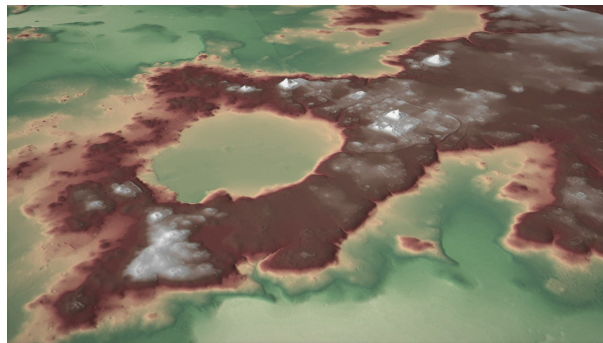
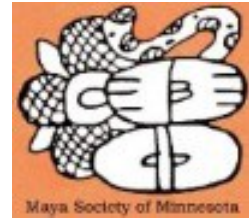


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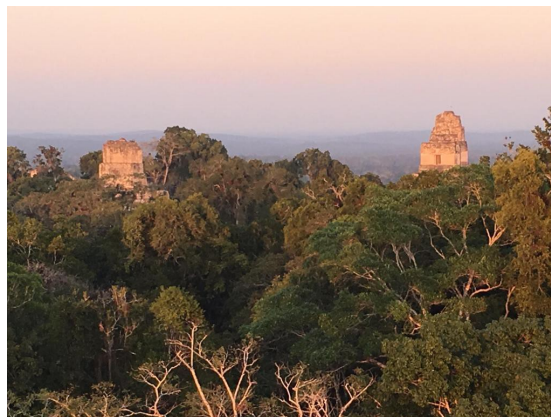
Lidar Image of Tintal (Francisco Casteneda)

Guatemala Off the Beaten Track February 28 – March 13, 2023

The Maya Society of Minnesota's 2023 tour returns to Guatemala for a two-week exploration of hidden treasures – from searching for the emblematic quetzal to trekking through sites known only to the archaeologists.

The tour begins in Guatemala City where we will visit the Miraflores Museum, Kaminaljuyu, the National Museum, and the Popol Vuh museum. The next day we begin our quest with a visit to the Biotopo Quetzal sanctuary and the Orquigonía Orchid Sanctuary. From there, we continue toward the Peten where we will visit Maya archaeological sites that span the settlement of the lowland Mayan area from the Preclassic through the Terminal Classic periods. We will travel to these remote sites in 4x4 pickup trucks – hoping that the rains have stopped soon enough that we can make it through! Along the way, we will spend one night in remote Uaxactun and another in Tikal before starting our journey back to Guatemala City.

Join the crew as we strike off the beaten path to explore Guatemala's magnificent Maya history at sites most people only get to visit in photos and magazines!



Sunset at Tikal (Julia Miller)

Tour route

Date	Route	Meals	Hotel
02/28/23	Pickup Guatemala City Airport, transfer to hotel	No meals	EcoHotel Proceres
03/01/23	Museo Miraflores, Kaminaljuyu, Museo Nacional, Museo Popol Vuh	B/L/D	EcoHotel Proceres
03/02/23	Biotopo Quetzal and Orquigonía Orchid Sanctuary	B/L/D	La Estancia de la Virgen
03/03/23	Ceibal and Nueve Cerros	B/L/D	Hotel Villa Aquazul
03/04/23	La Joyanca and Crater Azul	B/L/D	La Casa de Don David
03/05/23	La Corona and El Zotz	B/L/D	La Casa de Don David
03/06/23	Tintal	B/L/D	La Casa de Don David
03/07/23	San Bartolo and Xultun	B/L/D	Campamento Chiclero
03/08/23	Uaxactun and Museo de Neria	B/L/D	Jungle Lodge
03/09/23	Tikal	B/L/D	La Casa de Don David
03/10/23	Cival, Holmul, and La Blanca	B/L/D	La Casa de Don David
03/11/23	Chal and Machaquila	B/L/D	Nanajuana Rio Dulce
03/12/23	Museo de Estanzuela and Guaytan	B/L/D	Hyatt Centric Guatemala City
03/13/23	Transfer hotel to Guatemala City airport	No meals	

Pricing

Tour: \$3350.00 USD (does not include airfare)

Single supplement: \$325.00 USD



Kaminaljuyu (Julia Miller)

Guides



Francisco Casteñeda

Francisco Casteñeda has worked on archaeological projects throughout Guatemala and the Copan Valley as an archaeologist, logistician, and photographer for over 20 years and has taught multiple courses at Guatemala's national university, San Carlos. Among the many projects he has been involved with, these include excavations in Tikal, Copan, El Peru-Waka, Ceibal, and in Punta de Chimino en la region del Petexbatun. Since 2014, Paco has been the Co-Director of the Tintal Archaeological Project. Paco co-led the 2019 Maya Society of Minnesota trip to Guatemala. He split his time growing up between his native Guatemala and southern California and lives with his family in El Remate, Peten.



Julia Miller

Julia Miller is a story-telling archaeologist who has a PhD from the Anthropology Department of the University of Pennsylvania. She worked at Copan (Honduras), Xunantunich (Belize), and Palenque (Mexico) before making a right turn into tourism. She now organizes and leads tours providing high quality cultural patrimony and archaeotourism experiences throughout the Maya area and Mexico and has created the Three Stones Guides custom guidebook app with detailed guides to popular points of interest.