



*Sample Activities List*

Activity	Details	Duration
Hike to sacred Mayan site of San Andres Peak	Weave through cornfields and countryside towards San Andres Peak, where you can enjoy picturesque views of Chajul and perhaps observe a Mayan ritual at the ancient ceremonial site. A Limitless Horizons scholarship student will act as your guide, sharing Mayan legends, discuss Chajul's history, and highlight local horticulture throughout the hike. Price includes snack.	2 hours
Chajul Tour	Walk the streets of Chajul past the ornate Catholic Church, local market, cemetery, coffee cooperative, and central square.	45 minutes
Tortilla or <i>boxbol</i> preparation with Limitless Horizons Ixil scholarship mothers	Learn how to make two of the Ixil regions most traditional dishes, tortillas and <i>boxbol</i> (boiled corn dough wrapped in squash leaves), from local experts themselves. After participating in the preparation process and cooking your lunch over a wood-burning stove, you'll enjoy the fruits of your labor with the family of a Limitless Horizons Ixil scholar.	1 hour
Back-strap weaving lesson in local homes	The weaving designs of the Ixil region are known throughout the world for their detailed figures and high-quality textures. You will be shown the process from start to finish by a local scholarship mother and have the opportunity to weave a souvenir from your lesson.	2 hours
Firewood collection	Most homes in Chajul rely on wood-burning stoves for cooking, warmth, and light, a common household chore is to chop and gather firewood from the surrounding forests. You will accompany a Limitless Horizons Ixil scholar on their daily rounds and carry loads to their home using the Ixil region's head-strap transport method. Afterwards, visit a home with a clean-burning cook stove to see the difference. Price includes snack.	1-2 hours
Guatemalan Civil War information with local <i>ex-guerrillero</i>	The Ixil region was heavily affected by the Guatemalan Civil War (1960-1996) and many Chajul men fought on both sides of the conflict. Listen to the first-hand experience of a local <i>ex-guerrillero</i> , who takes listeners on an emotional,	1.5 hours

	educational journey from his involvement in the military conflict to his subsequent return to civilian life. Listeners will have the opportunity to ask questions afterwards.	
Ixil earring threading	The characteristic Chajul earrings are wonderful souvenirs to show off back home and beautiful adornments in and of themselves. Sit very still while a Limitless Horizons Ixil scholar threads personalized Ixil earrings for you.	30 minutes
Ixil language class	The Mayan language of Ixil is spoken by approximately 70,000 people in Guatemala and by the majority of indigenous residents in Chajul. Spend an hour with a native Ixil speaker and learn its pronunciation, sentence structure, conjugation, and helpful phrases in Ixil. Price includes educational materials.	1-2 hours
Mayan sauna	Indoor plumbing is a rare find in Chajul, but you'd pressed to find a home with a <i>temascal!</i> Relax the Mayan way in the traditional sauna of a Limitless Horizons Ixil scholar and tour their home afterwards. Price includes bottled water.	1.5 hours
Homestay experience	For those interested in complete Ixil immersion, homestay experiences provide a unique, authentic insight into the ordinary lives of Chajul residents. Guests will stay with Limitless Horizons Ixil scholarship families and have the opportunity to grind cord, feed animals, tend the fire, or participate in other daily tasks. This options entails unavoidable inconveniences and risks and will be offered to travelers on a case-by-case basis in adherence to Limitless Horizons Ixil's policy of cultural sensitivity. Price includes breakfast and dinner. Please inquire for more information.	1-10 days
Traditional breakfast	Prepared by Limitless Horizons Ixil scholars	1 hour
Hearty lunch	Prepared by Limiless Horizons Ixil scholar mother	1 hour
Hike to Chichel waterfalls	Trek through beautiful pastureland to reach the booming Chichel waterfalls outside of Cotzal, cascading into an idyllic pool below – if you're brave, you can even take a dip! Afterwards, enjoy a scenic bus ride through Cotzal back to Chajul. Price includes snack and private return transportation.	3-4 hours

Guided trip to Acul	Hike to the “Switzerland of Guatemala” and enjoy a lavish three-course meal, fresh cheese for which the village is famous, and beautiful views of endless meadows. Price includes guide, snack, meal, and private transportation to Chajul.	5-7 hours
Game afternoon with scholarship students	As Chajul is largely isolated from foreign exposure, Sustainable Tourism groups are rare opportunities for Limitless Horizons Ixil scholars to meet international visitors and learn about different countries. Play sports with the scholars as a local soccer field or enjoy board games at our office to share more than just laughs and high fives – share your culture!	2-3 hours
Story Hour at <i>Saber Sin Límites</i>	The Ixil region’s first and only public library, <i>San Sin Límites</i> was founded by Limitless Horizons Ixil in 2010 to fulfill the community’s expressed desire for academic support, literacy services, and a safe, communal space. Join us for the immensely popular weekly Story Hour and spark the attendees’ imaginations by assisting the librarian during the reading itself and organizing the accompanying activity.	2 hours
Volunteer service project	Want to go above and beyond? Develop a personalized service project alongside Limitless Horizons Ixil staff to contribute to the long-term community and economic development of Chajul. Past projects include planting an organic community garden, laying the cement floor of a classroom, organizing professional development workshops for local teachers, and painting murals in the public library. Please inquire for more information.	