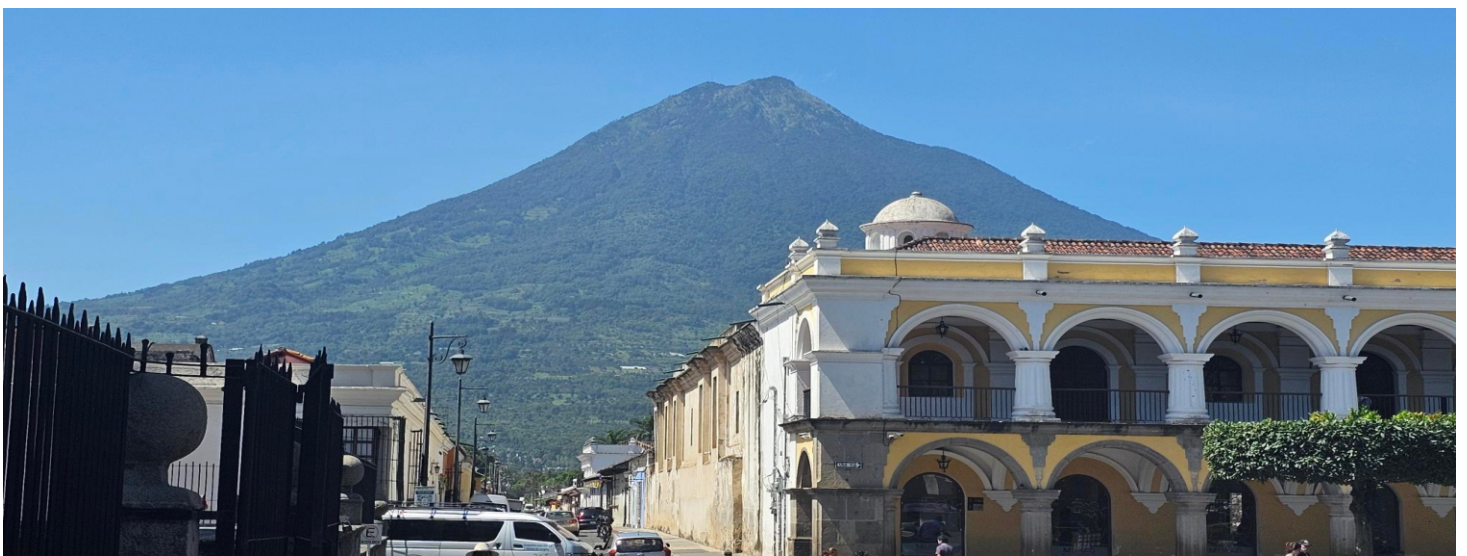




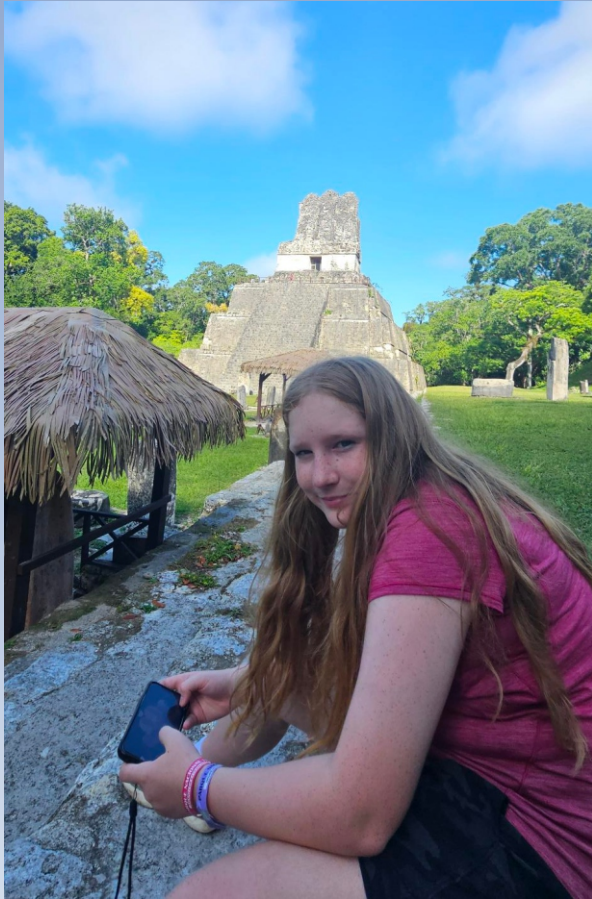
Guatemala

Over 3,000 years ago Mayan people lived in the Guatemala and made a lot of cities and buildings kind of like the pyramids. They were super smart. They made they own languages, could track the stars and make their own calendars. The Mayan people loved bright colours and wore bright coloured outfits. They were very good at making different types of art like carvings, paintings, masks and more.

