



## LA LANCHA

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<b>LOCATION:</b>	<p>La Lancha is tucked into the rainforest high above the shore of Lago Petén Itzá in Guatemala's largest and most northern region, the Petén. The lodge is located an hour and a half away from the Belize border and only a 45-minute drive from the magnificent Maya ruins of Tikal and the Maya Biosphere Reserve. The area is known for the ancient civilizations of the Maya and the abundant jungle wildlife. Howler monkeys, toucans and exotic birds are all part of the surrounding environment and can be spotted when staying at La Lancha.</p> <p>La Lancha is an ideal destination to both enjoy a languid pace and explore the many adventures of the Petén region and the wonders of the ancient Maya. The spectacular monuments of Tikal, Uxactun, Yaxhá, Topoxte, Nakum, Dos Pilas, Aguateca and Seibal can all be visited by day tour, and helicopter access during the summer months opens up other mighty Maya sites such as El Mirador, Dos Pilas, El Peru Waka and Cancuen. The neighboring forest lends itself to a wide range of adventure options as well, whether it be aerial walkway, zip line, horseback or jungle trail, while Lago Petén Itzá can be enjoyed by canoe.</p>
<b>HISTORY:</b>	Set in the Guatemalan rainforest high above the shores of Lago Petén Itzá is La Lancha, a quaint, 10-room lodge originally built by a young French couple. With Blancaneaux Lodge established as one of Belize's leading resorts, the Coppolas decided to search for a Guatemalan property close to the impressive Maya epicenter of Tikal. Inspired by the lakeshore setting, relaxed ambiance and rustic charm of La Lancha, as well as the close

proximity to Belize and ancient wonders of Tikal, the Coppolas purchased the retreat in 2003.

Today, after extensive renovations and landscaping, La Lancha is a charming 10-room resort that evokes a rustic ambience and offers guests a glimpse of Guatemala's exotic wildlife and authentic, local cuisine.

## **DÉCOR:**

La Lancha is beautifully decorated with fabrics and carvings from Guatemala personally selected by the Coppola family as well as artwork and furniture from Bali. The main lodge is a spacious open-air, thatch-roofed building that is home to the restaurant, lobby and reception desk on the main level, and the bar and gift shop in the loft. Authentic and brightly-colored, hand-carved Guatemalan masks make up one display wall and create a lively and inviting vibe, while star shaped lights hang from above to provide soft lighting in the evenings. Splashes of rich color from Guatemalan textiles are can be seen from any angle – in hand-sewn wool rugs, in *huipils* (the traditional Mayan woman's wardrobe available in the gift shop), and in the comfortable lounge furniture and brightly hand-stitched accent pillows. A signature element seen throughout the property is the natural rugged wood and limestone fence, a design touch used in the creation of the downstairs bar and along the adjacent walls. Old dugout canoes serve as decorative borders in each corner of the restaurant and lobby, housing loaner books, games and local crafts.

Exposed chocolate-hued wood beams in the loft and high thatch ceilings give airiness to the jungle humidity and allow for cool cross breezes. A cozy 6-seat bar in the loft with its beach sand encased glass bar top is a reminder that the lake is just a few steps away. Beyond the main lodge, a stone walkway meanders through the property, up and down, eventually reaching each casita or suite tucked into the jungle.

The colorful décor touches are carried through to the three dwelling choices at La Lancha- Lakeview suites, Rainforest junior suites and Rainforest casitas.

## **ACCOMMODATIONS:**

La Lancha's 10 air-conditioned guestrooms are tucked into the property's jungle surroundings with large covered decks and views of either the lake or the rainforest and its famous howler monkeys.

### **SUITES**

#### ***Two Lakeview Suites***

Each Lakeview suite is perched high above the shores of the lake and is surrounded by lush jungle treetops, giving the feeling of luxurious treehouses overlooking the calm blue green waters. These suites offer the most stunning views. The open-plan suite offers a master bedroom with king-size bed, a separate generous sized living room with a sleeper sofa and wet bar (note a queen bed or two singles may be added to the living room), a full bathroom and a second half bathroom as well as an expansive covered deck with hammock and chairs. Visits from the friendly howler monkeys right up to the edge of the decks leave no question of the natural surroundings. These suites are ideal for a family or a group of friends travelling together. *Maximum occupancy of five people.*

#### ***Two Rainforest Junior Suites***

Cross a ravine to the Rainforest Junior Suite, which sit high above lush vegetation and a partial view of Lake Petén Itza. The suite is ideal for couples looking for a peaceful and romantic getaway. Private and intimate, each suite has a king bed, living space with a sleeper sofa (suitable for one adult, or 2 young kids), an expansive bathroom with a beautiful dual-shower large enough for two, a wet- bar area, and a wooden deck set up with chairs and hammocks to take in the balmy evenings. Hand-picked artifacts, furniture and décor from around the area, and the world, lend to the exotic feel of the

accommodation. Locally designed and crafted textiles enhance the unique character of the indigenous facet of Guatemala.

