

ACATENANGO VOLCANO TOUR





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This beautiful volcano is one of the most visited in Guatemala. Travelers rated it as the most beautiful volcano in all Central America. Its beauty is due to the twin volcano Fuego which is active and performs an extraordinary eruption for all the travelers at the camping area on Acatenango.

FACTS

- Height: 13,041ft (3,976m)
- Current Status: Dormant
- Claim to Fame: It has a spectacular view of the constantly erupting Fuego Volcano.
- The Climb: This is a difficult trek and takes about 4 to 6 hours to reach the campsite. From there it is about one hour and a half to the summit

CAMPING ACCOMMODATION

Preset 2 people cabin with mattresses of 5" or 12 cms, pillow, extra blanket, sleeping bag -6C & waterproof carpet to keep you warm.

(Always check if private cabins are still available on the date you willing to do the tour).

INCLUDES

- Roundtrip transport on a 4x4 vehicle
- Tour guide
- Camping gear
- 3 Big meals
- Winter jackets & gloves
- Headlamp
- Bandana
- Sleeping bag liner
- Camelbak 3lt with water included
- Rainponcho
- First Aid Kit
- Entrance fee

OPTIONAL

- Horse rental Q800 each way.
- Porter service Q200 - each way depending on the weight of the backpack but no more than 11kilos o 24 libras.

PRICE?

**Q9,000 or USD\$1,200
(FROM 1 TO 6 PEOPLE)**

WHERE? CATravelers Acatenango's camping site is located at 3,600 mts about the sea level just 1.5 hour from the summit (3976mts).

WHEN? We pick you up at your hotel, hostel or home within the center of Antigua Guatemala.

HOW? You can reserve your space at our office at 2da. Calle poniente #25 or through credit card payment and also bank deposit. (Information in page 6).

AGE

Young at heart traveler 18+. Minors need to be accompanied by an adult.

TIP

HAVE A LATE BREAKFAST



ACATENANGO ITINERARY

TIME	DESCRIPTION
DAY 1	
02:00PM	PICK UP AT YOUR HOSTEL: Our vehicle will pick you up from your hostel at 2pm. Please be ready with your check out done and luggage on storage room.
02:20PM	SUPPLY CENTER: At the supply center we will provide you everything that you need, we need to pack fast to continue to the entrance of the volcano!
03:00PM	RIDE TO ACATENANGO: We have 45 minutes to the private road.
04:00PM	START THE DRIVE UP: We take the before picture with the whole group.
04:20PM	LUNCH TIME: After the first 20 minutes, the group will stop for lunch. That way you have 45 minutes to enjoy the view.
05:10PM	PARKING LOT: Arriving to the camping lot, Take the equipment and walk 45 minutes to the campsite.
05:45PM	CAMPSITE: Arriving to the campsite, the guides will prepare Guatemalan hot chocolate (Real Kakao) as a reward for your effort and to enjoy the volcano.
07:30PM	DINNER TIME: Whenever you get hungry the guides will prepare the dinner for you. After dinner you can go to sleep or watch the volcano all night long.
DAY 2	
4:00AM	TOP OF THE VOLCANO: Be ready to hike to the top of the volcano, it takes 1.5 hours to reach the top. Enjoy the sunrise!
8:00AM	BREAKFAST TIME: When you return to the campsite, the guides will prepare the breakfast for you.
8:30AM	LEAVING THE CAMPSITE: Pack your stuff and start coming down. It takes 45 minutes to the parking lot.
9:45AM	GETTING IN THE 4X4: We get in the vehicle to start coming down for 1 hr.
11:15AM	RIDE TO SUPPLY CENTER: 45 minutes to the supply center to drop off the equipment, the staff will be waiting for you with a delicious smoothie.
12:00PM	BACK TO ANTIGUA: Return to Antigua, you will be drop off at your hostel.

***The timing of the itinerary has to be respected, if the tour is extended, extra charges may apply.**



What do you carry?



What's included?

- Winter jacket
- Gloves
- Bandana
- Headlamp
- Camelbak
- Sleeping bag liner
- Lunchbox

What extra to bring?

