

## Group Package

Thank you for your interest in bringing a group of volunteers to work with Mayan Families! We are very excited about having you here, and we would like to offer you our Group Package. This package is for groups of 8-25 people, with a stay of 9 days and 8 nights in Panajachel. We generally suggest a Saturday arrival and a Sunday departure in order to experience a full five days of volunteering with Mayan Families. The length of the stay is negotiable; we will adjust the price accordingly.

The price per person for the Group Package is \$750. It includes the following:

- Private transportation from the airport in Guatemala City to your hotel in Panajachel at the beginning of your trip, as well as from your hotel in Panajachel to the airport in Guatemala City at the end of your trip
- Accommodations (double occupancy) for 8 nights at a comfortable and safe hotel in Panajachel—usually Hotel Cacique Inn or Jardines del Lago
- Most meals:
  - Breakfasts will be at the Mayan Families facility or at your hotel.
  - Lunches will be provided on days you are doing volunteer work (i.e. weekdays). We provide lunches of peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, ham and cheese sandwiches, fruit, chips, cookies, and water.
  - We will book dinners for you at local restaurants. The last dinner will be a farewell dinner provided by us.
  - The package does not include drinks (apart from water), alcohol, or snacks.
- Transportation via pickup trucks to all planned Mayan Families activities/projects, as well as a boat trip to Mayan Families activities/projects in Santiago, if weather conditions are amenable
- An English-speaking member of the Mayan Families staff to accompany you to all Mayan Families activities/projects
- Translators for Spanish and Kaq'chikel at all Mayan Families activities/projects

### Additional Requirements:

We require a minimum donation of \$2,000 to fund whatever project your group decides to do. Choices include installing fuel-efficient stoves in community homes; distributing water filters, chickens, or beds to families; various construction projects for family homes; handing out sports equipment, and engaging in an athletic game with community members. This donation is to help ensure that your volunteer work is directed towards a tangible good or service for the communities we work with. We ask you to finalize your proposed project at least 30 days before your arrival, if not earlier.

### A Note about Children and Young Adults:

For children of 8 years or younger, we offer a reduced price of \$525/person. This includes all of the items listed above, with the assumption that the child will stay in the same hotel room as his or her parents. The price includes the extra cost of having the hotel bring a cot into the room for the child, if desired. Children older than 8 years are charged the full \$725 rate.

If your group includes teenagers or younger children, we can suggest a variety of activities for them to do. Teenagers who are willing to help out with your chosen projects are welcome to do so. For younger children, your group could bring arts and crafts projects for them to do with children of families that your group is working with. We could also have them help out with activities at our on-site preschool during the day. Please ask for more information if you have children in your group.

#### Recommended In-Kind Donations (Gently Used):

- Shoe drive
- Clothing drive
- Sports equipment
- School supplies
- Electronics (desktop computers, laptops, digital cameras, digital video-cameras, etc.)

#### Additional Mayan Families Activities We Can Arrange Upon Request:

- Visits to our preschools and middle school
  - You can arrange to do an arts & crafts project with students, but you must bring your own materials
- Visits to students whose sponsors are in your group
  - If you would like to arrange this, please send us a list of the sponsors in your group as soon as possible
- Visit to our carpentry school
- Visit to our beauty school
- Traditional Guatemalan cooking class (price not included in package)
- Lunch with Elderly Feeding Program in San Jorge (price not included in package)

#### This Package Does NOT Include:

- Overnight stay in Guatemala City
- Trip to Antigua
- Trip to Iximche ruins
- Non-Mayan Families sightseeing activities and tours
- Lunch with the Elderly Feeding Program in San Jorge
- Mayan Families Guatemalan cooking class
- Materials and supplies for activities at schools
- Drinks, alcohol, snacks

We can arrange many of the things listed above for you, but please be aware that they will incur additional costs.

Cancellation Policy:

At least 60 days before your arrival, we ask for a non-refundable \$500 deposit. This deposit serves to reserve the dates of your volunteer trip and contributes to your \$2,000 donation. We ask you to pay the remainder of your total invoice 30 days before your arrival. If your group cancels prior to the 30-day mark, you will be given back everything except the \$500 deposit. Each person in your group that cancels for any reason after the 30-day mark will be given back half of their total individual cost. If the whole group cancels after the 30-day mark, we will retain half of each individual's cost, as well as any money donated for your project. Given that the supplies for your project will have already been purchased, Mayan Families will move forward with the project even if your group cancels.

Please contact [volunteercoordinator@mayanfamilies.org](mailto:volunteercoordinator@mayanfamilies.org) to discuss this offer in more depth. If there are members of your group who are sponsors, please include a list of their names.

***Please note: rates are subject to change, according to changes in prices for the various amenities included in the package.***