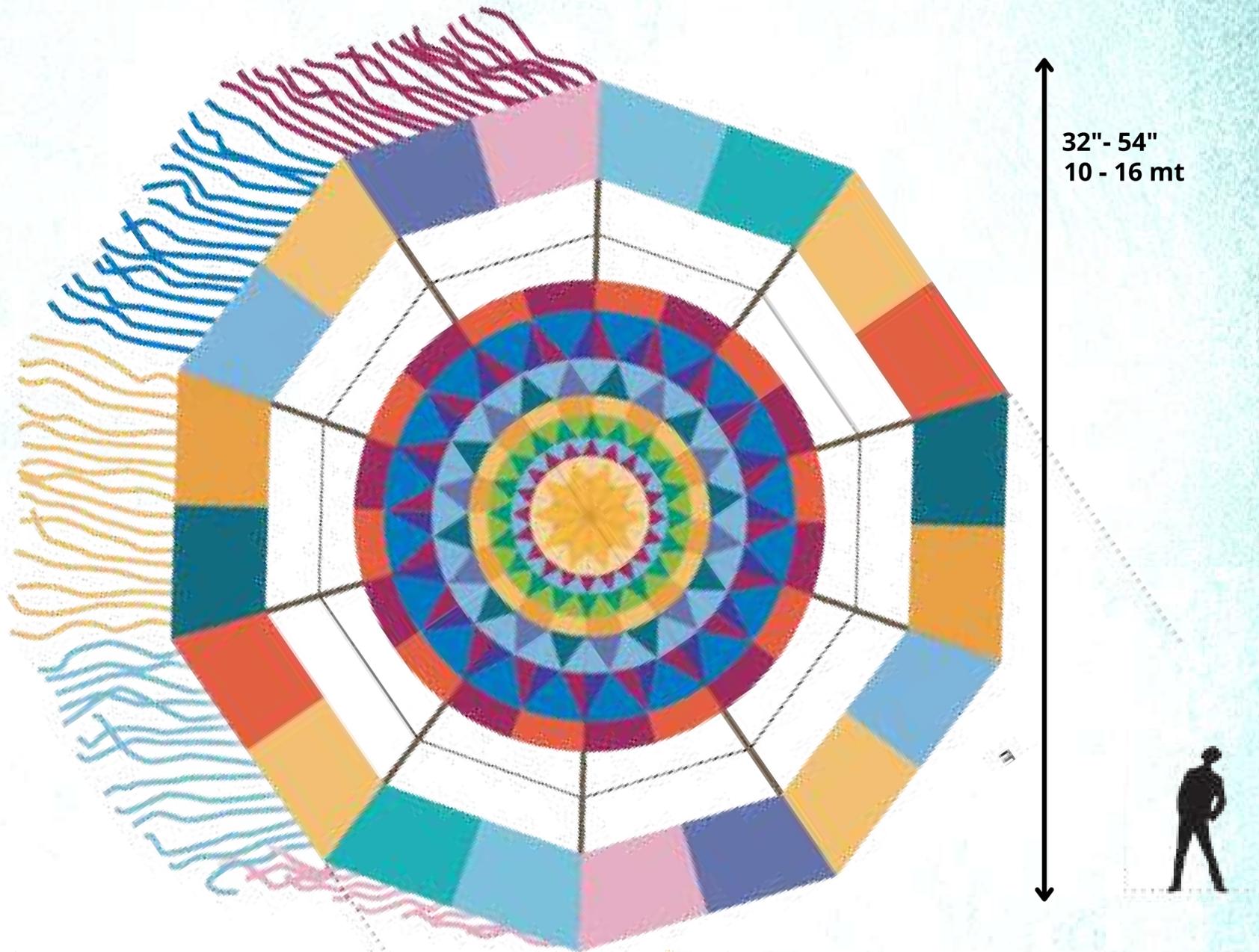


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ALL INCLUDED

UNLIMITED BEER & CHICHA*

- Food (breakfast, lunch & dinner)**
- CA Travelers private camping accommodation
- Roundtrip transport
- Kite workshop
- Traditional Guatemalan food (fiambre and chilacayote)
- Festival T-shirt
- Re-usable cup

PACKAGES

- Meet us there USD \$75
- 1 Day USD \$100
- 1 Night 2 Days USD \$125
- 2 Nights 3 Days USD \$160



