



JOURNEY OVERVIEW

Your Guatemala and Belize luxury tour begins in Antigua, the perfect introduction to this colorful country. Accompanied by your expert guide, learn about the fascinating colonial history of Guatemala as you wander through the town's charming and historic streets. Next, venture into the highlands as your private tour of Guatemala and Belize continues at Lake Atitlan. The area's striking volcanoes serve as a memorable backdrop for outdoor adventures such as kayaking on the lake, hiking between Mayan villages, or visiting shrines to local deities. Departing directly from the property's helipad, a private helicopter will transfer you to Petén, your next destination. En route, touch down at El Mirador, a remote, little-visited site that is nicknamed "the lost city of the Maya," where you will find the largest pyramid the Mayans ever built. In Petén, explore the famous Mayan ruins at Tikal before crossing the border into Belize and taking a charter flight to your final destination. In Placencia, located on the Caribbean coast, snorkel or scuba along one of the world's largest reefs, take a private boating excursion to explore nearby cayes, and enjoy relaxing on beautiful beaches characterized by white sand and crystal clear water. On your final day, take a charter flight to the international airport in Belize City, passing over the spectacular Blue Hole on the way, for a memorable last glimpse of this beautiful region to close out your tailor-made tour of Guatemala and Belize.

A Taste of Blue Parallel's Insider Access

- Private helicopter transfer and exclusive visit to El Mirador, the lost city of the Mayans
- Introduction to the unique Mayan culture from an esteemed scholar
- Private aerial sightseeing over volcanoes in Guatemala and the Belize reef system
- Access to a private villa overlooking Lake Atitlán
- Private yachts for snorkeling and scuba diving in Belize

The Discovery

- Antigua
- Lake Atitlán
- The Mayan sites of Tikal and El Mirador
- The Belize Barrier Reef
- The Blue Hole

The Adventure

- Private boating
- Kayaking
- Hiking
- Aerial sightseeing
- Snorkeling
- Scuba diving

Duration When to go?

9 Days JAN FEB MAR APR MAY JUN JUL AUG SEP OCT NOV DEC

DESTINATIONS			TRAVEL TIME
GUATEMALA CITY	A	ANTIGUA	45 min
ANTIGUA	a	LAKE ATITLAN	3 hrs
LAKE ATITLÁN	-	TIKAL	2 hrs
TIKAL	+	PLACENCIA	1 hr
PLACENCIA	+	BELIZE CITY	50 min





PHOTOGRAPHY





PRIVATE TOUR GUATEMALA & BELIZE

Please note this private Guatemala and Belize tour is an example, as all of our luxury journeys are custom-made. You will find below a summary

Please contact us to start planning your custom-made private adventure of a lifetime.

Antigua (1 night)

Following your arrival in Guatemala City, enjoy a private transfer to Antigua. This charming colonial city is characterized by cobblestone streets and colorful houses. Your expert guide will show you the historical center with its exquisite architecture, the Cathedral, and buildings dating back to the colonial era.

Lake Atitlán (2 nights)

Drive to Casa Palopó hotel, overlooking the beautiful Lake Atitlán. Along the road of the volcanoes, you will stop by quaint Mayan villages where residents still wear typical Mayan dress, which varies from town to town. Relax by the pool of your hotel, enjoying views of the lake and volcanoes. Alternatively, we can arrange for a private kayaking excursion with a local guide along Lake Atitlán. In the early evening, enjoy cocktails as the sun sets whilst you learn about Mayan astrology from an esteemed scholar who has been living amongst the Mayan community for more than 20 years.

At Lake Atitlán, travel by private motorboat with your personal guide to hike and explore the local villages of Jaibalito de Santa Cruz – a route that features dazzling views of the San Pedro Volcano. Whilst in one of the villages, meet with a master textile artist to learn about their efforts to recuperate traditional weaving techniques. Later, stop to see spiritual sights such as the shrine to the Mayan deity, Maximon.

Petén (2 nights)

At Casa Palopó's helipad, board your private helicopter to fly to the Petén region via Flores. Along the way, stop at the Mirador archaeological complex, known for its abundance of ancient Mayan pyramids. Upon arrival, hike to the ancient complex with your personal guide. Later, head to Las Lagunas Boutique Hotel by helicopter.

