

Tzununa

Our village; local, small indigenous and traditional community.

Things to do in Tzununa

Maya Moon Lodge: Great place to swim, beach, tubes. Lakeside restaurant and lodge; www.mayamoonlodgeatitlan.com

- Bamboo Hotel and Restaurant part of Atitlan Organics - Permaculture farm, gives free (donation) tours Fridays at 10am . More info at www.atitlanorganics.com
- Hummingbird Hostel & Cafe: On the way to the Tzununa village on the right hand side. www.hummingbirdgoodness.com
- Max's Micro Permaculture Tour - Max (He works at reception) will meet you in Tzununa for a hike up the valley to his property, he will show you around and explain his permaculture farm principles to you. We buy our organic eggs and chicken from Max's farm. Arranged at reception. You can also contact him via facebook at El Jocotel or tel: 5309 3526 or email: maxbenja@gmail.com
- Doron's Yoga and Zen Center: Offers Yoga teaching training courses and Yoga classes every day at 4pm except Sundays. www.doronyoga.com
- Mahadevi Ashram www.MahadeviAshram.org Has weekly Kirtan sessions. Inquire at reception for more info. Just past Atitlan Organics.
- Getting to Tzununa:
- 20 minute walk to the right, out of Lodge door at the top of the property.
- Catch the boat at our private dock: (5Q) Left towards Panajachel.

Jaibalito

Small local village, traditional

Things to do:

- :Hiking - great hike to Jaibalito - walk into Tzununa, take 1st right after football field, follow road, it turns into dirt path, only forks once - keep left up the hill. 1 to 1½ hours. Hike back, or take the boat for 10Q. Or continue to Santa Cruz (45 minutes).
- Club Ven Aca - jacuzzi, pool, bar & restaurant . Good hang out day on the Lake. Open 11am to 4pm
- Han's Place (Posada Jaibalito) - Comedor style, German dishes.

Getting to Jaibalito:

- Hike (see above) or take the boat in the direction of Panajachel (10Q)

Santa Cruz

Pretty small town at the top of a hill, selection of restaurants on the water

Things to do:

- Diving - offered at La Iguana Perdida.
- Church - beautiful church in the town.
- Rent kayaks on the lakeside.
- Paddle board tours: www.supatitlan.com

Restaurants:

- Cecap cafe - www.cecapsantacruz.org - Good restaurant run by training locals in catering. Highly recommended.

Getting to Santa Cruz:

- By boat (in the direction of Pana). 15q

Santa Catarina

Very small local village

Getting to Santa Catarina:

- Take camion (pick up truck) from Panajachel for 5-8Q. in front of La Dispensa Familiar. Turn right on Calle Principal towards the bridge. Turn right at top of Calle Santander to join Calle Principal.

San Antonio

Small indigenous village, women dressed in stunning blue hupils & hair worn in colourful wraps. Beautiful hand crafted, painted ceramics & weaving.

Getting to San Antonio:

- Carry on past Santa Catarina in camion (pick up truck)costs another 3-5Q.
- There are no public boats -if you want to take a boat, you will have to hire private boat from the Santiago or Panajachel dock .

Chichicastenango

Huge Local market on Thursday & Sunday, selling traditional products.

Getting to Chichicastenango:

- We can book a shuttle service which leaves Pana at 8 am and then leaves Chichi at 2pm - round trip costs \$12. (Take a 7am or 7.20am boat)
- You can also take chicken buses - you'll need to go to Solola and change there for Chichi, takes 1½ -2 hours.

NB If you don't have time to go to Chichi, you can go to Panajachel Calle Santander Street you will find great gifts and the same traditional mayan products, or for a smaller traditional (but still impressive) market go to Solola take chicken bus from Pana, 20 minute trip for 5Q.

San Marcos

- *Holistic, yoga centered town, small shops & restaurants.* ATM. Nature reserve.