*Maximum occupancy of three people.*

## CASITAS

***Six Rainforest Casitas*** Each casita features tile flooring, queen beds with handmade Guatemalan bedspreads, and local artwork and antique furniture. The front wall of windows and the glass paned-doors offer views of the surrounding jungle, the Lakeview Casitas, the lake beyond. Each casita's front porch is made of wide wood planks and is furnished with comfortable outdoor furniture and a hammock for lazy afternoons. The bathrooms feature Carrera marble tile, spacious showers with rain shower faucets, and top-mount glass bowl sinks. Natural wood trim borders the mirrors and also serves as towel racks for a rustic look. *Maximum occupancy of three people, with additional rollaway bed*

## AMENITIES & SERVICES:

La Lancha's dedicated staff is available to assist guests with any needs. On-property services and amenities include:

### In-room amenities

- Bathrobes
- Safe deposit box
- Refrigerator stocked with water, wine, soft drinks, and Gallo beer (suites only)
- Illy espresso machine
- Cookie jar
- Shellphone for communicating with reception
- Air conditioning
- Writing table & chair
- Hammock on the deck
- Umbrellas
- Hair dryer
- Ceiling fan
- Organic, locally sourced, handmade toiletries
- Alarm clock and iHome docking station
- Yoga mats
- Flashlight
- Copy of Zoetrope: All-Story magazine

### On-site amenities

- Wifi Internet connection
- Poolside sunblock lotions and towels
- Complimentary continental breakfast including home baked breads and exotic fruits and juices.
- Laundry service
- Swimming pool
- Lakeside deck with swimming access
- Temazcal – traditional sweat lodge for meditation and relaxation
- Mirador – a peaceful vista location to view the lake, enjoy a private dinner or al fresco massages
- Canoes and inner tubes

- Loaner books and board games in the main lodge
- Complimentary room service for breakfast
- Welcome drink upon check-in
- Gift shop
- Guitar available for guest use

#### **RESTAURANT & BAR:**

Situated under the main lodge's soaring thatch roof, the open air La Lancha Restaurant serves authentic Guatemalan cuisine with spectacular views of the forest canopy and nearby Lago Petén Itzá. Frequent guests include the resident howler monkeys in the evening while parakeets and ground doves can be seen in the mornings. Dinner features authentic local dishes such as *Chilaquiles*, beef tenderloin served with *chiltepe* peppercorn sauce grilled on the open parilla, and *Suban Ik* ('God's meal'), a traditional dish containing chicken, beef, rice and spices. (*Open daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner and bar service*).

Making corn tortillas is a tradition for the many women of Guatemala. Adjacent to the Restaurant is an authentic tortilla hut, where local staff makes fresh, homemade tortillas nightly, and encourage guests to join them in the tradition.

A lakefront bar is also an option where guests can enjoy aged Guatemalan rum or a refreshing locally brewed Gallo beer with panoramic view of Lago Petén Itza. From this location guests can even just dip their toes in the lake while imbibing or float in a tube with cold brew or chilled wine in hand.

#### **TOURS & ACTIVITIES:**

La Lancha is located in the ideal area for exploring Guatemala's rich history, Maya culture and beautiful Rainforest.

- Tikal National Park (half day or full day)
- Topoxte & Yaxhá (half day or full day)
- Ceibal (full day: transfer via car then by boat on the river)
- Uaxactun (half day or full day)
- Cerro Cahui National Reserve (Hiking: 20 minutes from La Lancha)
- Flores (typical village): by car 45 minutes or by boat 1 hour and a half.
- Skyway (Zip Lining)
- Birding on property
- Fishing on Lake Peten Itza
- Horseback Riding
- Spanish Language Classes
- Swimming in the Lake
- Canoeing

#### **GETTING TO LA LANCHA:**

##### **How to get to Petén District, Guatemala:**

All international flights to Guatemala arrive at La Aurora International Airport (GUA) in Guatemala City and/or Mundo Maya International Airport (FRS- formerly Flores International airport) in the department of Petén. Airlines include Avianca (formerly known as TACA) from Guatemala to Flores Airport twice a day (Morning and Evening). There is also Belize's Airline Tropic Air that fly from Belize International to Mundo Maya Airport once a day (evening). They also fly from Flores to Belize International (once a day AM). *Please note airline schedules are subject to change; contact our vacation planners office for updated offerings.*

**How to get to La Lancha:**

La Lancha can arrange a private transfer with the hotel driver. (At Charge)

Arrangements can also be made to arrive via boat to our lakefront dock.

From Guatemala City: Half hour flight to Mundo Maya airport via Avianca Airlines or TAG Airlines. La Lancha is a one hour flight from Belize International Airport or a three hour drive from Blancaneaux Lodge or elsewhere in western Belize. A helicopter charter is another option for arrival.

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