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*Fermented traditional beverages

** Depends on the package you choose

THESE ARE ALL INCLUDED PACKAGES



MEET US THERE: USD \$75/Q563

- Use of the CA Travelers facilities (200mts from the kite exhibition)
- Lunch (Fiambre* -regular/ veggie, vegan-, chilacoyote, jocotes, hot dogs, salad & chips)
- Beverages (Gallo beer, chicha*, and soda)
- Festival T-shirt
- Photos and videos
- Kite workshop

1 DAY: USD \$100/Q750

- Roudtrip transport
- Use of the CA Travelers facilities (200mts from the kite exhibition)
- Breakfast (Buffet)
- Lunch (Fiambre* -regular/ veggie, vegan-, chilacoyote, jocotes, hot dogs, salad & chips)
- Beverages (Gallo beer, chicha*, and soda)
- Festival T-shirt
- Photos and videos
- Kite workshop
- Morning tour around the cemetery

1 NIGHT, 2 DAYS: USD \$125/Q938

- Roudtrip transport
- Camping accommodation (200mts from the kite exhibition)
- Breakfast (Buffet)
- Lunch (Fiambre* -regular/ veggie, vegan-, chilacoyote, jocotes, hot dogs, salad & chips)
- Dinners (2)
- Beverages (Gallo beer, chicha*, and soda)
- Festival T-shirt
- Photos and videos
- Kite workshop
- Morning tour around the cemetery

2 NIGHTS, 3 DAYS: USD \$160/Q1200

- Roudtrip transport
- Camping Accommodation (200mts from the kite exhibition)
- Breakfast (Buffet) (2)
- Lunch (Fiambre* -regular/ veggie, vegan-, chilacoyote, jocotes, hot dogs, salad & chips) (2)
- Dinners (2)
- Beverage (Gallo beer, chicha*, and soda)
- Festival T-shirt
- Photos and videos
- Kite workshop
- Mayan blessing ceremony
- Morning tour around the cemetery (Nov 1st or 2nd)

*Discover what fiambre and chicha are at page 9



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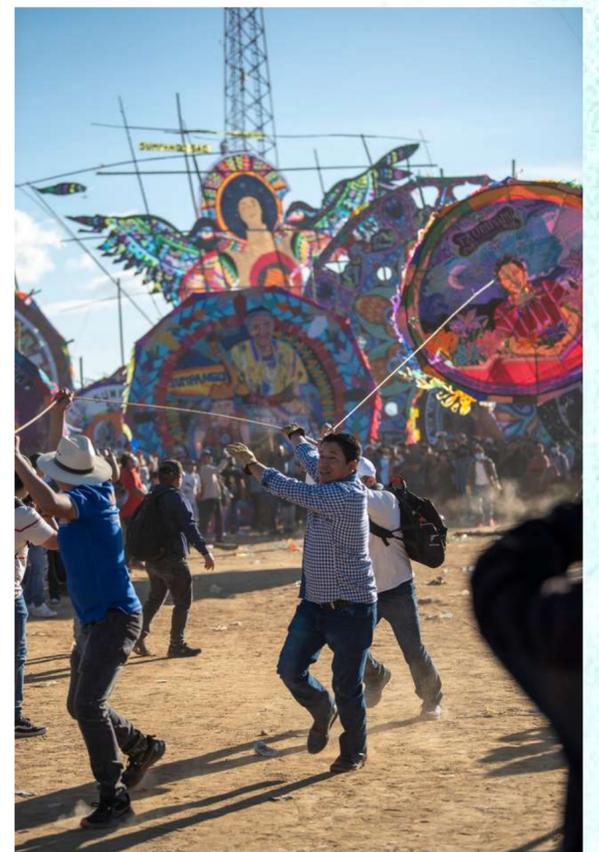
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WHAT IS THIS FESTIVAL ABOUT?



Called the *All Saints' Day Kite Festival* or *Sumpango Giant Kite Festival*, this **prehispanic** tradition has been around Guatemala for centuries. It takes place on **November 1st**, also popularly known as the *Day of The Dead* or *Día de los Muertos* in other Latin American countries.

The **barrilete**, or kite, is used in all sizes to connect the living with the dead. While this cultural event is happening all across Guatemala, the *Sumpango Giant Kite Festival* has gained international notoriety over the past decades. Each year, thousands of people –Guatemalan and international tourists– attend the festivities.