- **Holistic treatments and Massage** See our website
- www.mayamoonlodgeatitlan.com
- San Marcos Holistic Cottage with Katherine - phone 31837662, email through the website : www.sanmholisticcottage.com or pass by and write your name down on the board on the door for an appointment. It's located on the pathway, near the old dock.
- Cathy Byers next to The Pyramids offer many holistic services; pass by for an appointment. Tel: 3300-2733 email : kathbyer@yahoo.ca
- East West Centre - Marta or Suzi are very good.
- Email: eastwestcenteratitlan@gmail.com Located on the main walkway going down to the public boat dock. Offers group massages, up to five people in one time space.
- Flower House - Nadia Petrova - Certified Naturopath, herbalist, natural medicines and courses www.flower-house.info
- Mark Elmy : Mayan Readings, Ceremonies and Courses
- Merrill Storm: is highly recommended, she is a Crystal Theta Therapist, Medical Intuitive, and Regression Therapist Tel: 5550-8073 email her at stormstones56@hotmail.com or facebook page Khephera: The Art of Reinventing Yourself. She also offers The Advanced Crystal Healing Course.
- Michelle: Shiatsu Massage, Astrological Tarot, Tree of Life Tarot. Tel: 4476-4380 email: michli.c@gmail.com

Restaurants

- Moonfish - Walk straight through town, past basketball pitch and school on right side of road.
- Medicine Foods - 8:30-4:30 vegetarian, vegan, chocolate restaurant. Near the nature reserve, right hand side by the lake.
- El Camino Cafe - on the main pathway to main public dock.
- Circle Cafe - on main pathway down to main public dock.
- Il Jardin - Very good - Vegetarian Restaurant. Just past Circles on the left.

Nature Reserve - Walk along the lake, on the right hand side pathway, entrance 15q, kayaks to rent and a great place to jump into the lake and swim.

Coffee tours : Contact Tim Reher owner of Shangri-la Atitlan

We use his Fair trade coffee at the lodge.

Tim helps coffee farmers roast their coffee. For more info contact him via facebook at Shangri-la Atitlan or Tel: 4552 3395

Getting to San Marcos

- Walk in 20/25 minutes from Maya Moon (turn right at the top pathway) or take the boat.

- **Boat:** Public boats stop every 20 minutes from our private dock, the boat comes from Panajachel from the left side of the lake, you will see the boat coming from around the peninsula, then you have 6 minutes to get on the dock and flag the boat down, costs 5q and takes 5 minutes to get to San Marcos.
- Last boat back to Maya Moon Lodge from San Marcos at 5:40 pm.
- **Tuk tuk to or from San Marcos:** In the day time it is easy to stop a tuk tuk going into San Marcos. 10Q a person. Just walk to the top of the lodge to road, the road to the right goes to Tzununa, to the left San Marcos.
- **Night time tuk tuk:** We recommend ringing Nacho (3184-8246) Ismael (4919-3825) or Oscar (5899-0111) from Tzununa. Or Luis Tuy Tuy from San Marcos: (4508-1604) . After dark the price is approx 15Q a person or a minimum of 30Q upwards.
- **Indian Nose :** Luis Tuy Tuy : Ofrece el servicio de Tours del Rostro Maya (Nariz del Indio) Per persona Q.120/140 with Luis Tuy Tuy

San Juan

We highly recommend a visit to this colourful village. Many murals. Small & charming artistic indigenous village. Traditional mayan art galleries, women's textile co-ops, natural plant medicines & classes.

Textiles

- Casa Flor Ixcaco - weaving demonstrations and extensive shop. Turn left at the top of the steep hill from the boat, take the second right, it's then on the left hand side. Empowering the women of San Juan through the art of the hand spun cotton. www.woven-gt.com Tel: 58227541
- Batz - small store of well made textile products using natural dyes. From the boat, walk up to the church, turn right & it's at the end of the road on the corner on the left.
- Lema Weaving Association San Juan La Laguna: Classes to make your own scarf. Easy to find or take a Tuk tuk 5Q

Restaurants

- Artesano - wine & cheese restaurant Monday to Friday 12-4pm. Need to call to make reservations (reservation only) 4555 4773
- Comedor Alma de Colores - vegetarian cafe with daily specials
- Cafe : On left hand side as you get off the boat, good ambience and recycled materials used, many plants. Right on the lake, run by friendly local family.

Getting there to San Juan:

- By boat to San Juan - 15Q. The last boat back to Maya Moon Lodge is at 5pm
- It's a 25 minute walk or 10 Q Tuk tuk ride between San Pedro and San Juan. The last boat from San Pedro is 5.30pm.
- A tuk tuk from San Juan to Maya Moon is 60Q before the last boat leaves (much more afterwards!) - it takes about an hour and is a bumpy (but interesting) ride.

