



¡Viva!
Guatemala

13 Dec - 22 Dec

WHO ARE WE?



Saudi Nomad is an organization bringing the world of backpacking to Saudi Arabia through its fun adventures.

Saudi Nomad's ultimate goal is to teach **YOU** how to backpack and plan your own trips for years to come.



WHAT DID OUR PREVIOUS PARTICIPANTS SAY ABOUT US?



FARIS
Indonesia

“This adventure was fundamentally about learning to adapt to different environments, and I am deeply grateful for the insights and challenges presented by Saudi Nomad.”



WAEI
Vietnam

“Once you got a glimpse of these kind of experiences you will rethink and reevaluate your relationship with stuffs and people around you. You will have a clear mindset of what's really important in your life..”



FAYE
Philippines

“Learned that anyone could travel, see the world and enjoy their time with any amount of money they have. Knew that the only obstacles we face are the limits that we put for ourselves in our minds.”



NAJLA
Nepal

“Backpacking is a life within a life!”



HUSSAIN
Mexico

“An experience unlike any I've had before. I'm happy so much for being part of this journey, you were like my family. This is what makes Saudi Nomad such a great company. Every day is filled with new challenges and new ways to learn, and the most important are the memories I made that will stay with me forever.”



WASSAM
India

“I never thought I'm capable of coping with this way of life and traveling and honestly I love it it was such an eye-opening experience in so many levels... ”

**JOIN US
AS WE
NAVIGATE**

GUATEMALA

and explore all the countries have to offer.

We promise breathtaking mountain scenery, beautiful structures, and a healthy dose of the unexpected.

Whether you've travelled before or want to see the world for the first time, we'll help you become a seasoned backpacker and maybe even learn a thing or two about yourself along the way.

But don't just take our word for it - [sign up now](#) to discover the adventure for yourself!

WE REALLY JUST
WANT TO SAY HI!