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A BIT OF CULTURAL BACKGROUND

We don't know exactly how the tradition started, but it has been around for centuries and originated from **Maya** traditions. The All Saints' Day or *Día de Todos los Santos* is the day to remember and honor **past loved ones**. The kites, on top of being **ceremonial objects**, are used to communicate with the spirit of the dead still on earth.

The **cultural belief** is that when someone dies, it is possible that their soul still wanders on the earth. The kites are a way to **guide them to heaven**. It is also a way to remember members of the family who are no longer in this life.

Some locals of Sumpango believe that the origin of the Giant Kites comes from a more modern legend. That one day, the elders instructed the inhabitants of Sumpango to fly pieces of paper in the wind to frighten the spirits away and allow their departed loved ones to find their rest.

Forty years after the tradition started, the festival has expanded to include **kite competitions**, artistic displays, **Marimba music**, **local food**, markets and more.



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LOS BARRILETES GIGANTES

The giant kites weren't originally part of the festivities, since due to their size, they cannot be released into the sky. As the event became more popular, the craft of the kite became a more important aspect, and so some of the kites became bigger and bigger, like the one we see today.

"To build one of these Giant Mayan Kites it can take up to **4 months**. Every part of the kite is made using **nature's bounty**; the kites are held together with bamboo stalks, the glue is a mixture of yucca flower, lemon peel, and water, ropes are made of the maguey plant, and the tails are made from woven cloth."

—Julio Asturias President of Sumpango Kite Festival

The **smaller kites** are generally weaved by a small group of the same family and decorated to guide a specific spirit, as the bigger one can take as many as **thirty professional artists and engineers**. They are also "important cultural symbols and tied to specific ethnolinguistic Mayan identity in Guatemala, with designs depicting specific **family stories, including, at times, government oppression and economic conditions.**" —Michael K. Steinberg, associate professor at the University of Alabama

The Giant kites of Sumpango are considered the **best in the world**, and this might be because of all the art and stories attached to them!



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THE COMPLETE EXPERIENCE

This event is the best way to experience the culture of Guatemala. Here are the extra activities included in the different packages.



Cemetery tour

With a guide, take a walking tour through the local cemetery and learn the history of the Mayas and how important it is for them to fix the graves of their loved ones before the big day.



Kite workshop

Learn how to build your own kite with traditional materials like bamboo, and silk paper while savouring a Guatemalan beer. Take part in the tradition by flying your kite high in the air and delivering a message to your past loved ones



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Mayan blessing ceremony

On the **31st of October**, the evening before El Día de los Santos a Mayan ceremony takes place to **bless the kites** which will take off the next d wil

The ceremony will be held in a **sacred place** and will be performed by local spiritual leaders also known as **xamans***.

The main purpose of the ceremony is to **honor the spirits of the departed** loved ones and to seek their blessings and guidance. Candles, incense and symbolic offerings will be used to help connect with the spiritual world.

This is a significant part of the festivities and it will allow you to **immerse yourself** not only in the Mayan and Guatemalan culture but also to participate in a transformative experience and who knows, maybe help you get in touch with someone you lost!



*The origin of the word Xaman is from the Tungusic language, spoken by the indigenous people of Siberia. The word is pronounced "shaman" but spelled with a "x" from the Mayan alphabet.



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Street Murals

The city of Sumpango supports creativity in various ways, like supporting urban artists who are dedicated to painting murals around town.

We will have the chance to take a walking tour and show you the best murals. This way, you will also have the opportunity to learn a bit more about their culture; such as the importance of the cosmos.



