

Rio Negro Solidarity Trip March 8-16th



Your Hosts:

[The Garden's Edge](#) is a non-profit organization working in partnership with Indigenous-led initiatives that support food sovereignty, and protect culture, including programs in traditional agricultural, natural medicine, and education since 2007.

[Qachuu Aloom](#) (Katch-uuu Á-loom) is a Maya Achi non-profit organization with 500 members working together to reconstruct the social fabric of the rural communities of Rabinal, Guatemala affected by the 36-year armed conflict and genocide. We will be visiting their education center and several rural communities where they work.

[Utzilaj K'aslem](#) - Watch this ten minute video about the collaborative work between The Garden's Edge and its sister organization Qachuu Aloom, in Guatemala.

If you are interested in organizing a trip or joining our next planned trip to Guatemala please fill out this [quick survey](#) and we will get back to you with more information.

Trip activities in Rabinal include:

- Visits to home gardens and various projects in rural communities
- Harvesting, processing and cooking with Amaranth seeds
- A guided tour of the Human Rights Museum

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Trip excursions include visits to:

- The Association Qachuu Aloom (QA), Rabinal Baja Verapaz
- Rio Negro Visitor's Center and Pak-o-shom Commemoration.
- Antigua Guatemala, a World Heritage Site.

Sample Trip Overview, March 8-16th

On **March 8th** flights arrive in Guatemala City and people are transported to the Hotel Spring.

The following morning, **March 9th**, the group departs for Rabinal, Baja Verapaz where we will spend three days visiting the Association QA and projects supported by The Garden's Edge.

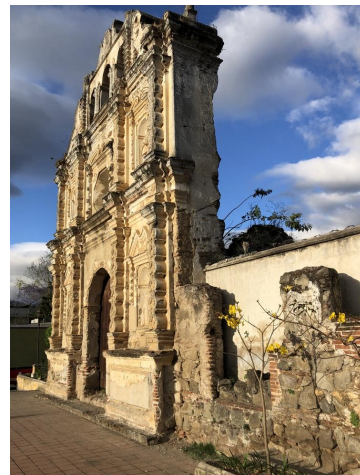
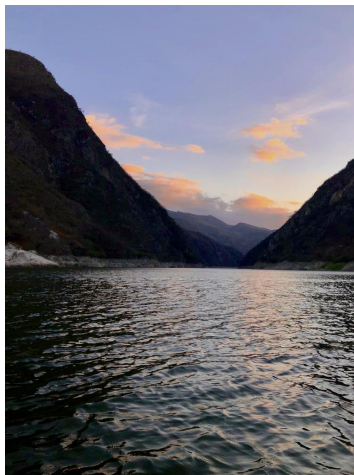
On **March 12th** we begin our pilgrimage, traveling by bus to the Chixoy Hydro Electric Dam and then by boat to the Rio Negro Visitor's Center where we will stay one night.

On **March 13th** we ascend the mountain, a 4-5 hour hike, to the site of the 1982 massacre of 177 children and women at a spot known as 'Pak-o-shom'.

On **March 14th** a Mayan ceremony begins at midnight, culminating with the rising sun. After breakfast we descend the mountain and rest at the Rio Negro Visitor's Center before traveling by bus to Antigua.

March 15th will be the last day of The Garden's Edge guided-tour. This is a day of rest and relaxation. The group will have time to integrate their experiences, share meals and do some sightseeing or shopping on their own.

March 16th, people take shuttles from the hotel in Antigua to the airport in Guatemala City for departing flights.



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