

# Join us for our very first **high school graduation** during our **November 2026 trip** to Guatemala!



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 November 2-10 trip is timed to coincide with the graduation of our first high school class, which you will celebrate alongside our full student body, families, and our staff!

This trip also includes an optional add-on to visit the <u>All Saints Day Giant Kite festival</u>, a once-in-a-lifetime Guatemalan experience!

Join us for this 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 November trip will be a larger group (20+) and has a more celebratory feel, with less classroom time, as it will take place after school has finished for the year. If you're interested in a more intimate experience during the Guatemalan school year, consider joining us in April.

"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



# November 2026 High School Graduation Trip Sample Schedule

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

## Optional Pre-Trip Add-on days (\$500)

Optional Day A - Sunday, Nov. 1: All Saints Day Giant Kite Festival

- (Arrive in Guatemala Saturday, October 31)
- A once-in-a-lifetime experience seeing the <u>giant kites of All Saints Day</u>, an incredible Guatemalan tradition.

## Optional Day B - Monday, Nov. 2: Antigua Day

- Explore the UNESCO world heritage town of Antigua or participate in a local cultural activity. Finish the day off with an optional salsa class.

## Day 1 - Tuesday, Nov. 3: Antigua to Chajul

- (Arrive in Guatemala Monday, November 2. Stay in Antigua Guatemala, lunch or dinner in Antigua depending on your arrival time)
- 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 2 - Wednesday, Nov. 4: Chajul

- Guided tour of Chajul and Ixil language lesson.
- Visit Limitless Horizons Ixil's Community library and meet eager young readers.
- Learn to make tortillas and eat lunch with families of LHI students.
- Visit our school, *Colegio Horizontes*, and meet students, teachers, and staff.

## Day 3 - Thursday, Nov. 5: Chajul

- Observe and join in activities at Colegio Horizontes.
- Learn about the impact of the 36-year civil war in the Ixil area from a community member who experienced it firsthand.
- Learn to make *boxbol* (the Ixil region's signature dish) with local families.
- Try your hand at the art of backstrap weaving with a lesson in a local home.
- Service project: Engage with 50+ young library users during a celebratory and educational event.

## Day 4 - Friday, Nov. 6: Chajul

- High School Graduation ceremony!
- Short Chajul culture lesson and chance to buy local textiles.

### Day 5 - Saturday, Nov. 7: Chajul

- 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.

## Day 6 - Sunday, Nov. 8: Lake Átitlan

- 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.

## Day 7 - Monday, Nov. 9: Lake Atitlan to Antigua

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

## Day 8 - Tuesday, Nov. 10: Travel Day

- Final breakfast & private shuttle to the Guatemala City airport.





## Option 1: Primary Trip (Days 1-8) - \$1,800 per person\*

Optional Pre-trip Add-on Days A and B (All Saint's Day Giant Kite Festival and Antigua Day): Explore the giant kites of All Saints Day, a once-in-a-lifetime Guatemalan tradition and spend time in the UNESCO world heritage town of Antigua on a tour or participating in cultural activities. Optional salsa lesson available for those interested. Pricing includes additional hotel accommodations and all meals.

[You must arrive on Saturday, October 31st. Additional Cost: \$500]

\*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
<ul> <li>Accommodations for nine days</li> <li>Three meals per day plus snacks</li> <li>Ground transportation</li> <li>Tour guide &amp; translation services</li> <li>All activity costs</li> <li>Trip planning by experienced LHI Team</li> <li>A tax-deductible donation to LHI</li> <li>Inspiration and life-long memories!</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>- Airfare</li> <li>- Airport meals</li> <li>- Travel insurance</li> <li>- Medical expenses</li> <li>- Souvenirs &amp; personal expenses</li> <li>- Tips for guides and trip leaders</li> </ul>

## **FULL TRIP CANCELLATION POLICY:**

Before September 15, 2026 (6 weeks before the trip): \$500 deposit retained as a tax-deductible donation. After September 15, 2026: \$900 retained from full trip fees as a tax-deductible donation

## Option 2: Just join us in Chajul (Days 1-5) - \$950 per person\*

Meet up with the group in Antigua on Day 1 for transportation to Chajul and be dropped back off in Antigua on Day 5. This option is perfect for independent travelers who want to make their own arrangements in Guatemala.

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

CHAJUL TRIP FEES INCLUDE	CHAJUL TRIP FEES DO NOT INCLUDE
<ul> <li>- Ground transportation services to Chajul and back from Antigua*</li> <li>- Accommodation for four days</li> <li>- Three meals per day plus snacks</li> <li>- Tour guide &amp; translation services</li> <li>- All activity costs</li> <li>- Trip planning by experienced LHI Team</li> <li>- A tax-deductible donation to LHI</li> <li>- Inspiration and life-long memories!</li> </ul>	- Transportation services for add-on travels - Airfare - Airport meals - Airport transport - Travel insurance - Medical expenses - Souvenirs & personal expenses - Tips for guides and trip leaders

<sup>\*</sup>If you have different transport needs outside of the Antigua-Chajul-Antigua transportation offered, please contact Elena at <a href="mailto:communications@limitlesshorizonsixil.org">communications@limitlesshorizonsixil.org</a> so that she can get you a personalized quote based on your itinerary and group size.

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

\$800 from full trip payments and \$600 from Chajul-only payments qualify as charitable contributions and are eligible for a tax deduction based on current IRS regulations. Upon full payment, you will receive a charitable donation receipt.

## **CHAJUL DAYS CANCELLATION POLICY:**

After September 15, 2026 (6 weeks before the trip): \$500 deposit retained as a tax-deductible donation.



## **Flights**

- Please book your flights to Guatemala City on Monday, November 2 (Saturday, October 31 for those participating in the pre-trip add on days) and departure on Tuesday, November 10.
- 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 available.
- 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 <u>tuk tuks</u> are readily available for anyone who isn't comfortable walking longer distances.
- In November, temperatures in all locations we'll be visiting range from 50-60° at night to 70-75° during the day with  $\sim$ 60% humidity and potential afternoon and evening rain showers. A light down jacket, rain jacket, and shoes suitable for light mud are recommended.
- 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 <u>Seven Corners</u> or <u>World Nomads</u> 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.

# Register online today

or email Elena at communications@limitlesshorizonsixil.org for more information and/or help registering.