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HOLY WEEK PILGRIMAGE TO GUATEMALA

MONDAY, MARCH 22 - MONDAY, MARCH 29, 2027

\$3,950

per person in a shared room if paid in full by check or cash before December 15, 2026

\$4,150

per person in a shared room if paid by check or cash on or after December 16, 2026.

Round trip airfare from Chicago

Solo traveler supplement: \$600 for single room

\$500 NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT REQUIRED TO REGISTER

Additional fee for credit card payments: \$100

EVERYTHING INCLUDED IN PRICE - INCLUDING ALL MEALS & 4 FLIGHTS!

Send checks to Peregrino, PO Box 212, 25 Telser 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 1, 2027

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

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HOLY WEEK GUATEMALA 2027 ITINERARY

Day 1: Monday, March 22: DEPARTURE, GUATEMALA CITY

Depart Chicago O'Hare on flight to Guatemala City in the morning hours. Upon arrival, take advantage of a break before the connection to Flores to visit a Maya museum close to the airport and then have lunch at a wonderful local restaurant. Then make the connecting flight of 50 minutes to Flores, the largest city in the remote jungle region called the Peten. The group will relax and have dinner at its charming 4-star hotel on beautiful and tranquil lake Peten Itza. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 2: Tuesday, March 23: TIKAL

Breakfast at the hotel. Today the group will have a guided tour of 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. It is stunning. After Tikal, return to the hotel before a group dinner on the island portion of Flores and a restful overnight stay at the hotel.

Day 3: Wednesday, March 24: GUATEMALA CITY; ANTIGUA

After breakfast at the hotel, the group will catch a 50-minute flight back to Guatemala City. We'll head to colonial Antigua in the afternoon by private bus for an introduction to the city via a guided walking tour. Antigua is about an hour outside of Guatemala City and is one of the most charming colonial cities in the country. After checking in at our hotel there will be an optional chance to do an ATV trek through the nearby landscape to visit some local sites and to take in the views of Antigua from the surrounding hills. This will be an "opt-in" experience available at an extra cost of about \$75. If you don't want to do the ATV tour, you are free to explore Antigua at your own pace or to rest after a long day of travel. Dinner at the hotel.

Day 4: Thursday, March 25: HOLY THURSDAY, ANTIGUA

Breakfast at the hotel. In the morning 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 receive a guided tour of Antigua and enjoy lunch and dinner in the heart of the city.

Day 5: Friday, March 26: GOOD FRIDAY; ANTIGUA

Breakfast at the hotel. The group will be free to process, to pray, and to watch the processions as it desires. There are many processions and many routes. Good Friday is a day of prayer and fasting as usual, but Guatemala- style, with a sharper focus on the suffering Christ. We'll participate in the city's massive Good Friday celebration which concludes at the Church of La Merced. A meatless dinner in the city and overnight in Antigua.

Day 6: Saturday, March 27 : LAKE ATITLAN

Breakfast at the hotel. Today the group will say "Adios" to Antigua and travel to a nearby coffee plantation for a guided tour to see how coffees is made. We'll then have lunch at a rustic and charming roadside restaurant. In mid-afternoon we'll arrive to the stunning site of Lake Atitlan, ringed by volcanoes and lush mountains. It's one of the most beautiful lakes in the world and our hotel is perched perfectly for the visitor to drink in the majestic views. Dinner at the hotel.

Day 7: Sunday, March 28: EASTER ON LAKE ATITLAN

Breakfast at the hotel. We'll celebrate Easter by visiting a local town where Mayan traditions are strong and see how Easter is celebrated in a non-Anglo fashion. 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. Overnight at our 4-star hotel on Lake Atitlan.

Day 8: Monday, March 29: DEPARTURE FROM GUATEMALA CITY

Breakfast at the hotel and then depart by bus for our flight from Guatemala City around 12 noon, arriving home in the early evening.

Guatemala Holy Week 2027

Questions and Answers

What does the cost include? Round trip economy flight Chicago - Guatemala City, round trip flight Guatemala City - Flores, all airline taxes and fuel surcharges, transfer to and from airport to hotel, bus throughout tour, clean, private bath, 4 star hotels; 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 **December 15, 2026**, \$500 is non-refundable but is transferable to a person replacing the person cancelling for the same tour and dates.

As of **February 1, 2027** 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.