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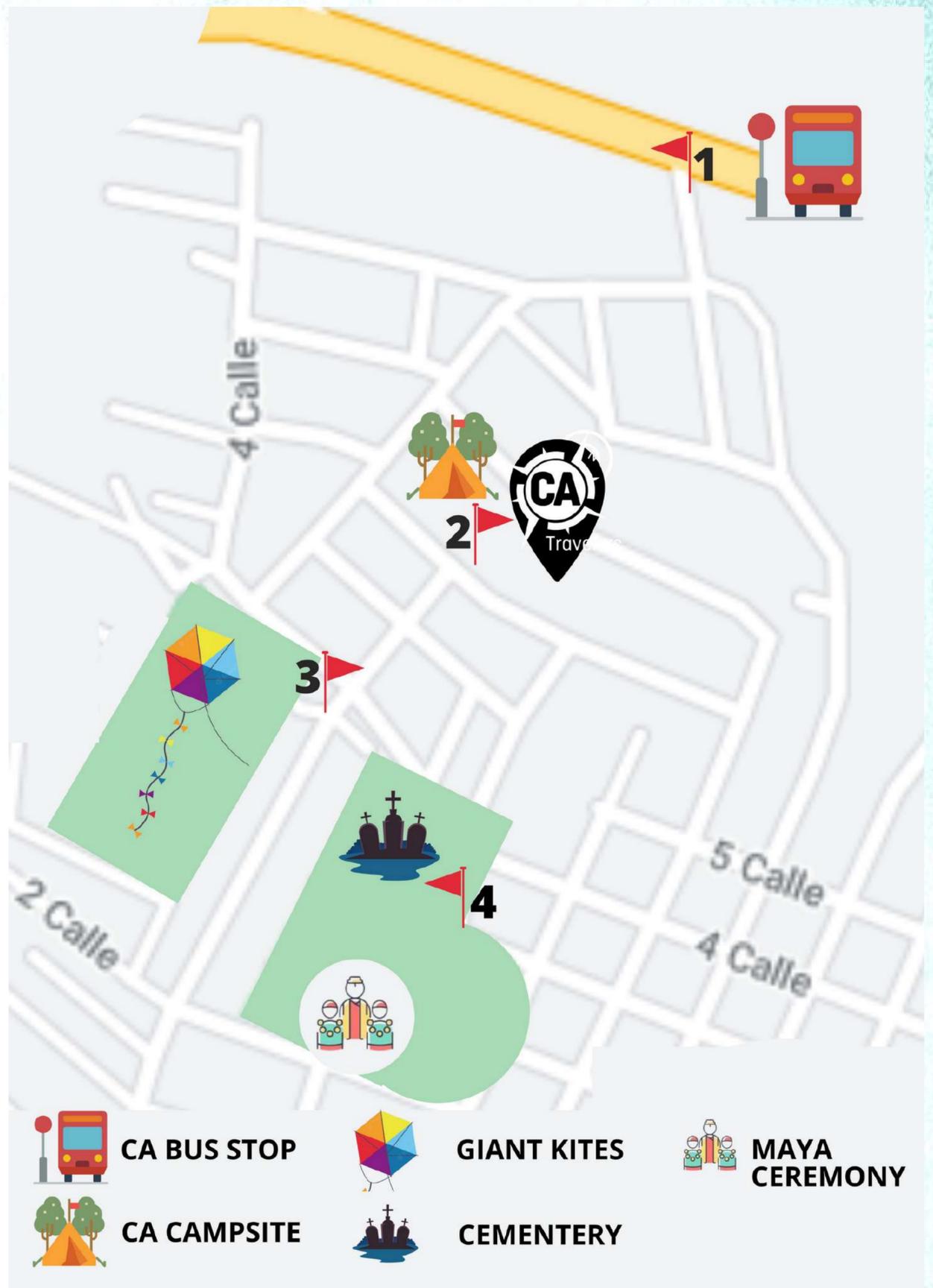
YOU WON'T GET LOST



The Sumpango Festival is gonna be held on a small piece of land in the center of the town.

CA Travelers private campsite will be located 200 meters/ 218 yards from the Kite Exhibition and 250 meters/ 273 yards from the town entrance.

It's so easy! Even the dead don't get lost!



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WHAT IS IT?



FIAMBRE

Fiambre is a traditional Guatemalan salad prepared and eaten yearly to celebrate El Día de los Muertos or El Día de Todos los Santos. It is served chilled and made with a dozen ingredients.

The origin of this Guatemalan dish comes from the costume of bringing the dead's favorite food to their thumb on El Día de Todos los Santos. As all different families brought food to the celebrations, they became mixed. Eventually, the tradition of mixing all the food stayed, and this is how fiambre became a meal!

Each family may have their version of recipes, traditionally passed from generation to generation.

Ingredients usually include numerous sausages and cold cuts, pickled baby corn and onion, beets, Pacaya flower, different cheeses, olives, chicken, and sometimes even Brussels sprouts.



CHICHA

Chicha is a fermented alcoholic beverage usually prepared with corn and consumed in Mesoamerica, mainly in Guatemala.