The next day, enjoy a private tour of Tikal. Here you'll learn about the ancient Mayan civilization and archaeological importance of the impressive ruins. Located in the heart of the jungle and boasting over 3,000 structures, Tikal was declared a UNESCO Cultural and Natural World Heritage Site in 1979. Listen to howler monkeys, spot toucans and enjoy the jungle atmosphere as you explore the temples, palaces, and public squares with your personal guide.

While staying at Las Lagunas, spot wildlife as you kayak across the Quexil Lagoon. During your stay, meet with a scholar from the local university to learn about Mayan history. This expert background to the ancient Mayan culture really brings the ruins to life.



Placencia (3 nights)

Drive across the Belizean border and fly by private plane to Placencia, on the Southern Caribbean coast. Throughout your luxury Belize tour, stay at the Coppola-owned Turtle Inn. This intimate property features Balinese design with the décor chosen by Mr. Coppola himself.

In Belize, embark on snorkeling or diving excursions with your personal guide. Enjoy a private boat trip to a deserted cay to explore the beautiful Belize Barrier Reef from beneath the surface before relaxing on the beach with a gourmet picnic lunch. On another day, depart on your private speedboat through the unique mangrove estuaries in the Placencia lagoon in search of manatees and dolphins. As guests of the Turtle Inn, enjoy the property's spa, restaurants, beach, and pools at your leisure.

On the final day of your luxury Belize trip, depart Placencia by private plane and head for Belize City. During the journey, enjoy an aerial sightseeing tour over the spectacular Belize barrier reef system, including the breathtaking Blue Hole.



ABOUT BLUE PARALLEL

Blue Parallel is a bespoke luxury travel boutique.



Our mission is to take discerning, time-constrained travelers to the most spectacular natural and cultural wonders of Latin America, the Mediterranean, and the Polar Regions.



We create private, tailor-made journeys that focus on UNESCO World Heritage Sites, insider access experiences, and extraordinary outdoor adventures.



Since launching in 2003, we have become the go-to service for luxury travelers searching for top-of-the-line experiential journeys. We have been selected as an A-list Top Travel Advisor by Travel + Leisure every year since 2009, and are proudly part of the leading luxury travel network Virtuoso and their Ultraluxe Community (a by-invitation-only membership for the industry's most exclusive services and providers). We have hosted numerous eminent travelers since our inception and are frequently featured in prestigious international publications.



Blue Parallel journeys feature breathtaking outdoor adventures led by expert guides or accomplished athletes. Scuba diving in the Belize Reef, biking through Berber villages in the Atlas Mountains, ice-trekking on the Perito Moreno Glacier, dog sledding in Lapland, rafting on the Pacuare River in Costa Rica, and hiking the fjords of Norway are only a few examples of the extraordinary outdoor adventures we incorporate in our tailor-made itineraries. We take great satisfaction in designing custom-made adventures of a lifetime.



At Blue Parallel, we open doors to unique opportunities that match our travelers' interests. Our team travels year-round, seeking out the most intriguing insider experiences. Over the years, we have developed invaluable relationships with esteemed scholars, acclaimed artists, Olympic athletes, renowned chefs, directors of historical and natural landmarks, as well as with local leaders in politics and business, to name just a few examples.



Privacy has always been a top priority in all aspects of a Blue Parallel journey. Exclusive accommodations range from remote, fully-serviced villas in Iceland, a lighthouse on a private island in Norway, or a luxury private camp in the Sahara Desert. Examples of private custom experiences include an after-hours tour of the Alhambra in Andalucia, chartering a luxury yacht in the Galapagos Islands, or taking a private train ride to Machu Picchu. We can provide all these ultimate exclusive experiences and more so that our travelers can have the option to enjoy some of the world's most spectacular sights without the crowds.