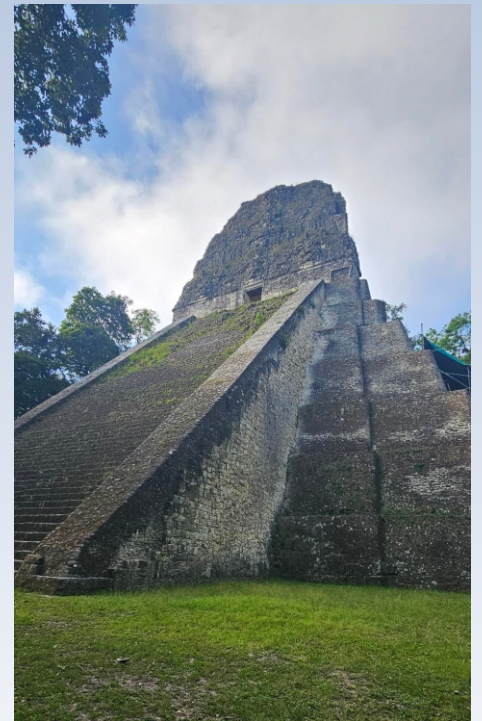


Even though this was a long time ago, there are still Mayan people all around Guatemala. Guatemala's main language is Spanish but there over 20 different Mayan languages that are still being spoken today!

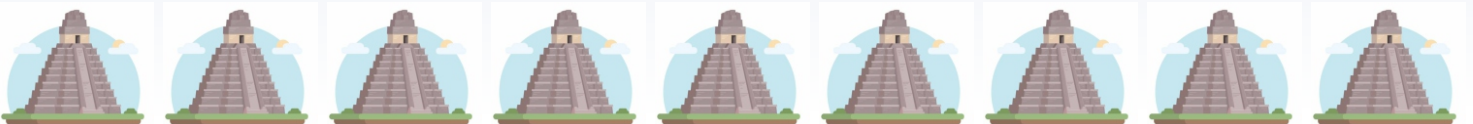
One day my family and I woke up at 3 in the morning to go to Tikal, an old Mayan city. It is a place where you can go to watch the sunrise and learn all about the animals and the Mayan people.



It was pitch black when we got there and we walked in the dark for a while.