The main ingredients are corn, panela or rapadura (unrefined whole cane sugar). Some add others, such as cinnamon. Here, it is also used to prepare dishes such as gallo en chicha -chicken in chicha.

Places called chicherías were dedicated to making chicha, but they have almost all disappeared today.

The word "chicha" comes from the Caribbean and means corn. (Arriola, 2009)



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ACCOMMODATION NICE & PRIVATE



Our campsite will provide comfortable waterproof tents inside a private campsite where only CAMpers will have access.



To isolate the cold from the ground you will find at the very bottom of the tent a **petate** hand-made carpet.

"The petate is one of the oldest crafts still used today. It has existed since pre-Columbian times. Back then, it adorned the castles of kings; over time, it has become part of the country's customs and is found in the humblest homes." (DeGuate.com)



On the top of the petate, you will have a self-inflating mat, for your back to have a nice rest during your stay in our campsite!



Each participant will get a clean and comfortable sleeping bag.



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ACCOMMODATION NICE & PRIVATE



Our campsite is inside a private property with security. The tents we provide are for 3 people BUT will be shared only between 2, so you can have more space.



The tents have as mentioned before a traditional mat to isolate the cold from the floor, an air mattress, a sleeping bag and a pillow.



WHAT TO BRING?

- Light clothing for daytime;
- Warm clothing for nighttime;
- Extra cash (ATMs are often empty onsite);
- A lock for your backpack;
- A waist bag (fanny pack, belt bag, moon bag, belly bag, or bumbag) can be useful to keep carry your essentials during the day;
- Hat, sunscreen and sunglasses;
- Hand sanitizer and baby wipes;
- Phone charger and power bank;
- **If you take any medication:** don't forget to bring your medicine for your staying and **inform the staff about your condition before arriving onsite.** Also, check the terms and conditions on this matter.



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PROTECT YOUR BELONGINGS



During this festival, like any other festival in the world, unkind people could try to take away your belongings. We will provide you with a rucksack, BUT we do not recommend keeping your valuables, such as your wallet, money, mobile phone or camera in it. Instead...

CHECK OUT OUR TIPS TO PROTECT YOUR BELONGINGS

✗ Never keep anything in your back pocket.



✓ Use the right kind of fanny pack, waist pack, bum bag, belt bag.



✓ Security will be provided at the private campsite, but a lock for your tent is a good idea to avoid any inconvenience in your experience at the festival.



✓ Use a lanyard to keep your keys safe.



✓ EXTRA CASH

Bring cash with you since the ATMs are not enough that day for the demand of people who use them.



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LOOKING FOR A PARKING SPOT?



Year after year, the festival becomes more popular. For this reason, the traffic is truly insane, and parking is non-existent. We **highly recommend you take our transport option to the festival.**

If you have booked a package including an activity, make sure you get on the bus required to arrive on time for the activity.

We will be providing transport roundtrip from Antigua to Sumpango and the other way around.

ANTIGUA TO SUMPANGO

SUMPANGO TO ANTIGUA

OCT 31st	2:00 PM	
NOV 1st	5:30 AM 7:00 AM 8:30 AM 10:00 AM	2:00 PM 4:00 PM 6:00 PM
NOV 2nd		8:00AM 10:00AM 12:00PM 2:00PM

MEETING POINT

AT ANTIGUA

CA TRAVELERS
2a. Calle Poniente #25C

AT SUMPANGO

BUS STOP
Town entrance mark by CA Travelers' staff.