- Backpack of 40 lt or above
- Warm clothes
- 2 pairs of socks (3 on rainy season)
- Hiking or sport shoes
- Toilet paper
- Extra snacks + 1 lt of water
- Real ID (driver license)
- Sunscreen and hat or cap
- Cash in case you need extra services as a porter



CA TRAVELERS MENU



REGULAR



LUNCH: One pound of barbecue chicken, rice and salad (ranch dressing).

DESSERT: banana and apple

DINNER: Bolognese pasta, baguette with garlic butter, parmesan cheese, red wine & marshmallows

BREAKFAST: Two slices of sandwich bread to prepare two toasts with peanut butter, nutella or strawberry jam. An egg muffin and cereal with strawberries.

GLUTEN FREE



LUNCH: One pound of barbecue chicken, rice and salad (ranch dressing).

DESSERT: Banana and apple

DINNER: Bolognese pasta with (gluten free pasta), parmesan cheese, corn tortillas, red wine & marshmallows

BREAKFAST: Two slices of ricecrakers to prepare 2 toasts with peanut butter, nutella or strawberry jam , boiled plantain with cinnamon, gluten free cereal, milk and strawberries.

VEGETARIAN



LUNCH: Fried green beans with sesame seeds, onion and garlic, rice and salad. One boiled egg.

DESSERT: Banana and apple

DINNER: Bolognese pasta (zucchini instead of meat) , baguete with garlic butter, parmesan cheese, wine & marshmallows

BREAKFAST: Two slices of sandwich bread to prepare 2 toasts with peanut butter, nutella or strawberry jam. An egg muffin and cereal with strawberries.

VEGAN



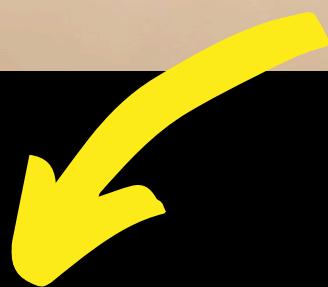
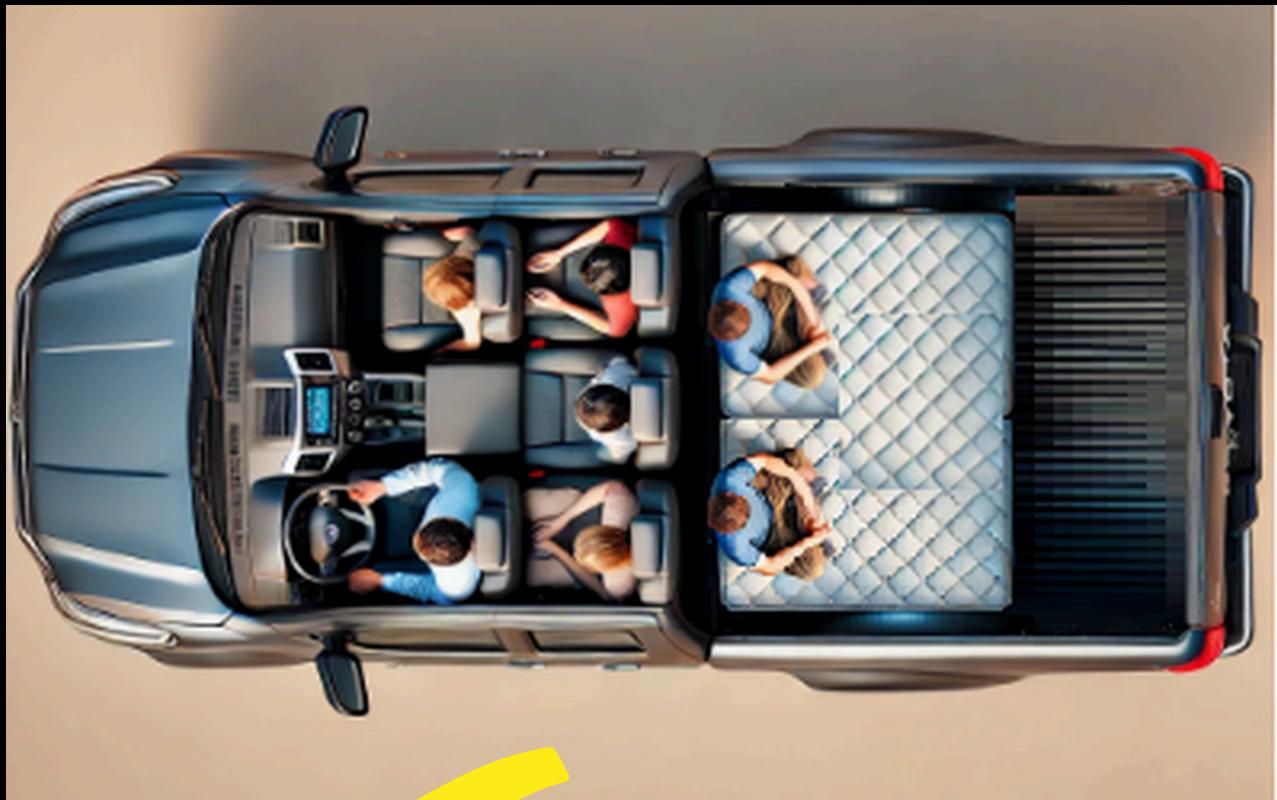
LUNCH: Fried green beans with sesame seeds, onion and garlic, rice, salad and avocado. Some peanuts for protein.

