FOR THE BOOK OF MORMON

BOOK OF MORMON COVER TO COVER WITH DR. MARK WRIGHT

This tour focuses on the great metropolises and art of the ancient Maya area (including Tikal, the top attraction) along with visiting traditional markets and villages of the living Maya. We travel first-class, all inclusive, without hidden costs, staying at the best available hotels.

### GUATEMALA 10 DAY TOUR: December 26, 2015 - January 4, 2016

Price: \$2,499/person (\*All inclusive, based on a minimum group of 20 with 2 sharing a room, and excluding international round-trip airfare)



#### TOUR DESCRIPTION

- ⇒ Explore Tikal, one of the greatest of all ruins. This massive city has at least 3000 buildings (50+ restored) dating from 700 B.C. to 900 A.D. Climb pyramids over 200 feet tall, with tops that tower over the jungle.
- → Feel like Indiana Jones as you take a boat ride deep into the remote jungle on the Rio Passion, tributary of the Usumacinta River, "Nile of the Maya", & prime candidate for the River Sidon. See Seibal ruins, a city of 10,000 in Book of Alma times (candidate for Aaron).
- → Visit Yaxha, the third largest ruin in Guatemala. This mammoth metropolis lies hidden deep in the jungle and today is home to many animals such as howler and spider monkeys. Yaxha has many restored buildings and you will consider it a treasure as you see temples, palaces, and cement highways.
- → View Maya masterpieces at Copan & Quirigua, 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, & "Sky Burner" the grandiose.



Tikal; A City Shrouded in Jungle



Pyramids TALLER than the Forest Top





Copan Stone Sculpture; Magnificent Art!



Grandiose Maya King



Jaguar

# 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 and the communities of colorful living Maya are places you will never forget. 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. The traditions practiced here are thousands of years old. Take a boat ride over sunken ruins that date to the time of Christ, destroyed as the waters "came up" and covered them (3 Ne 9:7, candidates for Mocum, Onihah, Jerusalem). Vistas of the lake and surrounding areas are some of the most beautiful in Central America. Relax, recharge, swim in the lake (Sorenson's candidate for the Waters of Mormon), and have lunch at a hotel that has acres of flower gardens and tremendous views.



Hotel Atitlan & Gardens





Colorful Maya

Maya Men at Santiago





Howler Monkey

Scarlet Macaw

#### ADD ONS: EL MIRADOR

\*Price to be quoted, based on # of participants

Unique, unparalleled, a visit to El Mirador is a once in a lifetime chance to see the largest city ever constructed in the ancient Americas. It was the "Rome", the powerhouse, around the time of Christ, but also the "Jerusalem", the spiritual center of a mighty civilization. Climb La Danta, the largest functioning temple in the Americas at 34 A.D. and possibly the largest pyramid on planet earth. El Mirador (prime candidate for Bountiful) is so remote that those who venture a visit will go by helicopter.

#### ANTIGUA

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

# For Questions and to Enroll ...

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Visit the webpage:

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TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT ON THIS **TOUR:** You will need to place a \$500/person non-refundable deposit. Our preferred method: make a secure payment by credit card on our website (click on the "Reserve My Spot" button on the tour page for THIS TOUR, and follow the prompts). You may also mail a check for the deposit or full tour payment if you prefer. Make payable to The Passion Travel Company. Available spots are awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis and are filled in order of deposit received (group size is limited). Upon enrollment, additional information will be provided to assist you in preparing for the trip (in the form of email packets). **Do not make** airline arrangements until you have received a confirmation of your spot on the tour & that the tour is guaranteed from Learned One Guided Tours.

(\*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 welcome packet when you sign up for the tour.)



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