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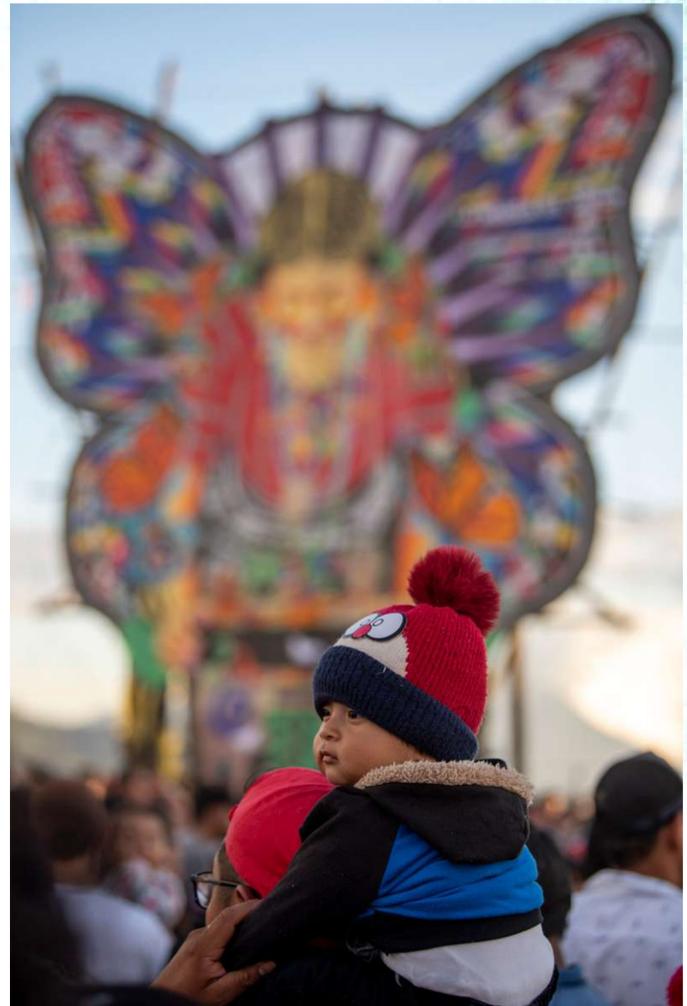
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IS THE FESTIVAL FAMILY FRIENDLY?



Everyone is welcome to participate and enjoy this amazing kite festival in Sumpango. Parents do need to be aware that this is a party festival where alcohol is sold.

- Our staff will not provide alcohol to an underage kid;
- Any underage must be accompanied by an adult at all times during the festival;
- CA Travelers can not be responsible of underage children.



THIS IS A CROWDED FESTIVAL

We love animals, and we understand you may want to experience this celebration with your pet. Unfortunately, this event is so crowded that pets constantly get lost. We strongly suggest that for this experience, your pets stay at home in a safe environment.

If you love dogs as much as we do, please bring some dog food to feed the stray dogs around the town. They will appreciate it!



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Reviewed by Madelynecolorado
Nov 3, 2022

Agreed! A very good tour company!



We did a day tour to the Giant Kite Festival in Sumpango. We really enjoyed ourselves and it exceeded our expectations. The staff was friendly and helpful. The other guests were lively and enjoyable. The festival is fun, but it is very crowded. The tour, as described, had a quiet oasis nearby where we could take a break from the crowds and come and go for the daily events. We even made our own little kites. Because of the good experience with CA Travelers, we booked another tour for cycling and a coffee plantation visit. Again, very enjoyable and a great guide. We are a retired couple and had no issues with the cycling.



George Stevens
1 opinión · 0 fotos

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Local Guide · 10 opiniones · 16 fotos