DESSERT: banana and apple

DINNER: Bolognese pasta (zucchini instead of meat) & red wine.

BREAKFAST: Tortillas and 2 rice crackers with peanut butter, nutella or strawberry jam. Boiled plantain with cinnamon.

4X4 VEHICLE



The 4x4 vehicle is a Pick-up truck, so 4 people go inside and the last 2 people will go over a mattress on the truck bed.





HOW TO SIGN UP

We have 3 options for you to book with us. The payment in advance is necessary to confirm your reservation. We request the payment at least 48 hours in advance.

1. Visit our office in Antigua Guatemala at 2a. Calle Poniente #25.
2. Pay online with a credit card (It has 5% extra charge).
3. Make a bank deposit on any **BANRURAL** (this bank is all over Guatemala) use the account number 3148078561 under the name of CENTRAL AMERICA TRAVELERS.





FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WEATHER

The weather forecast: When it comes to the Acatenango volcano, the weather forecast is almost always wrong.

It is very difficult to predict the weather as the volcano has his own climate (Subtropical cloudy rainy forest). But what we can tell you is that at least 90% of groups that climbed the volcano can see the whole thing (Eruptions & Sunrise) that even in rainy season

STORAGE ROOM

Our supply center is also the storage room, if you hostal does not offer this service you can also take the luggage with us and after the tour you can pick it up.

BACKPACK

Your backpack needs to be 40L at least. If you have a bigger one it is much better. Please trust us on this one! The most comfortable you are the better the experience will be for you.

We have only a couple of spare backpacks, **FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE!** so make your reservation in advance in case you need a backpack to get one, the renting price is Q50 per backpack and you need to take care of it!



PORTERS



Porters are available one way or roundtrip.

Each way is Q200 per backpack, carrying no more than 24 pounds or 12 kilos.

Please keep in mind that if you hire a porter the money goes straight to his family.



HORSES

We have a horse service just if the circumstances warrant its use. (Like back or knee problems.)

The price each way is Q800. This service is to help the customer to ease her/his way up or down on the volcano.

It is really important that you understand that you CAN NOT BE ON THE HORSE ALL THE TIME.

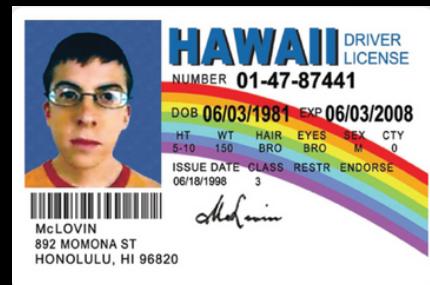
We do not support animal cruelty, this is why we suggest to use the horse as the last resource.



BRING AN ID

We request an ID as a deposit for the equipment, so bring your driver license or your passport. Any of these two would work for us.

Please bring a real ID, a copy does not work for us. Once the equipment is returned you get back your ID.



RAIN- PONCHO

Our rainponcho is to cover you and your backpack from the rain. If you have your raincoat and your cover for the backpack, then you can bring it!

ALTITUD SICKNESS

The change of altitud can affect your body, you may feel nauseous, headache or dizzy. You need to start the hike really slow for the first hour for you body to adapt to it and also sip water all the time. If you get altitud sickness the guides have some pills to make you feel better.