- We recommend a visit to San Juan then take a tuk tuk 10Q a person to explore San Pedro, good day trip.

Other information

- ATM machine at Banrural. Ask a Tuk tuk to take you to it. 5Q per person.

San Pedro

Bars, restaurants, market,nightlife.

Things to do

- Bars and restaurants.
- Shopping - jewellery, fruit & vegetable market.
- Walk up the hill to the top of the cathedral for amazing view of town, good pictures, usually give local man 10Q to let you in.
- Hike San Pedro volcano : 100Q entrance. Go to San Pedro then arrange with a tour operator or when you get off the boat there is small office.

Shops/markets

- Tienda Joanna's- basic groceries.
- Health food store for imported and holistic products. Take the first right after walking up the hill from the boat dock. It's on the right hand side.
- Street mercado for fruits, veggies - walk straight up from the boat dock.

Restaurants

- Idea Connection- Italien owned, great sandwiches, pasta etc.
- El Barrio Bar.
- Clover restaurant.
- Hostel Fe- Great curries and meat dishes. Party hostel. First right when you get off the boat.

Getting there

- Boat to San Pedro 15Q. (Boat going to the left) Every 20 min. from our private dock. Last boat back to Maya Moon is 5.30pm.
- Private boat can be arranged if you want to come back to lodge later than 5.30pm .

Other information

- Two ATM's - one on left hand side just up from boat dock.Or at Banrural near the market, ask a tuk tuk to take you there. 5Q per person.

Santiago

- Biggest town on the lake, different view and feel, huge central square and great selection of local, artisan goods, good market, home of Maximon. ATM. Traditional clothes worn in this village.

Things to do

- **Maximon - local idol/deity... Buy alcohol/cigarettes to pay respects sold at a local, family house near Maximon. Just ask a tuk tuk to take you to house, every year Maximon is moved to a secret location. Not to be missed.**
- **Cerro de Oro - easy day hike. Arrange private boat.**
- **Posada de Santiago - Hotel with swimming pool and lunch - walk in.**

Getting to Santiago

Take boat to San Pedro, then walk 20 minutes or take tuk tuk to the Santiago dock. Boats leave from there every hour, usually 15 past the hour, costs 30Q. *NB keep in mind the last boat leaves San Pedro at 5.30 pm, so you need to leave enough time to get to that dock. Or you can take a direct boat to Panajachel (30-35q) and boats from Panajachel to Maya Moon leave later - 6 and 7:30pm. We can arrange a private boat to Santiago.

Panajachel

Central tourist hub, great shopping, lots of restaurants, banks, moneygram, western union, ATM, place to catch shuttles and chicken buses.

Ask at reception to book shuttles to most places in Guatemala

Things to do

- **Panajachel high street - a very good alternative if you've no time to go to Chichicastenango market.**
- **Panajachel high street offers the best value of local artesanía goods, much cheaper than Antigua.**
- **Market : Take a tuk tuk 5q each to the colourful local market.**
- **Abracadabra - Unique gift shop. On the high street towards the lake on the left hand side. Highly recommended.**
- **Butterfly Nature Reserve - 40Q entrance fee, monkeys and butterflies.**
- **Nature Reserve : Two different ziplining options for additional fees. Take a tuk tuk from Panajachel to get there. 10q per person.**
- **Hotel Atitlan - Go for lunch has beautiful gardens, parrots and peacocks. 40Q to get in but taken from lunch bill, take a tuk tuk from Panajachel.(10q per person.)The hotel is near the Nature Reserve, good day out. Great views.**

Restaurants and cafes

- **Cafe Loco - great coffee. On Calle Santander.**
- **Jasmin - delicious food (including vegetarian selection) in beautiful setting. On Calle Santander.**
- **Deli Llama del Fuego - same menu as Jasmin. Also on Calle Santander**

Getting to Panajachel

- **Boat 20Q From our private dock first boat at 6am then every 20 minutes.**

Accommodation: www.raxha-rentals.com Great selection of fully furnished houses for rent nightly and weekly rates. Good for couples, groups and families.