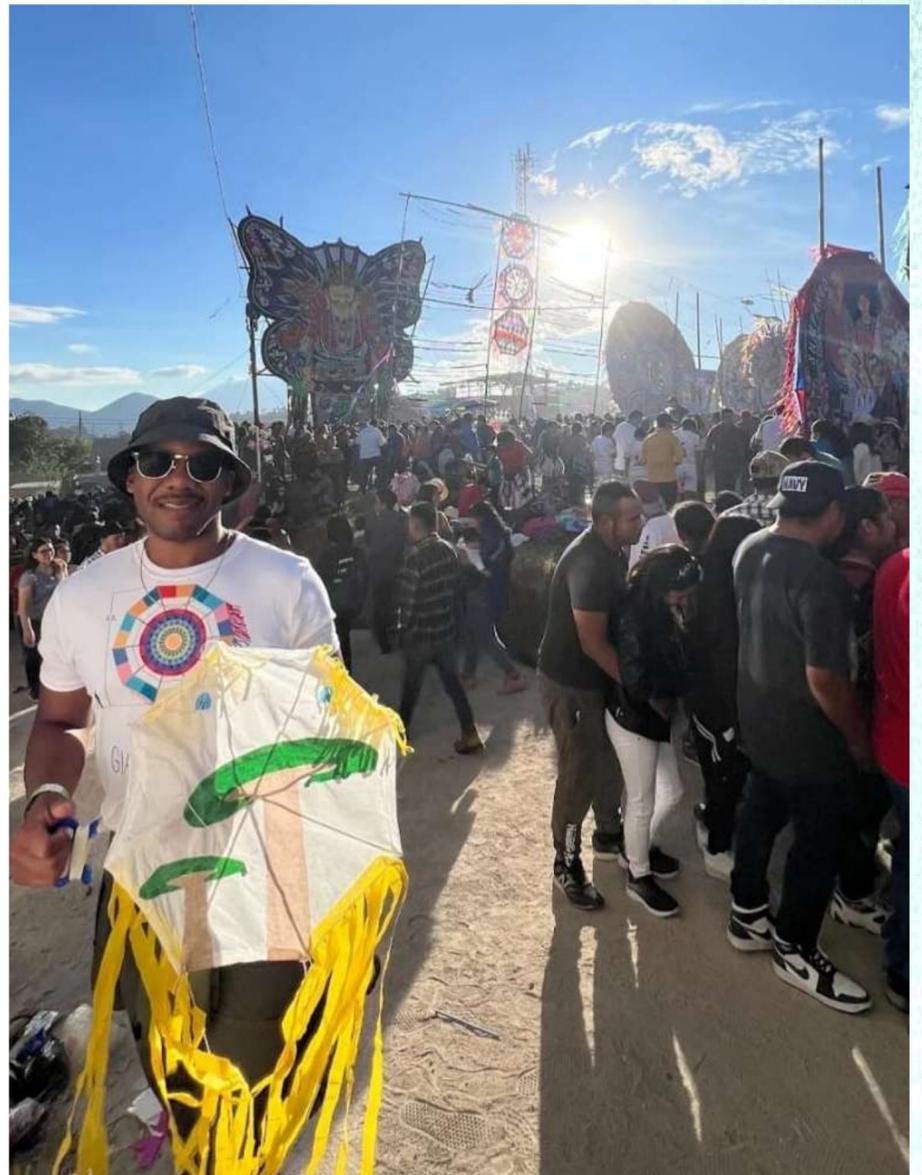
★★★★★ Hace 7 meses

Attended the Day of the Dead Kite Festival with CA Travelers and they made the experience memorable.

The entire staff was very professional and you can tell they love the organization that they work for. They created a welcoming environment for the group on the tour and provided vast knowledge on the cultural components of the event. They even hosted a kite making session with a local kite maker which was tons of fun.

Since the festival had tens of thousands of folks participating, it was really nice to have a private camp where we could refill on water, use the private bathrooms, grab a snack, and even just sit down. They also offered flexible transportation that made navigating the commute back very easy.

Definitely a tour to offer again!!



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PLEASE TAKE NOTE

We work with the community for the community, this means that we depend on Comité Permanente de Barriletes de Sumpango to ensure that activities are carried out as scheduled, there is a possibility that some activities may be delayed, rescheduled or even cancelled. These possibilities are low but we will keep you informed of any changes.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

By making any transfer, payment or deposit you are accepting that you are a serious customer and that you will attend the event, therefore:

1. Present your payment or transfer ticket, on the day of the event.
2. NO REFUND IS MADE WITHOUT ANY EXCEPTION UNLESS THE CANCELLATION IS MADE BY THE AGENCY.
3. The refund of your money will be made when CA Travelers is obligated to cancel the event.
4. The money refund will be made in approximately 5 business days.
5. There is no return of money if the following event occurs: bad weather during the event, blockages in the roads, or any external and uncontrollable inconvenience that affects the accomplishment of the event.
6. You are responsible for the things you carry, we are not responsible for things lost or forgotten at the campsite, in the shuttle or at the CA travelers office
7. The payment you make for this event can not be transferred to any other tour or service.
8. If you want to be part of our event, but you want to travel in your own vehicle, you must pay the total contribution of the tour. You must adapt to the itinerary which will not be modified unless circumstances warrant it.
9. You need to respect the CA Travelers staff member's instructions. If you don't follow the rules and disrespect the staff, you will be expelled from the event and from that moment on CA Travelers will not be responsible for you.
10. If you are booking for a group of people, you are responsible to make sure all the members of your group have read all this information to secure a good experience.
11. If you have any medical issues, make sure to bring your medicine, CA Travelers cannot and will not be responsible for any inconvenience regarding your medical situation.



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