



GUATEMALA - March 22 - 31, 2025
Itinerary Prepared For: DeLaSalle High School

Join DeLaSalle High School on a 10-day / 9-night trip to Guatemala! Our trip will take place from March 22 - 31, 2025 and include overnight stays in Guatemala City, San Lucas Tolimán, and Antigua as well as excursions on Lago de Atitlán, visit to Santiago, and a guided tour to *Iximché* - the Mayan ruins in Tecpan. This Spring Break experience will expose students to Guatemalan history and how the Catholic church acted and reacted to the social situations created by civil war (1960-1996). They will tour Guatemala City through the lens of Social Justice and history, spend time working side by side with the Catholic Mission in San Lucas Tolimán to understand the current needs of the Guatemalan people, and explore the historic city of Antigua where they will connect with students from a Lasallian school. Space is limited to 12 students with preference given to seniors and students who have not traveled before.

DATE	OVERNIGHT	DAILY HIGHLIGHTS *
Sat 22 March	Guatemala City	AA #1870 departs Minneapolis 6:22am; arrives Miami 11:20am; AA #343 departs Miami 1:45pm; arrives Guatemala City 2:37pm + Transfer to Guatemala City Hotel (4-miles/30-min drive) + Dinner @ Hotel
Sun 23 March	San Lucas Mission	<i>Social Justice Tour in Guatemala</i> with Local Guide: Alfonso Murrales (3-hr, bus transfer + walking) + Lunch + San Lucas Mission Bus picks up Group from GC Hotel + Transfer to San Lucas Mission (70miles, approx 3-hr drive) + Check-in @ Mission + Dinner @ 6pm + Mission Orientation & Review of Schedule / Activities after Dinner.
Mon 24 March	San Lucas Mission	Daily Meals @ San Lucas Mission: Breakfast @ 8am, Lunch @ 12:30pm, and Dinner @ 6pm. Activities for upcoming week: Tour of 7 Mission programs to learn about all of the work being done in San Lucas.
Tues 25 March	San Lucas Mission	Daily Activities TBD by Mission and Group Leader: Morning Schedule (9am-12pm) and Afternoon Schedule 2-4pm). Activities may include: Visit Mission school, Women's Center, Talk by a Community Member, Assist with a Local Construction Project, Coffee Sampling at Café Juan Ana.
Wed 26 March	San Lucas Mission	Daily Activities: TBD by Mission and Group Leader.
Thur 27 March	San Lucas Mission	Lake Atitlán Boat Tour + Stop in Santiago + Lunch in Village + Return to Mission + Dinner.
Fri 28 March	Antigua	Morning Mission Bus Transfer to Antigua (48 miles, approx 2.5-hr drive) + Check-in Hostal Antigüejo + Lunch + Colegio Delasalle Visit (TBD) + "Make A Place At The Table" / Dinner with Colegio Delasalle Families (TBD)
Sat 29 March	Antigua	Excursion to <i>Iximché</i> - Ancient Mayan Site in Tecpan (1 to 1.5-hr drive) + Private Guided 2-hr Walking Tour @ Site + Return transfer to Antigua + Lunch + Private Guided Cultural 3-hr Walking Tour of Antigua: City Hall Palace + Fountain of the Sirens + Royal Palace + San Jose Cathedral & Ruins + Maya Jades Museum + Paseo de los Museos + Dinner
Sun 30 March	Antigua	Fourth Sunday of Lent: Early Morning Walk to nearby Aldea/Village to see spectacular sawdust and flower carpets before the Lenten procession departs from the church (approximately 9am) + Attend Sunday Mass + Afternoon Free to Explore the Lenten celebrations/activities in Antigua + Farewell Dinner.
Mon 31 March	n/a	Morning Private Bus Transfer from Antigua to Guatemala City International Airport (38 miles, approx 2-hr drive). AA #1006 departs Guatemala City 1:17pm; arrives Miami 5:55pm; AA #458 departs Miami 9:00pm; arrives Minneapolis 11:57pm

* This itinerary - including the order in which cities are visited, may change to benefit the tour.

GUATEMALA



Guatemala City

Guatemala City is the capital of Guatemala, in Central America. It's known for its Mayan history, high-altitude location and nearby volcanoes. On central Plaza Mayor, also known as Parque Central, the Metropolitan Cathedral is full of colonial paintings and religious carvings.

