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# JUNGLE KINGDOMS OF THE ANCIENT



**JANUARY 25-  
FEBRUARY 7, 2020**

(14 days | 12 guests)  
with Mayanist Virginia Miller

*"The complete investigation of all  
major sites; I feel like we didn't  
miss anything!"*

- Dennis, New Mexico

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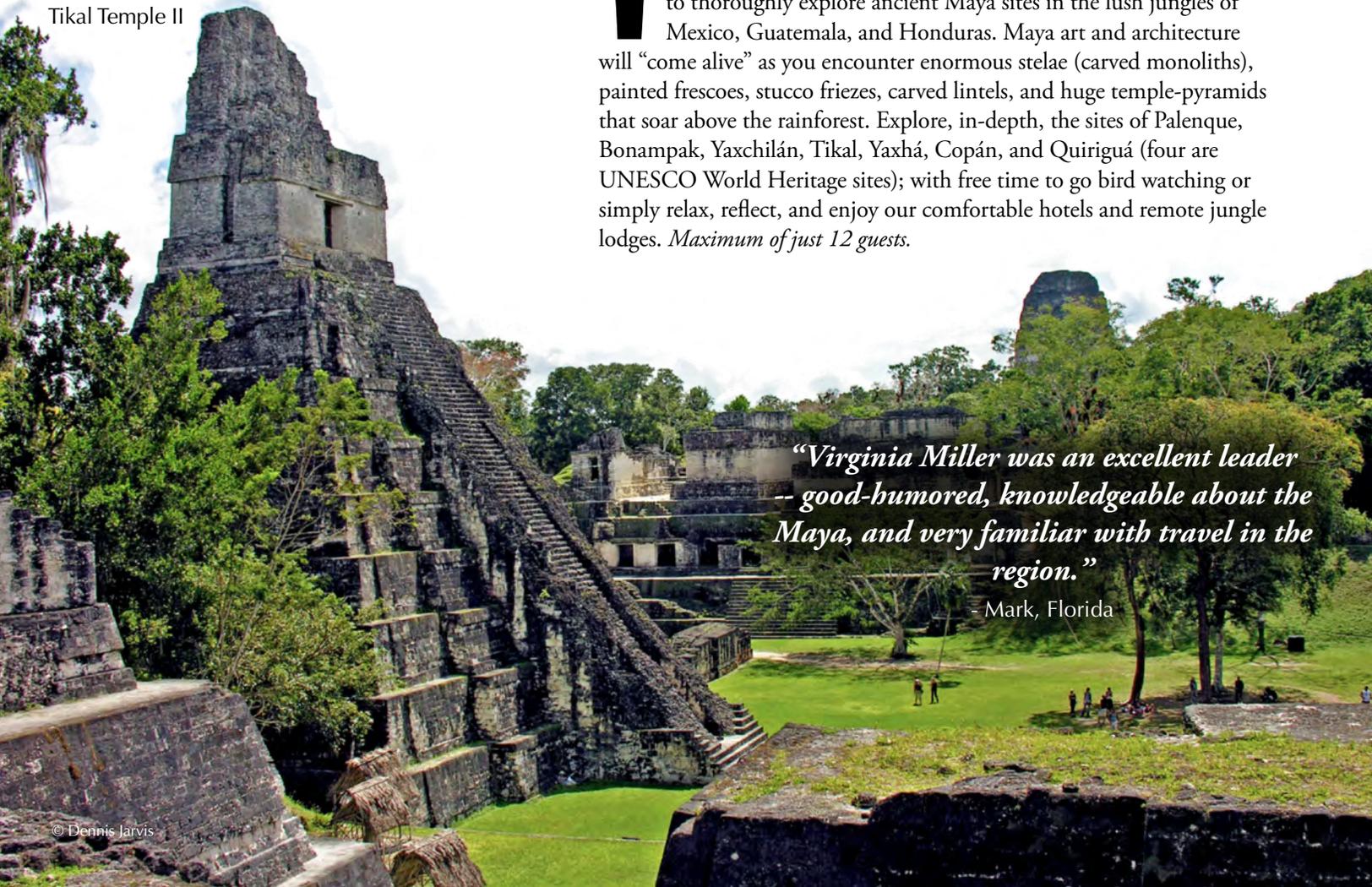
## Archaeological Institute of America Lecturer & Host



**Virginia E. Miller** is an expert on Maya art and architecture who has led five previous AIA Tours to acclaim, including this one in 2016 and 2017. She recently retired from the University of Illinois-Chicago, where she chaired

the Department of Art History for several years. In retirement, she occasionally teaches Pre-Columbian art courses at Northwestern University. Professor Miller has lived in Spain, Mexico, and Central America and is fluent in Spanish. She earned her M.A. in Latin American Studies and Ph.D. in Art History at the University of Texas at Austin. She is the recipient of several major fellowships, including one from the National Endowment for the Humanities and two Fulbrights to teach and conduct research in Guatemala and Mexico. Professor Miller is the author of numerous articles on Maya art and architecture and has lectured throughout the U.S., Europe, and Latin America, including the AIA's national lecture circuit.

