



Project Inspire: Guatemala April 2-8, 2019

Tuesday, April 2, 2019

- 4:00 am Meet at Logan International Airport at 4:00 am
- 6:00 am Depart for Atlanta on Delta 2324
Depart for Guatemala City on Delta 904
- 12:15 pm Arrive in Guatemala and meet our guide, **Ruben Gomez**
and ground agent, **Luca Dessardo**
- 1:30 pm Lunch at a local restaurant with **Na'ama Levy**, Deputy
Chief of Mission at the Embassy of Israel in Guatemala
- 4:00 pm Meeting with **Hector Morales**, Communications Analyst at
UN in Guatemala
- 6:00 pm Check in to **Stofella Hotel**
Tel: +502 2410 8600
2 Avenida 12-28 Zona 10
Guatemala City, 01010
- 8:00 pm Dinner at Montano's with **Jessica Hammer Benaim**, co-
founder of Programa Valentina, a program that integrates
at-risk youth into technology jobs
- Overnight, Guatemala City



Wednesday, April 3, 2019

- 8:00 am Breakfast at hotel
- 9:00 am Depart for **Colegio Naleb high school**. Founder, Roberto Vizcaíno De León, studied at Mount Scopus University in Israel. The architecture of his school was inspired by the university, located in Jerusalem.
- 12:00 pm Lunch at a local restaurant
- 2:30 pm Meet with **Dr. Juan Manuel Díaz-Durán** and members of the **Israel-Guatemala Parliamentary League**
- Dr. Juan Manuel Díaz-Durán is president of the Parliamentary League. Dr. Díaz-Durán went to law school in Guatemala and continued his studies in the U.S. and Spain. Between 2008 and 2010, he was Dean at the San Pablo de Guatemala Law School. In 2016, he took office as a Congressman for VIVA (Vision with Values) party. In 2017 he was appointed President of the Israel-Guatemala Parliamentary League.
- 4:30 pm Travel to **Hebrew Center** and meet with members of **MayaWorks**, an organization that helps women transform their skills into a means of financial support for their families by creating a market for the traditional arts of Maya artisans.
- 5:30 pm Return to hotel
- 7:00 pm Group Discussion
- 8:15 pm Dinner at a local restaurant
- Overnight, Guatemala City



Thursday, April 4, 2019

- 8:00 am Breakfast at hotel

- 9:00 am Depart for Zacapa

- 12:00 pm Arrive in **Zacapa** to see the **MASHAV Agricultural School**

 Meet with **David Cordon**, Director of EANOR (*Escuela de Agricultura del Nororiente, Nororiental School of Agriculture*) and other members of the school.

- 1:00 pm Boxed lunch in Zacapa

- 5:00 pm Return to Guatemala City

- 7:00pm Group Discussion

- 8:30 pm Dinner at a local restaurant

Overnight, Guatemala City

Friday, April 5, 2019

- 7:30 am Breakfast at hotel

- 8:00 am Depart for meeting with Guatemalan Minister of Agriculture

- 9:00 am Meet with the **Guatemalan Minister of Agriculture**, Mario Méndez Montenegro

- 11:00 am Meet with **Israeli Ambassador Mattanya Cohen**

 Ambassador Cohen studied international relations at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. In 1991, he joined the Israeli Foreign Ministry and has served in Lima, Nicosia, El



Salvador, Belize, Florida, and Puerto Rico. Ambassador Cohen was also counselor for the Middle East in the economic department of the Israeli Foreign Ministry where he was responsible for the development of economic relations between Israel, the Arab countries, and the Palestinian Authority. In 2005, he became deputy director of the South America Department and in 2006 was appointed head of the department of Central America and the Caribbean. In 2011, he was appointed director of the training department of MASHAV.

- 1:00 pm Boxed lunch on the way to city tour
- 2:00 pm Guatemala City driving and walking tour
- 5:00 pm Return to the hotel to prepare for Shabbat
- 6:00 pm Depart for Shabbat services at **Centro Hebreo Synagogue**, and have dinner with members of the local community

Overnight, Guatemala City

Saturday, April 6, 2019

- 8:00 am Breakfast at hotel
- 9:00 am Depart for **Finca Filadelfia coffee plantation**. Coffee has helped fuel Guatemala’s economy for over a hundred years. Today, an estimated 125,000 coffee producers drive Guatemala’s coffee industry and coffee remains one of Guatemala’s principal export products, accounting for 40% of all agricultural export revenue.

Tour the plantation nursery, wet milling and drying patio where the beans are processed and sorted. Finish the tour in the cupping lab to taste coffee.
- 12:00 pm Boxed lunch on the bus



- 1:00 pm Tour **San Antonio Aguas Calientes** and its local markets

- 5:00 pm Proceed to Antigua and check in to **Posada de Don Rodrigo**
Calle del Arco No.17 La Antigua Guatemala
Tel: +502 78320387

- 6:00 pm Group Discussion

- 7:00 pm Havdalah with **Chabad of Antigua**

- 8:30 pm Dinner at a local restaurant

- Overnight, Antigua

Sunday, April 7, 2019

- 7:15 am Breakfast at hotel

- 8:30 am Depart for Escuintla

- 10:00 am Meet with **Vered Amitzi** from **IsraAID**, an Israeli-based humanitarian aid agency that responds to emergency crises and engages in international development around the world. Since its inception, IsraAID has worked in emergency and long-term development settings in 47 countries.

- 12:00 pm Return to **Antigua**, the country’s former capital and a UNESCO World Heritage Site known for its well-preserved Spanish Baroque-influenced architecture and ruins of colonial churches.

Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant and take a walking tour of the city.

- 5:00 pm Return to Guatemala City



6:30 pm Group Discussion

7:30 pm Farewell dinner with members of the board of **Club Shalom** and **MASHAV alumni**.

10:00 pm Return to hotel

Overnight, Guatemala City

Monday, April 8, 2019

9:00 am Breakfast at hotel

10:00 am Check out of hotel and depart for the airport

1:34 pm Depart on Delta 906 for Atlanta
 Depart on Delta 2454 for Boston

Tuesday, April 9, 2019

12:59 am Arrive at Boston Logan