



TREK GUATEMALA
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acatenango overnight hike.

Climbing Antigua's remarkable Volcan Acatenango, which towers above the landscape at 13,041 ft / 3,976 m, is at the top of the bucket list for most adventure travelers in Guatemala. Aside from providing panoramic views of the entire region, Acatenango gives hikers a birds-eye-view of nearby (and very active!) Volcan Fuego which has been erupting on a near constant basis since colonial times.

Our **Acatenango Overnight Hike** is the best way to experience the volcano as it allows hikers to take in awe-inspiring nighttime views of flowing lava, as well as experience sunrise the following morning from Acatenango's summit. Although demanding for even the most seasoned hiker, look no further than our **Acatenango Overnight Hike** to experience the best that Guatemala has to offer to adrenaline-junkies and adventure-seekers. This is one overnight hike you'll never forget!

Detailed Itinerary

Day Prior

We'll meet you to provide a pre-trip briefing during which we review the entire trip, what to pack and what to expect, as well as answer any last-minute questions you might have.

Day One

We depart Antigua at 8:00am in our "Trek Truck" for a comfortable one-hour drive to the Mayan village of Soledad and the Acatenango trailhead

The 5,000 ft / 1,525 m ascent winds its way up through four distinct ecosystems, starting with a tapestry of fertile **agricultural fields** where local farmers harvest corn, flowers and snow peas.

From there, the trail rises into old-growth **tropical cloud forest** that harbors a diversity of flora and fauna, and also provides hikers shade and comfort as they push up the steep slope.

Emerging from the cloud forest, hikers enter a sparse **high-alpine forest** that reveals views of six additional volcanoes, making it a great spot for a scenic trail lunch.

Following lunch, hikers make the final push of the day and climb above the tree line into the fourth microclimate...a wind-swept and mystical **volcanic terrain**. After setting up camp at 12,300 ft / 3,750 m, guests can relax and take in the sweeping views of the Antigua Valley and Volcan Fuego before being served a hot dinner followed by coffee, tea and even marshmallow "S'mores" over the campfire. The campsite looks directly over Volcan Fuego, and your evening is spent splitting time between gazing at volcanic eruptions and staring into a mesmerizing sky full of stars above.

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why we're DIFFERENT

Choosing the right tour company is the *most important decision you'll make* in preparation for your hike. The summit of Volcan Acatenango is an extreme environment where things can, and have, gone wrong for hikers who are ill-prepared for the conditions. Tales of fly-by-night operators with leaky tents and unwashed sleeping bags leaving slower hikers behind are common from visitors deceived by their lower prices. Here are a few reasons why we think Trek Guatemala is different:

our GEAR

High-quality tents, sleeping bags/pads & trekking poles are provided. Need a backpack or cold-weather clothes? We've got those too...



our GUIDES

Multi-lingual, first-aid-trained and with years of experience...our friendly and knowledgeable guides are simply the best.

our GUMPTION

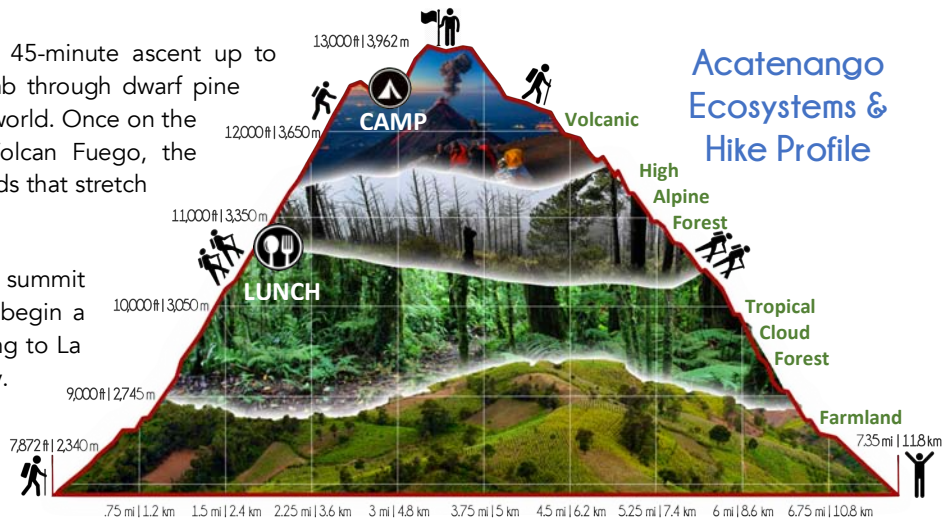
In order to make your hike unforgettable, we'll send you a packing list, conduct an in-person pre-trip briefing, serve up delicious meals, and make sure you're safe & satisfied!



Day Two

After an early morning breakfast, hikers begin a 45-minute ascent up to Acatenango's summit, a steep but rewarding climb through dwarf pine trees and gravel scree that leads to the top of the world. Once on the summit, guests will find 360-degree views of Volcan Fuego, the Antigua Valley and the distant Guatemalan highlands that stretch all the way to the border of Mexico.

Following approximately one-hour at the summit (depending on weather and time conditions), we begin a three-hour descent back down the volcano...arriving to La Soledad and our awaiting transportation mid-day. Groups are usually back in Antigua by early afternoon (~1:00pm), plenty of time for a celebratory beer, cappuccino or siesta...well done!



Acatenango Ecosystems & Hike Profile

Prices

- 2 guests: \$199 per person
- 3 guests: \$169 per person
- 4+ guests: \$129 per person

2 guest minimum
Groups up to 12 guests
All prices in \$ USD

What's Included

- Pre-departure packing list and trip briefing
- Multi-lingual trekking guide with certified first-aid training
- Roundtrip transportation from Antigua to Acatenango trailhead
- Park entrance fees
- Day 1 meals: lunch, dinner + snacks
- Day 2 meals: breakfast + snacks
- High-quality tents, sleeping bags, sleeping pads and trekking poles

What's Not Included

- Large capacity backpack (50L +) – available for rental at additional cost
- Flashlight/headlamp – available for rental at additional cost
- Cold-weather clothing – available for rental at add't cost
- Hiking boots/shoes
- Raincoat (May through October)
- 4-6L of water
- Tips for guides

Porter Services

If you prefer to hire a local porter from the community of La Soledad to help haul your gear – which many guests do – there is an additional cost of USD \$25 per porter per day, which you pay directly to the porter.

Trek Guatemala's Antigua to Atitlán "Sky Route Trek"

If you're looking for a complimentary trekking adventure to add to your Acatenango Hike, consider Trek Guatemala's four-day, three-night trek between two of Guatemala's most beautiful and inspiring destinations: Antigua and Lake Atitlán. Our "Sky Route Trek" includes vehicle-supported, mobile safari-style tent camps with queen beds, hot showers and cold beers – or opt for our "Explorer" option where you carry your own lightweight camping gear – which we provide of course. Either way, you'll be accompanied by one of our qualified guides as you're immersed in the sights and sounds of Guatemala's living Mayan culture and remarkable landscapes. For more information, please visit:

<http://trekguatemala.com/home/skyroute/>