Tikal Temple II



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- # Overnight stops
- Itinerary stops
- ✈ International flights

**T**his tropical adventure provides the best-paced itinerary available to thoroughly explore ancient Maya sites in the lush jungles of Mexico, Guatemala, and Honduras. Maya art and architecture will “come alive” as you encounter enormous stelae (carved monoliths), painted frescoes, stucco friezes, carved lintels, and huge temple-pyramids that soar above the rainforest. Explore, in-depth, the sites of Palenque, Bonampak, Yaxchilán, Tikal, Yaxhá, Copán, and Quiriguá (four are UNESCO World Heritage sites); with free time to go bird watching or simply relax, reflect, and enjoy our comfortable hotels and remote jungle lodges. *Maximum of just 12 guests.*

*“Virginia Miller was an excellent leader -- good-humored, knowledgeable about the Maya, and very familiar with travel in the region.”*

- Mark, Florida

*“The trip was perfect. This and last year’s AIA Tour are two of the best travel experiences I have ever had. Thanks!” - James, Ohio*

## ITINERARY

(B)= Breakfast, (L)= Lunch, (D)= Dinner

### **Saturday, January 25, 2020 - Fly from the U.S. to Villahermosa, Mexico**

Depart home for Villahermosa International Airport (VSA) where, if traveling on the suggested group flight, you will be met upon arrival at the airport and transferred to our hotel. For those arriving independently, a taxi can be hired for the short drive into town. *Overnight at the [Hyatt Villahermosa](#) for two nights.*

### **Sunday, January 26 - Comalcalco | Hacienda visit | Welcome dinner**

Set out for Comalcalco, the westernmost known Maya site, and the only Maya city built with bricks of baked clay instead of stone. The site comprises the North Square, Great Acropolis, and Acropolis of the East, and it thrived as an agricultural center specializing in cacao (the seeds from which cocoa, cocoa butter, and chocolate are made). After lunch we visit a hacienda to learn about modern cacao production, returning to our hotel late in the afternoon for a few hours at leisure before our welcome dinner. (B,L,D)

### **Monday, January 27 - La Venta Park | Palenque**

Visit La Venta Park to see a magnificent outdoor collection of stone sculpture that originally came from the Olmec site of La Venta. The Olmec were one of the earliest cultures developed in Mesoamerica, preceding the Maya by centuries. Their monumental stone carvings and strange mythological beings puzzle archaeologists to this day. After lunch, drive to Palenque, a World Heritage site and one of the great western capitals of classic Maya civilization that some have called “the Paris of the Maya.” We will check into our charming hotel and have time for relaxation, exploring the surrounding lush forest, and swimming in the unusual pool. *Overnight at [Chan Kah Resort Village](#) for two nights.* (B,L,D)

### **Tuesday, January 28 - Palenque | Jungle trail walk | Palenque site museum**

Explore Palenque’s many exquisite examples of 7<sup>th</sup>- and 8<sup>th</sup>-century Maya architecture, including the Temple of the Inscriptions, Palace, Temples of the Cross Group, Temples XIX and XXI, and much more. We finish the morning walking a beautiful downhill jungle trail, across waterfalls and hidden ruins, to get a true sense of the rainforest and all its beauty. After lunch at an outdoor, palm thatch restaurant, visit the Palenque site museum, with many world famous pieces of Maya ceramics, jades, and stone carving. (B,L,D)



Top, a view of Tikal through the treetops. Above, a detail of one of the architectural features at Palenque.

*“The ruins were spectacular! I enjoyed the experience of the jungle, with its many exotic plants, animals and birds. Both of the guides were wonderful, with very extensive knowledge of the area and the history of the Maya.”*

- Elizabeth, Victoria, BC

North temples at Palenque





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Bonampak



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Yaxchilan



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Guests board boats on the Usumacinta River.