18 Oct*
2024

Introducing group members

Talking about backpacking

Reviewing the trip's route and challenges

Discussing backpacking gear

FIRST MEETING

That will take place after registration completion

* Dates subject to change

THE JOURNEY OF A THOUSAND MILES BEGINS WITH ONE STEP

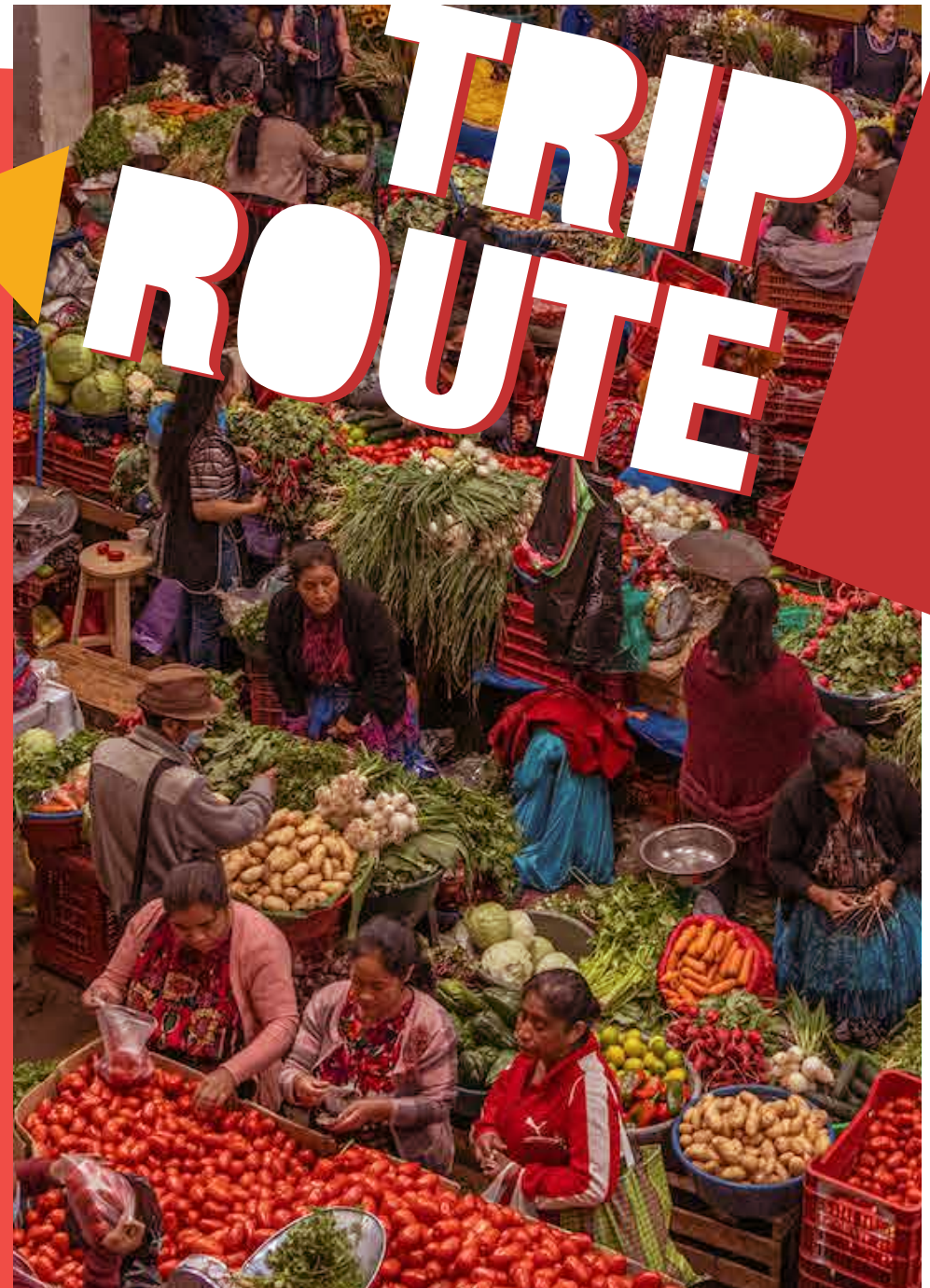
✦ **The first step starts here!** ✦

We'll roam around magical towns between the mountains, staying in hostels and huts, experiencing local and traditional life, and undoubtedly savoring the traditional cuisine.

To enhance your backpacking skills, you'll be presented with challenges that mimic real travel problems, which you'll need to solve with the guidance of our experienced guides, every step of the way. These challenges are designed to test your resourcefulness and adaptability, ensuring you gain practical knowledge and confidence in handling various situations.

Whether it's navigating unfamiliar terrain, managing limited resources, or dealing with unexpected obstacles, you'll learn valuable lessons that will prepare you for future adventures.

Our guides will be there to support you, providing insights and tips to help you overcome each challenge and make the most of your journey. This hands-on approach will not only improve your backpacking abilities but also foster a sense of camaraderie and teamwork among participants, creating an enriching and unforgettable experience.





The route

Uncover the hidden gems and charming villages around the lake, and embrace everything they have to offer.

Prepare for a challenging hike, but be rewarded with absolutely breathtaking views of the volcano.

Head back to the Guatemalan capital after an incredible trip and get ready to go home.

Guatemala City

Antigua

Semuc Champey

Lake Atitlán

Acatenango

Guatemala City

The start of our trip, we catch our first glimpse of this mesmerizing country as we explore the capital.

Explore the captivating city of Antigua, savor its delicious local cuisine, and take in the charm of its antique streets.

Immerse yourself in the dream of swimming in the river of Semuc Champey and experience living in the jungle for a couple of nights.

DAY 1

¡Viva la republica!

On the first day of our trip, Saudi Nomad's guides will greet you at the airport and escort you to *El Centro*, the historic heart of Guatemala City.

You'll get a glimpse of the city's vibrant atmosphere and enjoy its traditional cuisine.

