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HOLY WEEK PILGRIMAGE TO GUATEMALA

MONDAY MARCH 30 – MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2026

\$3,900

per person in a shared room if paid in two installments by check or cash.

\$3,750

per person in a shared room if paid in full upon registering by check or cash

Round trip airfare from either Chicago, Miami, or Dallas

Solo traveler supplement: \$600 for single room

\$1,000 DEPOSIT REQUIRED TO REGISTER

Additional fee for credit card payments: \$100

EVERYTHING INCLUDED IN PRICE – INCLUDING ALL MEALS!

Send checks to Peregrino, PO Box 212, 25 Tesler Rd. Lake Zurich, IL 60047

Do not send checks via Certified Mail. First Class is sufficient.

Single rooms are not guaranteed and should be requested as soon as possible.

Final payment due date: February 15, 2026

Questions? travel@myperegrinotour.com or call 847-713-1723

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HOLY WEEK GUATEMALA 2026 ITINERARY

Day 1: Monday, March 30: DEPARTURE, GUATEMALA CITY

Depart Chicago/Miami/Dallas on flight to Guatemala City in the morning hours. Upon arrival, make a connection at the airport and fly 50 minutes to Flores in the remote jungle region called the Peten. The group will relax and have dinner at its 4-star hotel and take a boat ride on the beautiful and tranquil lake Peten Itza. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 2: Tuesday, March 31: TIKAL

Breakfast at the hotel. Today the group will tour the large nature/archeological park of Tikal, whose jungle canopy is rife with howler monkeys and where some of the largest and most distinctive pyramids and plazas of the ancient Mayan people are found. Tikal is the most well-known and most-well preserved Mayan site in all of Mesoamerica. After touring Tikal there may be time for some other outdoor activities before returning to the hotel for a group dinner and a restful overnight stay.

Day 3: Wednesday, April 1: GUATEMALA CITY; ANTIGUA

After breakfast at the hotel, the group will catch a 50-minute flight back to Guatemala City. We'll visit the most important archeological museum in Guatemala City before heading to Antigua in the evening. Antigua is about an hour outside of Guatemala City and is one of the most charming colonial cities in the country. Dinner at the hotel and overnight stay.

Day 4: Thursday, April 2: HOLY THURSDAY, ANTIGUA

Breakfast at the hotel. In the morning we'll take an ATV tour on a trek to visit some local sites and to take in the views of Antigua from the surrounding hills. In the late afternoon and evening Antigua will start to come alive. The city is famous for its enormous, elaborate, all-in Holy Week street processions. You don't know what Holy Week is until you've experienced it in Latin America. Hooded fraternal societies of both men and women carry heavy floats displaying the suffering Christ and Mary through the streets in grueling displays of strength and faith. "Carpets" made of colored sawdust, flowers, and sand blanket the streets, to be wiped out by the processing faithful. It is all a sight to behold. The group will be free to process and pray and watch as it desires. There are many processions and routes. Lunch and dinner in Antigua.

Day 5: Friday, April 3: GOOD FRIDAY; ANTIGUA

Breakfast at the hotel. Today will be day of prayer and fasting as usual, but in a different country, and with a sharper focus on the suffering Christ. We'll participate in the city's massive Good Friday celebrations and processions carried out by the various pious societies. Dinner at the hotel and overnight in Antigua.

Day 6: Saturday, April 4: LAKE ATITLAN

Breakfast at the hotel. Today the group will travel about 2 hours by bus to the stunning site of Lake Atitlan, ringed by volcanoes and lush mountains. It's one of the most beautiful lakes in the world. The group will go by boat to the indigenous town of Santiago Atitlan to pay homage to Blessed Stanley Rother, an American priest who was martyred in the church's rectory in 1981. Lake Atitlan is surrounded by local markets and small towns worth visiting. Return to Antigua in the evening.

Day 7: Sunday, April 5: EASTER IN ESQUIPULAS

Breakfast at the hotel. We'll leave Antigua in the early morning to attend Easter Sunday Mass in the most important religious site in Guatemala – the Shrine of the Black Christ in Esquipulas. The shrine is the one of the most visited in all of Central America and huge crowds flock there to venerate the Lord. We will do the same, crowning our Holy Week with an act of pilgrimage and devotion in a remote shrine few Americans have ever visited.

Day 8: Monday, April 6: DEPARTURE FROM GUATEMALA CITY

Breakfast at the hotel. Today we fly home around 12 noon from Guatemala City, so there will be plenty of time to enjoy a last breakfast before heading to the airport.

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Questions and Answers

What does the cost include? Round trip economy flight Chicago/Miami/Dallas – Guatemala City, all airline taxes and fuel surcharges, transfer to and from airport to hotel, bus throughout tour, clean, private bath, 4 or 5 star hotel room; all museum entrance fees; audio headsets throughout tour; all professional guides; all meals, one checked bag for each person.

What does the cost *not* include? Taxis, tips for your guides, and the carrying of luggage from the airport baggage claim area to the bus, and to and from the bus to the hotel. We recommend bringing about \$100 – \$200 for taxis and/ or incidentals.

