Exploring lost Maya cities in Guatemala: Piedras Negras--and beyond
(Dates? When you want it!)

Maya Mask and Stele at Piedras Negras by Sergio Pitamitz

Piedras Negras (Black Rocks), Guatemala is one of the most remote of all ancient Maya cities and cons

In addition, PN is a beautiful site, located as it is in pristine jungle, and not far from one of the largest cer

Archaeologically, PN is of singular importance, as it is home to the stelae (carved stone columns) that fir

Interestingly, one of the pioneers of contemporary research on the Maya, Tatiana Prouskourikoff, is buri

In addition to the chance to visit this little known Maya "Jewel City", there are many other great Maya sit

- **Yaxchilan: home of ornately carved roof lintels and panels, this riverside site is amongst th**
- **Bonampak: home to a one-of-a kind full-color mural depicting astronomical, musical and wa**
- **Palenque: in addition to having the first Maya tomb and sarcophagus found within a temple**

In addition to these sites, you can choose to visit the "New York" of the Maya world, incomparable Tikal,

Piedras Negras itinerary

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Additional information about archaeological sites to be visited

PIEDRAS NEGRAS

What we know of Piedras Negras is more tantalizing than satisfying. Many of the ceramics from the earl

Many of the ceramics from the early excavations consisted of clearance, sometimes unsupervised by ar

The origins of the site, represented by early temples and hieroglyphic texts are as murky as our understa

Unfortunately, the information collected by the University Museum in the 1930's does not allow us to unc

The rediscovery of the largest known cenote of Mesoamerica at Piedras Negras, although now dry, lead

YAXCHILAN

This formidable defensive sight is located in the "island" formed by the Usumacinta river bending in a ho

According to Carolyn E. Tate, "The Maya... conceived the imagery of each monument in relation to mea

PALENQUE
Located at the edge of the mountainous region of the Lacandon Forest and the dry lowland of the Yucat

The second longest inscription in the Maya World is located at Palenque within the first temple discovere

The current Palenque project has unearthed an elaborate tomb with a painted mural in Temple XX. The
The ruler depicted on the throne was King Akhal Mo'Nab III (also known as Chaacal II), who ruled from A

BONAMPAK
The murals of Bonampak are vibrant with the colors used by the Maya in their art. There are three rooms

PLANCHÓN DE LAS FIGURAS
A long obscure Maya site, Planchón de las Figuras is only visible during the low water months of March

ALTAR DE LOS SACRIFICIOS
At the time of its excavation this site revealed extraordinary burials with various ceramic plates covering

TIKAL (available before or after PN trip):
The massive ruins of TIKAL are concentrated at the center of the TIKAL NATIONAL PARK. (222 square

The richness of the forest in the area of TIKAL ranges from huge trees with heights of up to 150 feet to a

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