



## EASTER IN CENTRAL AMERICA JOURNEY

**Dates:** From Thursday, April 18, to Saturday, April 27, 2019

**Duration:** 10 days / 9 nights

**Total Distance:** 2,305 nautical miles



**Highlights:** The enchanting colonial city of Antigua (Guatemala); Mukul Luxury Resort & Spa, a natural paradise on Nicaragua's Emerald Coast overlooking the Pacific Ocean; Ambergris Caye (Belize), home to the second largest barrier reef in the world!

**Cost:** \$ 5,630 per person (double occupancy)  
\$ 995 plane registration fee (includes Cuba over flight permit)  
Single supplement available upon request

# ITINERARY

**Day 1 – Thursday, April 18: Stuart, FL → Cancun, Mexico → Guatemala City → Antigua**

**520 + 440 NM**

Your Journey Director will greet you in Stuart, FL at Witham Field (KSUA) for a briefing on our forthcoming flight.

Fly to Guatemala City (there will be a technical stop in Cancun to refuel). After clearing customs, transfer to the Casa Santo Domingo - the bastion of one of the grandest convents of America (the one that sheltered the followers of the order of Santo Domingo de Guzmán). Within this hotel-museum you will find preserved the treasures from the baroque period of ancestral America. Each corner of this house, each stone, each image and each piece that composes it becomes a lost page in time. The hotel decor includes works of art from renowned Guatemalan fine art artists and handmade textiles with traditional-contemporary designs.

Hotel: Casa Santo Domingo  
*Welcome Cocktail and Dinner included*

## **Day 2 - Friday, April 19: Antigua**

On Good Friday the streets of Antigua are covered with natural, aromatic carpets (alfombras) of flowers, pines, clover and fruits, which the residents put together and place in front of their homes. There are all kinds and shapes. Some are very long with colonial, Mayan, Roman or other original designs. At 3:00 A.M., preparations begin for the mock trial and sentencing of Christ. Participants dress as Roman soldiers, Pontius Pilate and other participants in the drama. At 7:00 A.M., the sculpture of Christ carrying his crucifix is moved through the carpeted main streets of Antigua on the shoulders of his worshipers until early afternoon, when the image is replaced by another of Christ being laid to rest.



In the late afternoon Antigua becomes adorned with black crepe paper as thousands of people, burning incense and dressed in black, crowd the plazas and streets. A spectacular procession is led by the man bearing the crucifix, with hundreds of followers carrying black banners and standards engraved with the final words of Christ and the pronouncements of God. Life-like images representing the archangels, the Stations of the Cross, the Cavalry, the apostles and many others are part of the silent procession through the streets, where multitudes pray quietly. The image of Christ is laid to rest in a church at 11:00 P.M.

Hotel: Casa Santo Domingo  
*Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included*

## **Day 3 – Saturday, April 20: Antigua**

Today is at leisure to relax or to explore on your own the beautiful town of Antigua for its history and culture. Though partially destroyed by the 1773 earthquake, it still preserves its colonial character with ornate churches, convents and Spanish-style homes. It is also home to some of the best quality arts and crafts in the country.

Holy Saturday's funeral processions are dedicated to images of the Virgin Mary. These floats are relatively smaller and carried by women dressed in their best outfits and often in high heeled-shoes!

Hotel: Casa Santo Domingo  
*Breakfast and Dinner included*



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**Day 4 – Sunday, April 21: Antigua to Guatemala City → Rivas, Nicaragua****335 NM**

We'll follow the Pacific coast of Central America to Nicaragua where we'll transfer to the luxurious Mukul Beach, Golf & Spa Resort. Set on a spectacularly beautiful four-mile stretch of white sandy beach, you'll enjoy breathtaking views of Nicaragua's Emerald Coast.

Hotel: Mukul Beach, Golf & Spa  
*Breakfast and Dinner included*

**Day 5 – Monday, April 22: Emerald Coast**

Today is at leisure to relax or explore on your own. Choose from the optional activities available at the resort including biking through the rain forest, golfing in the jungle or on the ocean-shore, and day-tripping to the historic village of Granada.

Hotel: Mukul Beach, Golf & Spa  
*Breakfast and Dinner included*

**Day 6 – Tuesday, April 23: Emerald Coast**

Today is at leisure to relax or explore on your own. Choose from the many activities available at the resort.

