

## National Park Tikal: The City of Voices



Located \_\_\_\_\_ the tropical rainforests of Petén, Guatemala, National Park Tikal is one of the most magnificent \_\_\_\_\_ for cultural tourism in the \_\_\_\_\_. Meaning "City of Voices," Tikal was a \_\_\_\_\_ that dominated the Central Maya Lowlands during the Classic \_\_\_\_\_. At its peak, this ancient metropolis housed up to 100,000 \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_ occupation lasting over 1,500 \_\_\_\_\_.

Today, the park \_\_\_\_\_ around 5,000 ancient \_\_\_\_\_ 16 square kilometers, \_\_\_\_\_ only about 5% have been \_\_\_\_\_ restored for \_\_\_\_\_. Tikal is globally \_\_\_\_\_ for its monumental stepped pyramids, such as the iconic Temple I (The Great Jaguar) and Temple IV, the latter offering breathtaking \_\_\_\_\_ over the \_\_\_\_\_ canopy. Due to its exceptional \_\_\_\_\_ and cultural \_\_\_\_\_, UNESCO declared Tikal the world's first \_\_\_\_\_ World Heritage \_\_\_\_\_ in 1979.

Beyond the majestic \_\_\_\_\_, the park \_\_\_\_\_ a vast subtropical \_\_\_\_\_ that serves as a habitat for diverse \_\_\_\_\_, making it a \_\_\_\_\_ for birdwatchers. Visitors seeking more \_\_\_\_\_ can also \_\_\_\_\_ Uaxactun, a \_\_\_\_\_ archaeological site \_\_\_\_\_ 24 kilometers north.

### Traveler Tips for Tikal:

- Top Activities: \_\_\_\_\_ through jungle \_\_\_\_\_, wildlife spotting, and \_\_\_\_\_ the famous \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ from atop the temples.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Packing List: \_\_\_\_\_ walking \_\_\_\_\_, lightweight clothing for the hot and humid climate, insect \_\_\_\_\_, sunblock, and \_\_\_\_\_ of drinking water.
- The park operates from Monday to \_\_\_\_\_ between 6:00 AM and 6:00 PM, with a standard \_\_\_\_\_ of Q25.00 for domestic tourists and Q150.00 for \_\_\_\_\_ visitors.
- Transportation to and from the park is highly accessible via charter \_\_\_\_\_ or public buses (buses colectivos). Once \_\_\_\_\_, visitors have access to \_\_\_\_\_, parking spaces, official \_\_\_\_\_ services, and well-maintained cultural and natural \_\_\_\_\_.