Blue Parallel travelers are assigned a dedicated team comprised of:

- A personal travel expert
- A personal host in each destination
- Expert on-site guides and scholars
- Behind-the-scenes logistical experts to monitor every step of the journey
 We are on call for our travelers 24-hours a day during their trip, ensuring a smooth and stress-free experience. Whatever happens, our team is one step ahead, and we provide the flexibility to change the program during the journey, if need be.

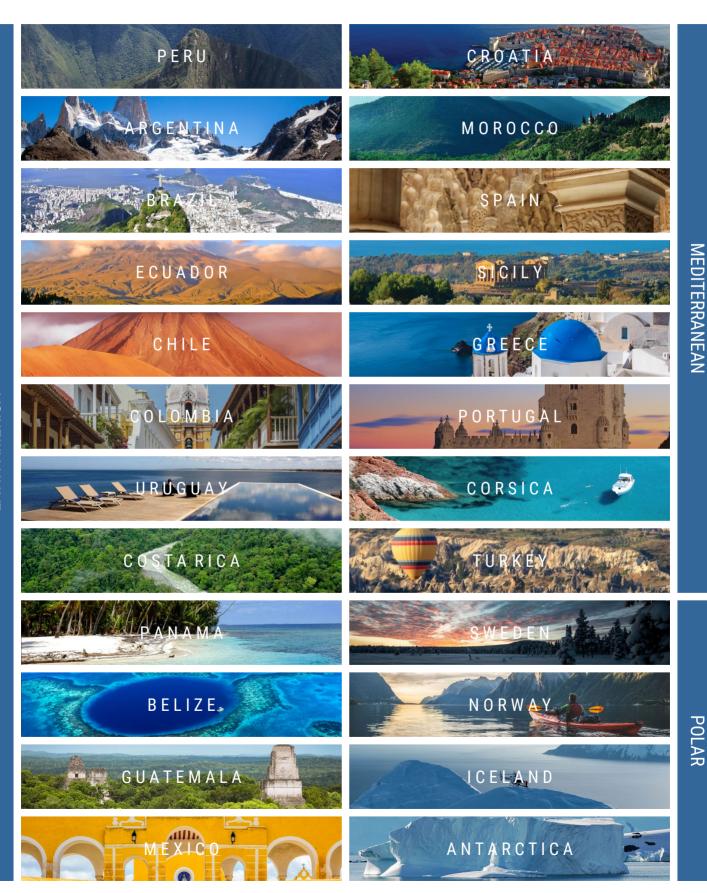
CERTAINTY IN AN UNCERTAIN WORLD

Blue Parallel's expertise and our obsession with details offer certainty in an uncertain world. We have almost 2 decades of experience handling unforeseen circumstances, and the recent pandemic has only increased the significant value of having our dedicated teams offer limitless support to our travelers before, during, and after their journeys.

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BLUE PARALLEL IN THE MEDIA

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START PLANNING

We are experts in creating inspiring tailor-made itineraries. We will take your vision, try to enhance it, and then make your dream trip a reality. You can call us at 1-301-263-6670 Monday-Friday | 9 AM -5PM ET, or send us an email to info@blueparallel.com.

How it all works

Contact us

Give us a call or send us an email in order to connect with one of our expert travel advisors.

Initial Consultation

We will ask you questions about your dream trip, make recommendations, and answer any questions you may have.

Summary Itinerary Outline

We will check availability for your preferred travel dates with our favorite accommodations and then provide you with a recommended summary trip outline.

Detailed Itinerary Proposal

Upon your approval of the summary outline, we will make tentative reservations and create a detailed custom-made itinerary with pricing documentation for your review.

Booking Procedures

If you would like Blue Parallel to secure your itinerary, we will email you our booking procedures and kindly request a deposit payment.

Pre-Trip Support 6

Closer to your travel dates, we will mail you a personalized travel package to ensure you are fully prepared for your journey.

During the Trip While you are traveling, our team will be available to assist you with anything you may need at any

Post-Trip Debrief

time.

After your journey, we would kindly ask to schedule a "debriefing call" to hear your feedback. Alternatively, you could fill in an online survey.

We will do our very best to surpass your expectations every step of the way. Most of our travelers are repeat travelers - we take great pride in forging long-term relationships with our savvy guests.