



Join Limitless Horizons Ixil in Guatemala in April 2026 and experience our work firsthand!



Limitless Horizons Ixil (LHI) is excited to invite you to visit the remote Maya Ixil village of Chajul, where we have worked since 2004.

Our 2026 Community Engagement Trip from April 19-27 will be an unforgettable experience that **combines learning, service, and exploration** and offers a unique opportunity to learn about Maya Ixil culture, history, and daily life.

Please note: Our April trip will be a smaller, more intimate group (10–15 participants) and will take place during the Guatemalan school year, with opportunities to see students and teachers in action—ideal for first-time visitors.

If you would like to join us for a larger (20+ participants), more celebratory trip, consider joining us on [our high school graduation trip in November](#).

“A once in a lifetime experience that could only be provided by an organization like LHI which is professional, entrusted, entrenched, and respected in the community.”
– Prior Trip Participant

“I gained a new perspective on the generosity and strength of the human spirit.... This entire journey is a beautiful testimony to hope, forgiveness, and resilience.”
– Prior Trip Participant

Secure your spot today

April 2026 Guatemala Trip Sample Schedule

(activity timing may vary depending on LHI's school schedule and needs)

For those joining us for an optional Day in Antigua

Arrive in Guatemala City Saturday, April 18

- Fly into Guatemala City and travel to Antigua via private transport
- Enjoy your first meal at one of Antigua's many restaurants

Day 1 - Sunday, April 19: Antigua Day (optional) OR Arrival in Guatemala

- For those who arrived Saturday: Spend this day exploring the UNESCO world heritage town of Antigua on a private city tour. Participate in a salsa class (optional)
- Everyone else: Fly into Guatemala City. Private transfer to Antigua
- Group Dinner

Day 2 - Monday, April 20: Antigua to Chajul

- Beautiful 7-8 hour trip on private transport through winding mountains, cornfields, and small indigenous towns en route to Chajul in Guatemala's Maya Ixil region with rest stops for lunch and movement

Day 3 - Tuesday, April 21: Chajul

- Guided tour of Chajul and Ixil language lesson
- Visit the town's open-air market and Limitless Horizons Ixil's Community library
- Learn to make tortillas and eat lunch with a local family
- Visit our school and meet students, teachers, and staff
- *Optional: Zumba lesson*

Day 4 - Wednesday, April 22: Chajul

- Morning school activities with students and staff
- Observe classes, join in activities, and eat lunch with students at *Colegio Horizontes*
- Short Chajul culture lesson and optional artisan purchases
- Learn about the impact of the 36-year civil war in the Ixil area from a community member who experienced it firsthand

Day 5 - Thursday, April 23: Chajul

- Choose between: a hike to the Sacred Mayan site of San Andres Peak, trying the local coffee making process, or spending more time at *Colegio Horizontes*.
- Learn to make *boxbol* (the Ixil region's traditional food) and learn to backstrap weave
- Interactive activity with library users

Day 6 - Friday, April 24: Chajul to Lake Atitlan

- Private transport to Lake Atitlan, one of the most scenic lakes in the world.
- Stay at a beautiful jungle ecolodge in the lakeside town of Santa Cruz la Laguna
- Delicious 3 course dinner on the water
- *Optional: massage*

Day 7 - Saturday, April 25: Lake Atitlan

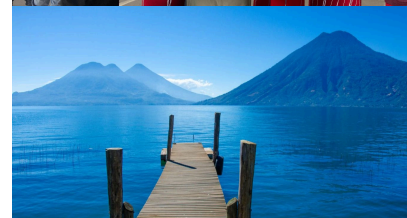
- Travel by private boat to culturally rich San Juan la Laguna to visit local cooperatives (natural dyeing and weaving, honey, chocolate making, & painting)
- *Optional: Shopping, massage, kayaking or paddleboarding*

Day 8 - Sunday, April 26: Lake Atitlan to Antigua

- Enjoy a lovely morning kayaking, hiking, or relaxing
- Lunch at the lakeside town of Panajachel
- Return by private transport to Antigua for final sightseeing & shopping

Day 9 - Monday, April 27: Travel Home

- Final breakfast & private shuttle to the Guatemala City airport





Please note that **this trip will operate only if a minimum of seven (7) participants enroll.**

Limitless Horizons Ixil reserves the right to cancel the trip if the minimum number of participants is not met. In the event of cancellation due to low enrollment, all payments made to Limitless Horizons Ixil will be fully refunded.

Please wait for confirmation from LHI to book your flights.

Trip Cost: \$1,800 per person*

Optional Pre-trip Antigua Day: Spend this day exploring the UNESCO world heritage town of Antigua on a private city tour. Optional salsa lesson available for those interested.