Accommodation: Hostel

Transportation:

Estimated Travel Time:



1 h



DAY 2

All roads lead to Panajachel

After breakfast in the capital, we'll take a short stroll to the bus station to catch the famous chicken bus—if we're lucky—and begin our journey to *Panajachel*, the main town on *Lake Atitlán*.

We'll spend the afternoon exploring *Panajachel*, wandering through its charming streets, and enjoying the local shops and markets.

Accommodation: Hostel

Transportation:

Estimated Travel Time:



4 h



Half-day



DAY 3

Tranquil Lake Atitlán

Good morning! What a beautiful view; a lake surrounded by volcanos (some are still active).

You'll enjoy the peaceful and tranquil towns around the lake and get refreshed by the soothing hikes in the forest around the lake.

Accommodation: Hostel

Transportation:

Estimated Travel Time:



5h



DAY 4

Roam the old Antigua

We'll say our farewells to *Lake Atitlán* after the delicious breakfast and start heading to *Antigua* using the local chicken busses, to arrive to the breathtaking little town, and enjoy what its streets have to offer.

Accommodation: Hostel

Transportation:

Estimated Travel Time:



5h



DAY 5

Little farming, little chocolating

Get your hands a little dirty by helping in an organic farm and enjoy a tour in the wonderful fields, giving you a lucky chance to see the butterfly garden.

Later we'll get the chance to join a chocolate workshop to learn all about chocolates, and if we do it right, we'll walk away with a bar of our own.

Accommodation: Hostel

Transportation:

**Estimated Travel
Time:**



Full-Day



DAY 6

Behold the almighty Acatenango

We wake up in high spirits, ready to embark on our challenging hike to **Acatenango Volcano**.

The hike will take around six hours, after which we'll camp overnight at basecamp, enjoying stunning views of lava from the nearby volcanoes.

Accommodation: Tent

Transportation:

**Estimated Travel
Time:**



4 h



7 h



DAY 7

Chasing the sunrise

We begin our hike from basecamp before sunrise, aiming to reach the summit just in time to witness the stunning views above the clouds.

Afterward, we'll start our descent and catch the bus back to *Antigua*, where we'll enjoy some well-deserved relaxation and free time for the rest of the day.

Accommodation: Hostel

Transportation:

Estimated Travel Time:



4 h



5 h



DAY 8

The bumpy road to Lanquín

After having breakfast in Antigua, get ready and pack your sack; we're having a full-day trip to Lanquín, with plenty of adventure and bumpy roads.

Arriving in the late afternoon and settling down at our hostel.

Accommodation: Hostel

Transportation:

Estimated Travel Time:



12 h



DAY 9

Splash!

Waking up ready in our swim clothes, excited for a full day at the stunning **Semuc Champey**, where a river flows beneath another!

With a short hike through the area and a few stairs to climb, nothing's going to stop us!

Accommodation: Hostel

Transportation:

Estimated Travel Time:



2h



1.5h



DAY 10

¡Adiós! The End.

Hopping on the bumpy bus again, we leave **Semuc Champey** and head towards the Guatemalan capital, **Guatemala City**, arriving just in time, late in the afternoon, to say adiós to this amazing country.

Transportation:

Estimated Travel Time:



10h



THE WHERE THE HOW THE WHAT



You might be wondering by now, where are we staying? How are we going to move from point A to point B? What are we going to eat? What is the weather going to be like? And what am I supposed to pack?

No worries, we'll answer all these questions.





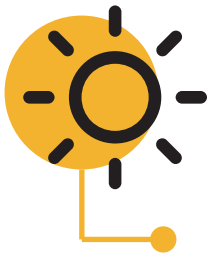
Hostels

- A bed in shared dorms
- Awesome atmosphere
- Cultures from all over the world
- Making new friends
- Meeting locals



Transportation

- Chicken Busses
- Boats
- Tourist Busses
- TukTuks
- Hiking



Weather

In December, Guatemala's dry season brings sunny skies and mild weather, with temperatures between 20°C and 25°C in Guatemala City and Antigua. Highlands can be cooler, especially at night, with temperatures dropping to around 10°C.