If you are likely to be affected by altitud, is better to start taking the altitude sickness pills 2 day prior the hike (1 per day). At the pharmacy you find ACETAZOLAMIDE.

WATER

The recommended amount of water is between 3 to 4 liters of water for the whole tour. Please make sure to bring the amount of water you consider necessary for your body. There is no way to refill the camelbak at the campsite.

Also we suggest not to bring more than 5 liters of water as the weight would make the first 2 hours unbearable.





REGISTRATION OFFICE

After the first hour you will find the first gate for Acatenango town and there you need fill a form to access to the park.



BRING CASH ONLY

The porters, the horse owners, (all payments made at the trek) need to be in cash and quetzales. So please make sure to bring the cash you will need for the adventure, TH.

WALKING STICKS

The walking sticks are strongly recommended to help you to go up and down the volcano. They are rented for Q10 each stick at the entrance of the volcano.

Going up is nice for you not to slide down. And coming down helps you with your knees.

These sticks are rented and you need to give them back to the owner.



EQUIPMENT

Everything that we provide for the trek is optional, if you have your own equipment as jacket, liner, raincoat, headlamp, camelbak or gloves you can bring them, sometimes our customers feel more comfortable using their own stuff.

Please understand that we want to provide you everything that you need for you to have a great experience. If you destroy any of these items you will need to pay for it.





CAMP SITE RULES

The campsite is already set up for you, please take care of all the equipment provided over there:

- Do not take out the sleeping bag, the liner, the mattress or anything else from the cabin,
- Do not bring your shoes inside the cabin
- Respect the guides and their instructions.
- No music is allowed in the National Park, if you want to play music at the campsite please keep it low.



FORGOTTEN ITEMS

We are not responsible of items forgotten in the tents, at the campsite or supply center (storage room).

Please make sure you have everything you need to take with you before leaving the campsite.

GUIDES

We work with community guides of San Jose Calderas. In this community we find hard working people that are looking for a better future for their kids and themselves.

COMMUNITY

A large percentage of the population of this community illegally migrate to the United States looking for a better life for their families. Lack of education is one of the main factors why these people are not eligible for well paid jobs.

Our goal is to create enough jobs through the travel agency so these people do not need to travel to the United States and have a decent life with their families.

These villages close to the volcano has been forgotten by the government so sustainable tourism is our proposal to help the community prosper.

DOGS AT ACATE



At the volcano some dogs may join the group and follow you for food or water. They are friendly and they are looking to survive and get some love from you. If you would like to bring some dog treats with you to share with them, we are sure they will be more than happy.

WHAT TO BRING TO GUATEMALA!



Driver license ID



Bug repellent



Sunscreen



Reusable bottle of water

HOW TO TIP THE VOLCANO GUIDES?

Between Q50 to Q100 is a good amount. Our guides are an essential part of the adventure team here at CA.

They really put a lot of effort into the preparation and post trip clean-up for your tour. Not to mention execution of an amazing adventure keeping you safe and secure in the mountains.

They make it look easy, but believe us, the training and preparation takes years to master. Thank them for their efforts with a small token of your appreciation.

HOW TO TIP ANY OTHER GUIDES?

Each tour is different, so we suggest to tip according to the service you get from the guide. Take in account that English is the second language of most of our guides, so the enthusiasm, knowledge and professionalism should be taking in account.

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, the day of the event.
2. NO REFUND IS MADE WITHOUT ANY EXCEPTION DUE THE CANCELLATION BY THE AGENCY.
3. Only 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 not return of money if the following event occurs the following: bad weather during the tour, blockages in the roads, or any external and uncontrollable inconvenience that affects the accomplishment of the tour.
6. You are responsible for the things you carry, we are not responsible for things lost or forgotten at the campsite, in the shuttle, at the supply center or CA travelers office
7. The payment you make for this tour can not be transferred to any other tour or service.
8. If you want to be part of our expedition, 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 guides or any other CA Travelers staff member instructions. If you don't follow the rules and disrespect the staff, you will be expelled from the tour and from that moment on CA Travelers will not be responsible of you.
10. If you are booking for you and some other people you are responsible that all the members of your group read all this information to secure a good experience.

