

GUATEMALA CONTINUES TO WELCOME INTERNATIONAL TRAVELERS WITH OPEN ARMS AND WORKS IN COORDINATION TO PREVENT COVID-19 OUTBREAKS IN ITS TERRITORY

Through the Ministry of Public Health and Social Welfare (MSPAS in Spanish), Guatemala has put in place strict prevention protocols not one single case of COVID-19 has been reported to date. No travel warnings have been issued about our country and we therefore invite international tourists to continue with your plans to visit Guatemala.

Guatemala, March 8th. 2020.- Guatemala, Heart of the Maya World, continues to welcome foreign visitors coming by land, air or sea. Health, migration, customs and tourism authorities are working thoroughly to prevent COVID-19 outbreaks and, should a case occur, to effectively contain expansion.

The Ministry of Health follows the protocols recommended by the World Health Organization (WHO) as well as by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC). Likewise, tourism authorities are following World Tourism Organization (WTO) recommendations.

With our mind at ease, knowing that all public and private agencies are working in close coordination, we invite you to enjoy the natural and cultural wealth offered by Guatemala and, above all, the hospitality and kindness of its people.

Kindly do take these aspects into account:

- There are no cases of COVID-19 in Guatemala.
- The Government of Guatemala has in place permanent surveillance protocols to allow the entry, free from hindrances, of passengers coming from countries with outbreaks, such as the United States, Canada, Mexico, and Costa Rica, to mention a few.
- We are constantly monitoring the global evolution of COVID-19 and prevention recommendations have been issued to tourism authorities, as well as to businesses, service providers in the country, and to the general public, to remain alert and to follow strict hygiene measures.
- Every person should follow personal hygiene recommendations made by agencies such as the CDC, WHO and, locally by the Ministry of Health, including:
 - When coughing or sneezing, cover your mouth and nose with tissue or with your forearm;
 - Wash your hands thoroughly (at least 20 seconds) and frequently with water and antibacterial soap;
 - Constantly disinfect often-used areas and surfaces (door knobs, counters, elevator buttons, and similar).

Guatemala is ready to overcome any contingency in this global crisis. We remain at your service to coordinate any action and support you may need. Please remain up to date through social networks:

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