Food

We'll indulge in authentic cuisine at local restaurants, street vendors, and charming cafes, savoring the true flavors of Guatemala.

- 55L Backpack
- Wool socks
- Hiking shoes
- Packable backpacks (for daily activities)
- Universal adaptor
- Padlocks (for hostels' lockers)
- Travel packable towel
- FirstAid kit and personal medicine
- Warm jacket

IMPORTANT

LifeStraw Go

Powerbank

Headphones

Packable neck pillow

Personal/passport photos

Travel toiletry bag

Laundry bag

Sleeping mask

Rain Coat/Light jacket

Sleeping bag liner

Flipflops

sunscreen

Trekking pants/shorts

Sunglasses

Packing cubes

Light running shoes

Insect repellent

Portable bidet (e.g. TeshTesh)

GOOD-TO-HAVE

TRIP PRICE



2,200 USD

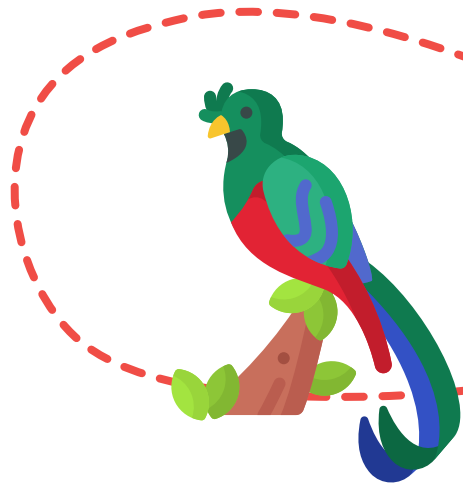
8,250 SAR
per person

SPECIAL PRICE*
WHEN REGISTERED IN
MÉXICO TRIP
1,920 USD
7,200 SAR
per person

TRIP DATES



STARTS 13 Dec



22 Dec **ENDS**

Price includes:



Travel insurance

We partner up with a travel insurance company that covers almost all accidents - not that you'll have any but just in case!



Outdoor activities

From hiking, river tubing, and other challenges that will get you out of your comfort zone.



Local Transportation



Accommodation*

In various types of hostels and guesthouses.



Daily meals

Breakfast, lunch, and dinner at local restaurants and food vendors.



Experienced guides

Our guides will provide you with great stories about their travels and lots of fun activities while in transit.



Translator

From Spanish to Arabic and vice versa

Price excludes:

International flights

We do however provide a suggested flight.

Visa fees

Guatemala is Visa-Free for Saudi nationals.

Backpack

Backpack rentals are available by Saudi Nomad for 30 SAR/day

Drinks & water

A Travelers spirit

You have to be open to trying new things and be one with the group, because in the end, we'll become your traveling family.

* Female only dorms will be provided.

REASONS TO JOIN THE TRIP

- If you want to learn how to backpack.
- If you want to discover yourself, find ways to get out of your comfortzone and try out new things.
- If you want to immerse yourself within a new culture.
- If you are fit enough and brave enough to face the unknown.
- If you are enthusiastic and have an easy going attitude.





SUGGESTED FLIGHTS



NOTE

We **strongly recommend** arriving a day or two prior to the start of the trip, to ensure you have plenty of time to rest and fully recover from any jet lag.



Arrival Flight

- CITY:**
Guatemala City, Guatemala
- AIRPORT:**
La Aurora International Airport [GUA]
- DATE:**
Friday, December 13, 2024
- TIME:**
Latest by 3 PM
- AIRPORT MEET & GREET:**
From 11 AM to 3 PM



Departure Flight

- CITY:**
Guatemala City, Guatemala
- AIRPORT:**
La Aurora International Airport [GUA]
- DATE:**
Sunday, December 22, 2024
- TIME:**
After 8 PM
- AIRPORT FAREWELL & GOODBYE**
From 8 PM to 12 AM

* In case an arrival flight was booked outside the specified Meet & Greet time frame; a meeting point and instructions will be shared with you to meet up with the group.



Join us in our adventure

THANK YOU!



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