Pricing includes additional hotel accommodations and all meals.

[You must arrive on Saturday, April 18th. **Additional Cost: \$250**]

****Please note that this trip cost is based on double occupancy rooms throughout your stay. If you prefer single occupancy for the Antigua and Lake Atitlan portions of the trip, please let us know and we can try to accommodate for an additional fee. Single occupancy in Chajul is limited and dependent on hotel availability.***

FULL TRIP FEES INCLUDE	FULL TRIP FEES DO NOT INCLUDE
- Accommodations for nine days - Three meals per day plus snacks - Ground transportation - Tour guide & translation services - All activity costs - Trip planning by experienced LHI Team - A tax-deductible donation to LHI - Inspiration and life-long memories!	- Airfare - Airport meals - Travel insurance - Medical expenses - Souvenirs & personal expenses - Tips for guides and trip leaders

This trip directly supports our programs in Chajul through our 501(c)(3) organization.

\$800 from full trip payments is eligible for a tax deduction based on current IRS regulations. Upon full payment, you will receive a charitable donation receipt.

RESERVATION POLICY:

Before March 21, 2026: \$500 deposit retained as a tax-deductible donation.

After March 21, 2026: \$900 retained from full trip fees as a tax-deductible donation

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Flights

- ONCE OUR TRIP IS CONFIRMED (pending minimum enrollment, see above) please book your flights to Guatemala City on Sunday, April 19 (*Saturday, April 18 for those participating in the Antigua day*) and departure on Monday, April 27.
- Rush hour from Guatemala city to Antigua is on weekdays from 4pm-9pm. Expect longer travel times to Antigua if you arrive during this window. Rush hour from Antigua to Guatemala City is weekdays from 6am-9am. Expect longer travel times to Guatemala City if you depart during this window.
- For assistance with travel plans and transportation options, don't hesitate to reach out.

Accommodations & Meals*

***Please note that our trip cost is based on double occupancy rooms throughout your stay.**

- Chajul: accommodations are basic but hygienic and comfortable (note: hot water and electricity can be limited).
- Antigua and Lake Atitlán: accommodations are comfortable and tastefully decorated. Hot water is more reliable.
- While in Chajul, Limitless Horizons Ixil cooks prepare breakfast. Lunch is either served at our school or by local families in their homes. Dinner will be catered by a local restaurant. Families and cooks have gone through extensive hygiene training to safely serve meals to our participants.
- Our visitors only drink bottled or filtered water.
- Travelers are encouraged to bring snacks (e.g. granola bars, trail mix, dark chocolate) or any specialty foods to supplement and add variety to their meals.
- Travelers should plan to bring a water bottle to refill with filtered or bottled water.
- Any dietary needs can be accommodated and must be communicated to our staff upon registration.

Activity Level & Weather

- Elevation levels range from 5,000-7,000 feet and most locations are somewhat hilly with some unpaved roads. Walking for 20 minutes at a time may be part of the day's schedule, and sturdy walking shoes are recommended. Open air [tuk tuks](#) are readily available for anyone who isn't comfortable walking longer distances.
- In April, temperatures in all locations we'll be visiting range from 45-60°F at night to 75-85°F during the day with ~65% humidity and tends to be sunny with rare afternoon and evening rain showers.
- There will not be indoor heating or cooling available throughout the trip so guests are encouraged to pack according to the temperatures mentioned above to ensure their comfort throughout the trip.

Safety

- Our staff members have led service trips for the past 20+ years and have extensive training in risk management and emergency response. We have comprehensive emergency action plans which ensure the safety of our groups, and which ensure we can obtain medical care at any point during your stay if necessary.
- Limitless Horizons Ixil is not responsible for lost or stolen goods. At orientation, we will provide suggestions on how to prevent theft. *Participants are advised not to bring valuables.*

Health, Immunizations, & Travel Insurance

- LHI requires you to have health insurance that will cover emergencies and health care when in Guatemala.
- If you do not currently have coverage when traveling internationally, you can purchase travel insurance and emergency evacuation coverage through [Seven Corners](#) or [World Nomads](#) for the duration of the trip.
- LHI recommends that participants have been immunized against **tetanus, diphtheria, hepatitis B** (all standard travel vaccines), and **COVID-19**.
- Additionally, we strongly advise that participants get vaccines specific to this area: **hepatitis A** (two-shot series, good for 20 years) and a **typhoid shot** (good for two years).
- The Centers for Disease Control reports that there is no malaria in any of the areas on the trip's itinerary.
- If you are concerned about digestive sickness, you can get a prescription of antibiotics from your physician; be sure to have 4 to 10 days worth of medication.
- Be sure to bring any prescription medications you need for the duration of the trip.

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