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*"I liked the experience of being in these places, at the sites. Walking through them, feeling them, the ambiance, the air, the scenery."*

- Randi, Washington, DC



### Wednesday, January 29 - AM at leisure | Bonampak | Frontera Corozal

Enjoy some time at leisure, perhaps to stroll around the resort grounds, do some hiking, take a swim, or relax on our bungalows' individual verandas, before departing for Bonampak. Lunch today will be in a rustic jungle restaurant. The discovery of the painted murals at Bonampak in the 1950s changed the way the world saw the Maya. Although the murals are faded and difficult to view, they remain a sight to see. The site is run by Lacandon Maya, and we may get a chance to interact with them during our visit. Continue on to Frontera Corozal, a Chol Maya community on the banks of the Usumacinta River, the famous "river of ruins." Along its banks, classic Maya civilization built some of its grandest cities. We are now traveling deep into the heart of Maya country, and we will stay at a remote, rustic jungle lodge. *Overnight at the Escudo Jaguar Lodge for two nights.* (B,L,D)

### Thursday, January 30 - Yaxchilán

After breakfast, travel by small boat down the Usumacinta River to the great classic Maya site of Yaxchilán, whose high-crested temples and palaces climb the steep hills above a large plaza upon a terrace by the river. We will spend all day at this fantastic site, enjoying a picnic lunch under the forest canopy. Beautiful monolithic stelae (standing stone monuments) and lintels spanning the temple doorways display intricate reliefs. Howler and spider monkeys and many tropical birds may accompany us as we explore the steep jungle trails, climbing to the higher elevations overlooking the ancient Maya landscape. We return by boat to our lodge late this afternoon. (B,L,D)

### Friday, January 31 - Tikal, Guatemala

Journey upriver and cross over into the heart of Guatemala, to the World Heritage site of Tikal. As with most Maya sites, Classic Period constructions cover those from earlier times, and ancient structures are scattered for miles in every direction from its center. *Overnight at the [Jungle Lodge](#) for three nights.* (B,L,D)

### Saturday, February 1 - Tikal

Spend a full day at Tikal, which contains thousands of ancient structures, the majority of which remain unexcavated. This vast site has spectacular pyramids, numerous plazas, a sprawling main palace and several lesser royal residences, multiple ball courts, causeways, dozens of stelae, and much more. It is estimated that more than 50,000 people lived at Tikal in its heyday, and the story of the city and its rise and fall mirrors the larger story of Maya civilization itself. Following the glories of the Classic Period, the site was largely abandoned by A.D. 900. (B,L,D)

*“Multitude of sites, excellent education, very nice accommodations and compatible fellow tour members.”*

-Amelia, California

**Sunday, February 2 - Optional pre-dawn hike | Tikal site museum | PM at leisure or Yaxhá**

Weather permitting, there will be an optional, pre-dawn hike for breathtaking sunrise views from Tikal’s Temple IV—the site’s tallest pyramid at 230 feet, and the largest Maya shrine built in the 8<sup>th</sup> century. After breakfast, we will visit the Tikal site museum. The remainder of the day is free for you to revisit Tikal, relax, or join our study leader on a 1.5 hour drive to Yaxhá, a large and important ancient Maya site that is infrequently visited. Located in dense jungle on a ridge overlooking turquoise Lake Yaxhá, the vast site includes numerous altars and stelae, nine temple pyramids, and two ball courts. Boxed lunches will be enjoyed at the site. (B,L,D)

**Monday, February 3 - Rio Dulce | Southeastern Petén Regional Museum, Dolores**

Depart Tikal for the Rio Dulce, where we enjoy lunch and get an overview of the area, including viewing a 17<sup>th</sup>-century Spanish fortress, the Castle of San Felipe de Lara, located where the river meets Lake Izabal. Also visit the Southeastern Petén Regional Museum, in the town of Dolores, with a significant collection of Classic Maya artifacts. Late this afternoon, we check in to our waterside hotel. *Overnight at the [Hotel Catamaran](#).* (B,L,D)



Tikal Group B, palace entrance

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**Tuesday, February 4 - Quiriguá | Motagua Valley | Paleontology and Archaeology Museum, Estanzuela | Copán, Honduras**

After a short boat ride, continue to Quiriguá, home to the tallest Maya stelae—one weighs 65 tons and is 35 feet above ground and eight feet underground. Sculpture here is like no other place, with spectacular cosmograms in the likeness of divine crocodiles and jaguars carved in the round from huge boulders. Here we also find a rare description of mythical events which took place at the origin of the calendar Great Cycle that ended in 2012. After leaving Quiriguá, we have lunch in the Motagua Valley, the primary jade source for all of Mesoamerica; and stop in Estanzuela to visit the small Roberto Wookfolk Saravia Paleontology and Archaeology Museum. Continue on, crossing the border into Honduras, and check in to our hotel. *Overnight at the [Hotel Marina Copán](#) for two nights.* (B,L,D)

A carved stela (standing stone) at Copán.



