

Puerto Quetzal, Escuintla, Guatemala

Guatemala's main Pacific cruise port puts colonial Antigua, an active volcano, and ancient Mayan ruins all within striking distance. A compact terminal gets you on the road fast.

Pier (docked)

Typical call: 8-10 hrs

GTQ / USD accepted

Spanish

🚢 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____

Arrive: _____

All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____

Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier — ships dock directly at cruise terminal, no tender

Walk to Center: Terminal only; no walkable town — taxis/tours needed

Best For: Colonial Antigua, volcano hikes, Mayan archaeology

Don't Miss: Antigua Guatemala — UNESCO World Heritage colonial city

🚗 Getting around: 🚕 **Taxi** ✅ \$50-\$70/person (shared minivan) or \$140-\$180 private

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Antigua Guatemala** — Guatemala's showpiece colonial city is a UNESCO World Heritage site packed with cobblestone streets, crumbling...
- **Pacaya Volcano Hike** — One of Central America's most accessible active volcanoes, Pacaya lets you walk to within meters of lava flows.
- **Iximché Mayan Ruins** — The former capital of the Kaqchikel Maya kingdom, Iximché is less visited than Tikal but equally atmospheric — ancient...
- **Antigua + Coffee Plantation** — Combine a walk through Antigua with a visit to a working coffee finca in the highlands, learning how Guatemala's famous...
- **Mangrove Kayaking** — Paddle through coastal mangrove channels near the port, spotting birds, crocodiles, and marine life.

BEST WALKS

- **Terminal Market Stroll** 30 min · Flat · Free — Within the cruise terminal complex you'll find a covered handicrafts market with Guatemalan textiles, jade, wooden masks, and coffee.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	90°	71°	17d
Jun	83°	70°	28d
Aug	84°	70°	28d
Sep	83°	70°	29d
Oct	82°	69°	28d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 5:49AM–6:16PM · Jun 5:34AM–6:32PM · Aug 5:49AM–6:25PM · Sep 5:52AM–6:04PM · Oct 5:54AM–5:42PM

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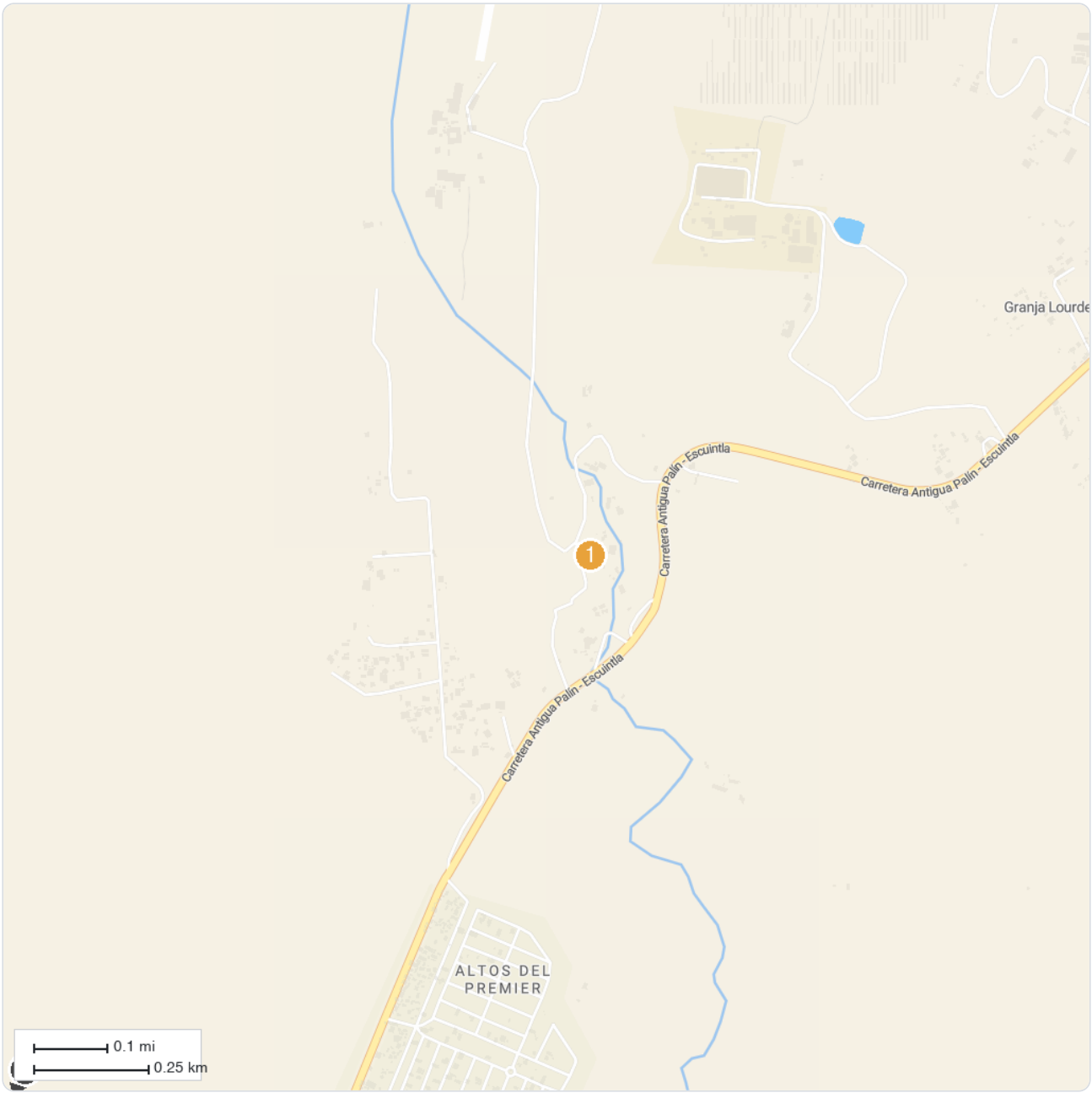
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Allow time for Antigua's traffic. The 90 km drive can stretch to 2 hours each way. Don't try to cram Antigua into a 6-hour call — you'll feel rushed.
- Tikal is not a day-trip option. It's 11+ hours each way by road. If Tikal is on your bucket list, add a pre- or post-cruise land extension.

Puerto Quetzal, Escuintla, Guatemala — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



1 Aqua Park Guatemala

Large water park with slides, pools, and aquatic fun.

P Cruise port / terminal