What is the cancellation policy? All cancellations must be made by e-mail by the same person(s) who registered for the trip. The following penalties are applicable if you cancel:

From date of reservation until **February 15 , 2026**, \$750 is non-refundable but is transferable to a person replacing the person cancelling for the same tour and dates.

As of **February 16, 2026** 100% of the tour price is non-refundable and non-transferable.

Is there a registration form? There is no registration form. Peregrino tries to make registration as easy as possible. To register for the pilgrimage please go to our website and follow all of the prompts. (If you are truly unable to manage the internet, don't use a computer, or don't have someone to help you use a computer, you can register over the phone. Give us a call.) Please indicate the parents or legal guardians of minor travelers. You will be officially notified of your registration via e-mail the day your check is deposited or your credit card payment clears. After sending your check, please allow one week for us to confirm your registration via e-mail.

Do I need a passport? Yes. If you are a U.S. citizen, you will need a passport to travel to Guatemala. Passports are required for everyone, even children and infants. The expiration date of the passport must be beyond six months after the date of re-entry into the U.S.A. A scan, screenshot, or photo of the ID page of your passport must be received by e-mail at travel@myperegrinotour.com or a paper copy can be sent to our PO Box. The copy of the passport and its information will be shared with no one. All documentary or digital traces of the copy of the passport will be destroyed at the conclusion of the pilgrimage.

Do I need to obtain a visa? U.S. citizens do not need a visa to enter Guatemala for a short trip. Non-U.S. citizens must verify with the Guatemalan consulate if they need a visa to enter Guatemala. Guatemalan citizens living in the U.S. must verify their ability to enter Guatemala *and* to re-enter the U.S. Peregrino Tours cannot assist a pilgrim to verify their travel status.

Is there any chance the trip would be cancelled? In the remote possibility that the trip is cancelled, the entire cost of the trip will be reimbursed. An extraordinary event such as an airline strike, weather event, act of God, or international incident will not necessarily cause the trip to be cancelled. Trip insurance would provide total protection against such unlikely eventualities.

I'd like to go, but I don't have a roommate to share the cost. What can I do? You can either pay the single occupancy supplement or be willing to be assigned a roommate if one is available. That will depend, of course, on the number of solo travelers of the same sex, but Peregrino will keep track of who needs roommates and coordinate as needed. If a roommate is available but is refused, the traveler will be required to pay the single supplement. And if there is an odd number of pilgrims and no roommate can be found for a single traveler, the single supplement must be paid, with the latest registrant being obligated to purchase a single room. If non-spouses or non-family members would like

to share a room with another pilgrim, each person must communicate such to Peregrino in an email.

Can I reserve a place even though I have not paid in full? You can reserve your place by making a deposit of \$1,000, or by paying the full amount upon registration.

What about travel insurance? Peregrino Tours does not offer travel insurance. But for the protection of our pilgrims, we recommend they purchase travel insurance. Information is readily available online and some recommendations are linked on our website. These recommendations are not an endorsement of any company but only the result of prior traveler's experiences.

Why would I want travel insurance? Insurance is a good idea for those who have an unpredictable medical condition and for those who have a family member whose ill health, or even death, may preclude going on the pilgrimage. Travel insurance must normally be purchased shortly after registering for the trip. It normally cannot be purchased close to the date of departure, or it may be priced exorbitantly.

Can I use airline miles or points? Peregrino prefers that all pilgrims fly together both to and from their destination and arrive at, and leave from, their hotel together. Based on experience, we allow pilgrims to register for the pilgrimage if they travel apart from the group only close to the date of departure, if space is available. Contact Peregrino for a ground only price.

Can I upgrade my plane seating or otherwise arrange to sit with family and friends? Peregrino Tours organizes its tour pricing based on economy seating. We can try to arrange economy plus, business class, first class, aisle seats, or other upgrades on a particular basis. Payment for such upgrades must be made in advance of their confirmation. We will try to accommodate friends and family who request to sit together on flights. But plane seating is ultimately a decision for each airline and airlines are not always transparent about how seating is apportioned.

What about travelers with special needs? Any pilgrim with special needs or dietary restrictions must inform Peregrino at the time of registration. There will be considerable walking on the tour so being able to stand for long periods and to walk long distances is presumed upon registering. A physically capable companion must accompany travelers who need assistance. Coach buses are not equipped with ramps, so all travelers must be able to mount steps into a bus. Many buildings in Guatemala are also less handicapped accessible than American buildings. Taking the occasional taxi can greatly alleviate a day's number of steps.

Can anyone go on the trip? Although this will be a Catholic focused pilgrimage, non- Catholics are welcome to come. Minors are welcome provided they travel with family. In order to ensure a rewarding, positive, and faith filled experience for all pilgrims, Peregrino reserves the right to reject any guest, either before or during the trip, whose comportment contradicts or is otherwise harmful to the interests of the group.

What if I have more questions? Most questions about this pilgrimage can be answered by your group leader or by consulting this information sheet. You can also contact us at travel@myperegrinotour.com or 847-713-1723.