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Copán Stela B

### Wednesday, February 5 - Copán

A short drive brings us to the archaeological site of Copán, known as Hux Wintik (translation uncertain). If Palenque was the “Paris of the Maya,” then Copán was the “Athens of the Maya.” The magnificent acropolis, plazas, courtyards, and standing sculptures are the hallmarks of this southernmost Maya capital. Enjoy a splendid picnic lunch at the site and then visit the excellent site museum, which has a full-scale replica of the funeral shrine of the founder of the Copán dynasty and many fabulous pieces of Maya sculpture. (B,L,D)

### Thursday, February 6 - Sepulturas Group | Rastrojón | San Pedro Sula | Farewell dinner

Tour the Sepulturas Group, located a few miles from the site of Copán, which also housed a residential area for non-Maya (perhaps foreign merchants) around A.D. 800. Also visit Rastrojón, a defensive site with panoramic views of the valley that is the latest Harvard University-sponsored archaeological project at Copán. We have now traveled from the western capital of Palenque, through the heartland at Tikal, and on to the southern capital of Copán, giving us a sense of the enormity of ancient Maya civilization in its heyday. After lunch at a local restaurant, drive to San Pedro Sula, where we check in to our hotel, get settled, and then gather for a farewell dinner. *Overnight at the [InterContinental Real San Pedro Sula](#).* (B,L,D)

### Friday, February 7 - Fly home

Transfer to the airport in San Pedro Sula (SAP), Honduras, for flights home. (B)

## WHAT TO EXPECT

You must be able to make long walks, unassisted, over uneven terrain and up and down steps that may be steep and without handrails. **Participants who are not able to walk or stand unassisted for extended periods are kindly advised not to join this tour.** All participants are expected to be physically active and not be an impediment to others on excursions, to enjoy traveling as part of a group, and to be ready to experience cultural differences. Some sites require strenuous and/or brisk walking or climbing, sometimes with difficult footing. If the tour manager decides that a participant cannot visit a site safely or in a timely manner, their judgment will be final. Where possible, an alternate activity may be suggested; additional costs may apply. If you have any questions about your ability to participate, we suggest that you visit your personal physician with this brochure in hand and discuss whether or not this program is appropriate for you. Hotels have been chosen for their excellent locations and generous comfort. At the time of year that we visit this region the weather is generally sunny and dry, with temperatures in the mid-70s to low 80s during the day and in the 60s at night. There is always a chance of light to moderate rain showers. *Complete pre-departure details and what to pack will be sent to participants.*

## ACCOMMODATIONS



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[Escudo Jaguar Lodge](#) for two nights



[Jungle Lodge](#) for three nights



[Hotel Catamaran](#) for one night



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[InterContinental Real San Pedro Sula](#) for one night



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| Double Occupancy (10-12 participants) ..... | \$8,345 |
| Double Occupancy (8-9 participants) .....   | \$9,145 |
| Single Supplement.....                      | \$1,145 |

*Single room supplement will be charged when requested or required (limited availability).  
With fewer than 8 participants, a small group surcharge may be added.*

### PRICES INCLUDE:

- Leadership of **AIA lecturer/host Virginia Miller**, plus an experienced, **English-speaking tour manager/guide** and/or **local guides, and drivers**
- **Group arrival and departure airport transfers** for those taking the suggested flights (schedule to be provided)
- **All ground and river transportation** as indicated in the itinerary, with **bottled water** during excursions
- **All accommodations** in comfortable hotels and remote jungle lodges as indicated in the itinerary
- **All meals** except those on the day of arrival, including **welcome and farewell dinners with cocktails**
- A **soft drink or beer** with lunches and dinners
- **All entrance fees** to sites listed in the itinerary, plus border fees and Honduras departure tax
- **All tips** for the tour manager, guides, drivers, maids, waitstaff, bell boys, and porters at airports for those on suggested flights
- **Comprehensive pre-departure information**, including what to pack and a suggested reading guide

## AIR ARRANGEMENTS & TRANSFERS

Airfare from/to home is not included, but suggested flights will be sent to all participants. In conjunction with the suggested flights, group transfers are included on arrival at Villahermosa (VSA) airport and on departure from San Pedro Sula (SAP) airport. Your flight itinerary must be provided to our office prior to the tour. Once you have received your final payment invoice, you should book your flights. If you are considering booking non-refundable airline tickets before this time, please contact our office first. *We do not accept any liability for cancellation penalties related to domestic or international airline tickets.*

Above (left to right): Copán, Howler Monkey, Yaxhá, traditional crafts

**PRICES DO NOT INCLUDE:** Any airfare; passport and visa fees; meals on day of arrival; beverages (except as indicated); arrival or departure transfers not in coordination with suggested flights; excess baggage charges; personal, baggage, and trip cancellation insurance; any activities not specified in the itinerary; all items of a personal nature such as laundry, medical expenses, and room service.

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*"I enjoyed this trip and learned more than any other archaeological experience I have had. Our tour manager was excellent with every detail of the tour executed perfectly and with charm and friendship."* - Dee, Florida



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