San Lucas Misión in Tolimán

The "Friends of San Lucas" supports development in San Lucas Tolimán, Guatemala. With the support of donors and volunteers, the Mission funds seven programs - Education, Healthcare, Charity, Construction, Visitors, Coffee and The Women's Center. All of these programs are staffed and led by Guatemalans and positively impact the lives of more than 25,000 people each year.

Lago de Atitlán / Santiago

Lake Atitlán is a body of water in a massive volcanic crater in Guatemala's southwestern highlands. Ringed by steep, verdant hills, it's known for its Mayan villages and volcanoes. Santiago Atitlán is a bustling Maya town set on the shores of Lake Atitlán. It is the largest city on the lake, with over 70,000 inhabitants of predominantly *Tz'utujil Maya*. You'll see villagers wearing the traditional *trajes* (clothing) blouses, skirts, and headdresses.

Antigua

Antigua, the capital of the Captaincy-General of Guatemala, was founded in the early 16th century. Built 1,500 meters above sea-level, in an earthquake-prone region, it was largely destroyed by an earthquake in 1773 but its principal monuments are still preserved as ruins. The entire town is an UNESCO World Heritage Site and was once the capital of the Kingdom of Guatemala. The Spanish tradition of Semana Santa (Holy Week) arrived with the Spaniards to Guatemala in 1524. Almost 500 years later, Guatemala holds one of the most elaborate celebrations in the world. With grand processions, lavish floats and intricately designed alfombras ("carpets").



Tour Package Includes

- Roundtrip airline tickets between U.S. and Guatemala.
- All overnight accommodations in Guatemala (triple or double occupancy).
- All ground transportation in Guatemala.
- Three DeLaSalle Teachers as Chaperones.
- City Tours provided by Licensed Local Guides.
- All tourist attractions / entry fees / activities (\$135 budgeted)
- Daily breakfast + 18 additional meals (lunches / dinners, excluding drinks).
- All gratuities for Local Guides, Drivers, and Hotel Staff.
- Local tourism taxes overseas.
- One checked bag, per airline baggage policy.

Tour Package Does Not Include

- Passport (required) - Please refer to the U.S. State Department website for all Passport and travel requirements. NOTE: Passport must be valid at time of entry into Guatemala with at least one blank passport page.
<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages/Guatemala.html>
- Activities and meals not mentioned.
- Pre-assigned seating on flights (airline assigns seating).
- Any airline-imposed increase due to currency fluctuations, 2025 airport taxes, fuel surcharges.
- Items of a personal nature.
- Any COVID testing required by Guatemala or U.S. government at time of travel.

Tour Package Price (based on 12 student-travelers) *

- \$3,780

Note: Students who qualify for need-based tuition aid may qualify for financial support for travel.

* Should the group fall below 12 student-travelers, the tour package price will be adjusted. We reserve the right to adjust the package price should there be a substantial fluctuation in the exchange rate. This tour package was calculated at U.S.\$1.00 to Q7.73 (GTQ / Q = Guatemalan Quetzal).

Payment Schedule & Terms

- \$500 per person non-refundable Deposit Payment is due to hold your reservation.
- \$1,640 Installment Payment due by 15 December 2024.
- \$1,640 Final Payment due by 15 January 2025.*
* All payments must be completed 60 days before travel or the student will not be allowed to participate.
- Payments are refundable, in the form of a credit for future travel, less non-refundable deposits to airlines, hotels, and travel service providers, as well as a \$100 per person re-booking fee.

Medical/Accident/Liability Insurance

- All students traveling with the Global Pathways Program are required to enroll with iNext Comprehensive Ultimate Plan insurance. All costs for coverage are built into the administrative charge for the trip. Upgrades or supplemental insurance is the responsibility of the family.

Required Passenger Information (Due 3 months prior to start of tour)

- Passport Information, Food Allergies, Email Address, Emergency Contact.

Overnight Accommodations (We use these hotels and other equivalent quality hotels)

Las Américas Hotel	San Lucas Mission	Hostal Antigüeño
Avenida Las Americas 9-08	San Lucas Tolimán	1a Calle Oriente 15
Guatemala City 01013		Antigua 03001

Questions?

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