

Mundo Maya

The Guatemalan Service Adventure™



Come and discover Guatemala! Known for its Mayan influence, this country is rich in culture and history. Service opportunities include working on reforestation efforts, work in schools, and community building.





Impact Areas: Environment • Sustainability • Education • Community Engagement

Make a Difference

Participants will work to implement sustainable improvements, including participation in educational and conservation projects that will enrich and improve the lives of the host community members. Participants will teach and learn from one another, embrace a new culture, and

Educational Opportunities

Students will be fully prepared to make the most of their service and global leadership development program as a result of the unique online pre-departure educational component offered with BLV's educational partner, Bethel University.

Cultural Connections

Unique cultural activities include Mayan cooking and language lessons, a full day excursion to visit Tikal National Park, exploring cuisines, customs, and a culturally immersive experience.

DAY 1: WELCOME TO GUATEMALA, THE COUNTRY OF ETERNAL SPRING!"

You will arrive in Guatemala city and, enjoy a scenic ride to Lake Atitlan where you'll be welcomed with a traditional Mayan dinner.

DAY 2: PRIVATE BOAT TOUR OF LAGO ATITLAN

You'll spend the day cruising around the beautiful Lake Atitlan with a 360 view of Guatemala's majestic volcanos. You will visits unique Mayan Pueblas to learn more about their heritage, believes, cuisines, and shop their beautiful hand crafted souvenirs. You'll visit the local market in Panajachel where you'll hear vendors shouting in their native tongue "Kaqchikel," explore the iconic murals in San Juan, enjoy a delicious lunch and learn all about coffee in San Pedro, and watch a traditional worship ceremony to honor Mayan deity "Maximon" in Santiago.

DAY 3: START SERVICE PROJECT + COOKING CLASS

After breakfast, you'll head to the town of Santa Catarina to start the service project. You'll beautify the town by painting houses and business with Mayan colors and symbols. For dinner, you'll participate in a cooking class and make your own traditional Mayan food.

DAY 4: CONTINUE SERVICE PROJECT + SUNSET HIKE

You'll continue the painting in Santa Catarina then enjoy a hike to watch the sunset and breathtaking view of the Guatemala's 5 volcanos.

DAY 5: FINISH SERVICE PROJECT + SCHOOL VISIT

Complete the service project then head to a local school in the afternoon to share some Western games and donations with students.

DAY 6: DEPART FOR ANTIGUA + VOLCANO HIKE

After breakfast, you will head to the colonial town of Antigua where you will spend your last night in Guatemala. After settling into your hotel you'll enjoy a hike of Volcano Pacaya.

DAY 7: CITY TOUR AND AIRPORT DEPARTURE

Enjoy a guided city tour of Antigua including visiting the local market, Arco de Santa Catalina, Museum Casa Santo Domingo, Cerro de la Cruz viewpoint. After a final delicious lunch, you will head to Guatemala city to board your flight home.

Education Components

Bright Light Volunteers, in conjunction with Bethel University, provides participants with the opportunity to earn three hours of transferrable college credit. This credit, in Global Studies, is available to high school Juniors, Seniors, and college students. Adults may audit the course as well. Instructions on course enrollment will be shared with you upon completion of registration.

What we cover:

-  Community service project funding
-  All cultural activity expenses
-  All community donations
-  Tuition for dual-enrollment college course offered online via our educational partner, Bethel University
-  Certificate of Global Citizenship administered by Bethel University
-  Presidential Service Award - Bronze Level
-  All lodging
-  All meals in country
-  All onsite transportation
-  Bilingual, local, on-site, group leader
-  On-site Bright Light Volunteers state-side representative
-  Medical and emergency insurance

ESTIMATED CONTRIBUTION PER PARTICIPANT:

Program Contribution: \$2860.00
Includes Education Component: \$550**

Airfare: \$900.00*

* This is an airfare estimate only. Please contact your BLV representative for information on additional airfare procurement policies and services.

** Includes access to our web based, dual-enrollment 3 credit hour transferable college credit course AND Certificate of Global Citizenship awarded via our educational partner Bethel University.

MINIMUM PARTICIPANTS: 10

Quote only valid from 30 days after submission.

Our cancellation policy can be found at
<https://www.brightlightvolunteers.org/faq/>



*Bright Light Volunteers does not cover visas, checked baggage fees, cancellation insurance, immunizations (if applicable), extra food (beyond three meals per day), or souvenirs. Airfare arrangement assistance is available on a case by case basis.

A Note From Bright Light Volunteers

Bright Light Volunteers is a 501(c)(3) tax exempt nonprofit organization. Our mission is to make the world a brighter place by providing educational service opportunities that foster the development of global leaders and citizens.



Global Service-Learning and Citizenship is course-based, culturally-immersive, service-learning opportunity designed to equip participants with the broad knowledge and skills necessary to become informed, responsible, culturally competent, global citizens.

All of our programs are designed to support the UN Sustainable Development Goals

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