



TOP 10 WAYS TO EXPERIENCE ANTIGUA

COMING TO VISIT THE SCHOOL OF HOPE?
WELCOME TO A CITY AND COUNTRY THAT
HAS SO MUCH TO OFFER! HERE ARE OUR
TOP 10 WAYS TO SPEND A DAY IN AND
AROUND ANTIGUA.

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CERRO DE LA CRUZ



This is a must-see for your first day. The “Hill of the Cross” is a wonderful viewpoint to orient yourself to the city of Antigua. The walk is only 20 minutes from the city center up to a beautiful cross built in the 1930s. The top has lots of vendors on the weekends as well as a perfect view of the volcanoes (specifically Agua) on a good day.

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EXPLORE THE RUINS

Antigua is a UNESCO world heritage site, meaning it is legally protected for having cultural and historical significance. Sadly, many of the churches constructed in the 1600s and 1700s have seen many earthquakes. These left behind beautifully protected ruins to explore. Some will cost you around \$5 to enter, but typically nothing more. Our top 3 recommendations are La Recolectión, Convento Capuchinas, and Convento Santa Clara.



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PARQUE CENTRAL

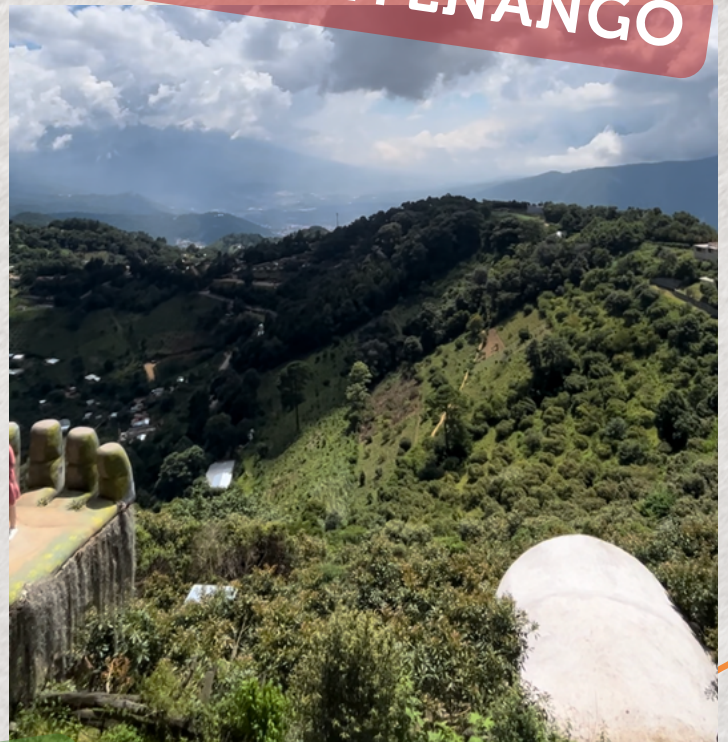


It is almost impossible to visit Antigua without walking under el Arco de Santa Catalina multiple times, however the park can be missed if brushed over too quickly. The vendors host tables of different plants, foods, and beautiful art. After checking out the vendors, enjoy some time sitting in the park listening to the fountain.

This cute spot in the mountains established in 2018 is a perfect 20 minutes from Antigua and worth a visit regardless if you've watched Lord of the Rings. There are many great spots for photo ops and an amazing swing to fly out over the mountain. All experiences are included by purchasing your shuttle directly with the Hobbitenango company for \$7 roundtrip (Hobbitenango Oficina, 3a Avenida Nte. 20a, Antigua Guatemala). Ubers are not recommended as they can get you up there, but there can often not be Ubers up in the mountains to get you back.

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CHOCOLATE MUSEUM!



Become a master chocolatier with a visit to the famous Antigua ChocoMuseo! Located on the north side of Parque Central, the courses will take you through the history of chocolate in Guatemala and allow you to go through the process of chocolate making, starting from the cocoa bean.

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HIKE A VOLCANO

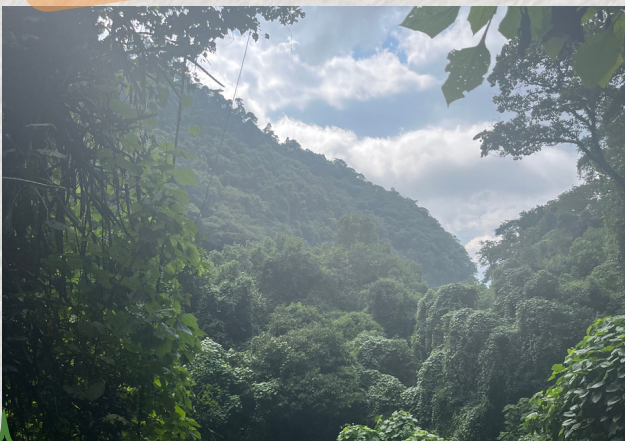
Guatemala has over 40 volcanoes, all of which you can hike with a guide, and three of which are active daily. For a nice day hike near Antigua, Pacaya is a perfect half-day adventure that will get you back by lunch. You can roast marshmallows with the heat and smoke coming through the cracks on the volcano and even pay for a horse to take you up and back!

For a more intense hike, try an overnight trip to Acatenango. This hike will get you up close and personal with the lava on Fuego at 13,000 feet. Get some great views and make great friends with the others staying in your cabin or tent!



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FINCA EL PILAR



This stunning farm provides a great escape to walk, swim, and lounge. Enjoy beautiful views just 15 minutes outside of Antigua. We recommend an Uber to the gate of the farm where you can pay around \$10 to explore the trails and the pool. The trails are well paved and marked to bring you back to where you started. The pools at the bottom are refreshing but beware they are also very cold!

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TAKE A SALSA CLASS

There are countless dance studios in the area offering free or discounted salsa classes to tourists almost every night of the week. Frank Arango Salsa Studio offers free classes Monday and Tuesdays at 5pm and Fridays at 7pm. Salsa y Más offers free classes every Thursday and Friday at 8pm.



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ANTIGUA BREWING CO.



Antigua has so many options for just grabbing a drink with friends or a night out. Antigua Brewing Co. is a great spot to try a good beer or cocktail with the view of the volcanoes and mountains from the terrace. Also, the best french fries you'll find in Antigua.

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THE PACA

Antigua has the perfect hidden gems of second-hand clothing. The Paca is a market full of options at low prices - from business wear, to sneakers, to loungewear - there is something for everyone. You can also explore all of Antigua's market options from food vendors to fresh produce and stunning flower bouquets right next door.