Hotel: Mukul Beach, Golf & Spa  
*Breakfast and Dinner included*

**Day 7 – Wednesday, April 24: Rivas → Belize City, Belize → San Pedro****395 + 30 NM**

Fly to Belize City where we will clear customs and then continue to San Pedro – one of more than 1,000 islands and cayes scattered throughout the western Caribbean waters of Belize. Enjoy tranquil waters, calm breezes, and a gently rolling surf. This afternoon is at leisure.

Hotel: Victoria House  
*Breakfast and Dinner included*

**Day 8 – Thursday, April 25: Ambergris Caye**

We'll enjoy a full day snorkeling excursion. The Mayan National Park and Marine Reserve is a snorkeler's paradise! An abundance of marine life can be seen in the crystal clear waters of Ambergris Caye. Lunch is included.

Hotel: Victoria House  
*Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included*

**Day 9 – Friday, April 26: Ambergris Caye**

Today is at leisure to relax or explore on your own. Choose from the many optional activities available at the resort.

In the evening we will gather for a Farewell Dinner.

Hotel: Victoria House  
*Breakfast and Dinner included*

Rise and Shine! It's time to head to the airport for our flight to Belize City to refuel before continuing back to Key West, Florida to clear US customs.

*Breakfast included*



Landing Points, Identifier and Runway Lengths:		
Stuart	KSUA	5,827'
Cancun	MMUN	11,483'
Guatemala City	MGGT	9,800'
Rivas	MNRS	5,000'
Belize City	MZBZ	7,100'
San Pedro		3,500'
Key West	KEYW	4,801'

# TERMS & CONDITIONS

## Our land program includes:

- Presence of an Air Journey tour leader who will facilitate clearances, Immigration, refueling, flight planning, and provide help with any difficulty that might arise
- Full-time services of a professional Air Journey guide and local experts
- All accommodations in hotels listed or similar categories based on double occupancy
- Meals: All breakfasts and most lunches and dinners
- Tours and admission to all planned group sightseeing
- All service charges and taxes
- Round trip transfers between airport and hotel
- Customs expediting
- Customs and Immigration forms (filled by Air Journey when possible)

## Our land program does not include:

- Travel Insurance (available, call us for details)
- Airport departure taxes
- Beverages
- Personal expenses such as laundry, room service, communication charges and other incidentals

Please note that hotel accommodations and sightseeing are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances. Air Journey reserves the right to amend the order of sightseeing as necessary. Every effort will be made to operate tours as planned but alterations may occur after the final itinerary has been issued.

## Passports are mandatory for the Journey.

Air Journey has quoted this itinerary with a minimum participation of 5 aircraft.

## The Registration fee includes:

- Extensive Navigation log (airports, route, frequencies, information of airspace, nav-aids, reporting points, international flight plan) tailored for each aircraft
- Flight plans and eAPIS manifest (departure and arrival) filed on your behalf
- Pilot briefing prior to each day's flight
- Weather website with constant updates showing TAF, METAR, Wind Aloft, prognostic forecast and review
- Fuel availability confirmed along the route of flight
- Flight bag and collared, cotton shirt for the pilot with his name and aircraft tail number embroidered on the upper front. Additional shirts are available for passengers and crew at an additional cost.

## Cancellation, refunds:

- a) **Cancellation by the client:** Is always required in writing and is subject to the following schedule of dates, whereby some or all moneys paid will be retained:
  - i) Given outside of 120 days of departure: AJ retains \$500 per person and plane registration fee
  - ii) Between 120 and 90 days of departure: AJ retains 50% of tour cost and plane registration fee
  - iii) Between 89 and 60 days of departure: AJ retains 75% of tour cost and plane registration fee
  - iv) 60 days or less or No Show of departure: AJ retains 100% of tour cost and plane registration fee
- b) **Cancellation by AJ:** Should AJ cancel the tour after deposits have been received due to fewer than the minimum participants required, the full deposit will be refunded. Should AJ cancel the tour at any time due to factors beyond their control (including war, flood, force of nature, riot, civil action), they will refund the client whatever portion of moneys are reimbursed by ground operators and accommodation suppliers.

**Survival equipment** is available for rental on a daily basis and will be waiting for you at our departure point. Contact us for details. Life vests are mandatory. A life raft is recommended.

## Travel and Cancellation Insurance

Travel and Cancellation Insurance is strongly recommended and not included in the package but it can be purchased from Air Journey for approximately 6% of the cost of the Journey. The actual cost is based on a person's state of residency, birth date and amount covered. Contact Anais (561 841-1551 ext. 3) at Air Journey for more details.