

Incentives to Local Tourism in Guatemala

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Congress has recently approved an amendment to the Law that Promotes Local Tourism, published in the Official Gazette on October 10th, 2018, through Decree 19-2018.

In order to provide incentives for local tourism, when an official holiday date falls on a Tuesday or Wednesday, it will be transferred to the previous Monday. If the official holiday falls on a Thursday, Friday, Saturday or Sunday, it will be transferred to the following Monday.

This provision is applicable only to the following official holidays:

1. Labor Day: May 1st;
2. Armed Forces Day: June 30th;
3. Revolution Day: October 20th; and
4. The rests established in other laws.

The following official holidays are excluded from the law:

1. New Year: January 1st;
2. Holy Week: half a day of Wednesday, Thursday and Friday;
3. Mother's Day: May 10th;
4. Independence Day: September 15th;
5. All Saints' Day: November 1st;
6. Christmas Eve: half a day of December 24th;
7. Christmas: December 25th;
8. Half a day of December 31st; and
9. The day of the local holiday. An example of this would be August 15th, the Feast Day of the Assumption of Mary.

Example of an official holiday that falls on Tuesday or Wednesday:

Green: day in which the holiday is transferred to

Red: day in which the holiday actually falls on.



Example of an official holiday that falls on Thursday, Friday, Saturday or Sunday:

Green: day in which the holiday is transferred to

Red: day in which the holiday actually falls on.



This decree will come into force 8 days after its publication in the Official Gazette, on October 18th, 2018. The holiday of October 20th, 2018 will be a Saturday; thus, it will be transferred to Monday, October 22nd.

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