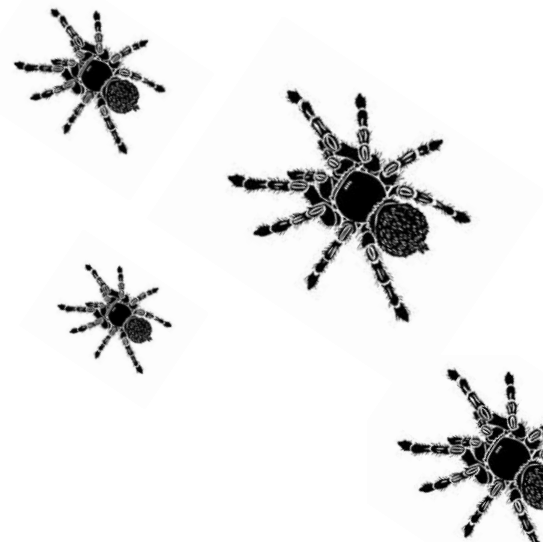
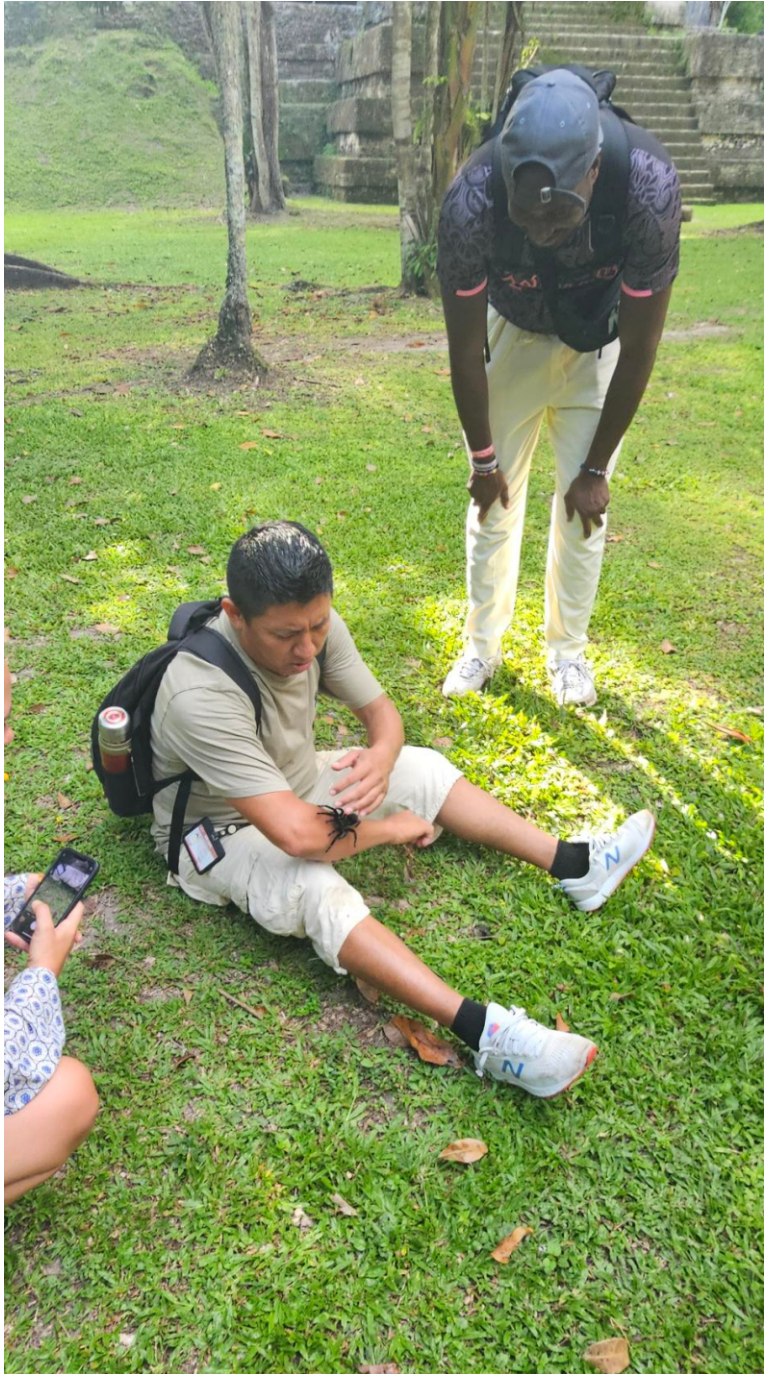


Did you know that the Mayan people were the first people to ever make chocolate? But the chocolate they made was a spicy, bitter drink.

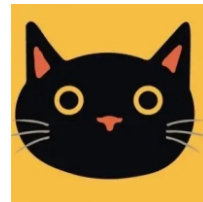




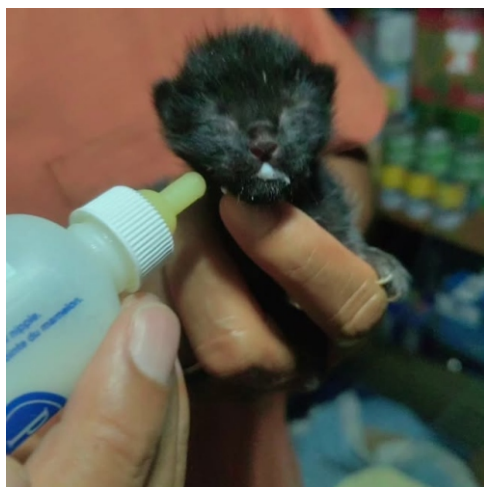
We passed by a bunch of old pyramids. Then we climbed up a lot of stairs to get to a top of a pyramid and watched the sunrise. We heard monkeys yelling. They're called howler monkeys and they sound like dinosaurs! After we watched the sunrise, we walked for a while and learned about how Mayan people used to live. We saw different animals like spider monkeys, scorpions and even a tarantula!



Antigua Cat Café



In Antigua we went to a cat café. It was full of adorable cats. This café raises money to help rescued cats live a good life. It is run by a lady from Vancouver.



Butterfly Sanctuary



We went to a butterfly sanctuary. The butterflies were all different colours, some even had clear wings. Another butterfly had camouflage-type wings with dots that looked like eyes to scare away predators.

