

A graphic element consisting of three overlapping blue rectangles of varying shades (light blue, medium blue, and dark blue) forming a stylized map of Guatemala against a yellow background.

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Capital

Guatemala City

National Symbols

The Flag

The flag consists of three vertical stripes. Two stripes are sky blue in representation of the skies and seas as well as truth and justice. The stripe in the center is white representing the land between two oceans, along with purity, peace, integrity, and light.



The National Flower

"The white nun orchid" (La Monja Blanca).

The National Tree

The ceiba

The National Bird

The quetzal

History

Independence

Date of independence: 15th of September, 1821. Central America gained its

independence from Spain on the 15th of September 1821, one day before Mexico.

The First President Of The Republic

Brigadier Gabino Gainza (1821 - 1822).

Government

Governmental Palace

Casa Crema Zone 10

Type of Government

Democracy

Branches of Government

Executive, Legislative, and Judicial

The Constitution

Approved on May 31st, 1985. Set in place January 14th, 1986.

On May 25th, 1993, the constitution was suspended by the ex-president Serrano Elias and later reinstated on June 5th, 1993 after the overthrow of the president and it was subsequently amended in November of 1993.

The Supreme Court

The Supreme Court consists of thirteen magistrates who designate their own president every year.

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Main Political Parties
UNE, PAN, Gana, Patriota, FRG.

Provinces

There are 22 states or departments in the country. The most important are Quetzaltenango, Chiquimula, Peten.



Social Recognition

Historic figures

- Justo Rufino Barrios
- Tecún Uman
- Mariano Galvez

Social Figures

- Ricardo Arjona
- Rigoberta Menchu
- Jaime Viñals



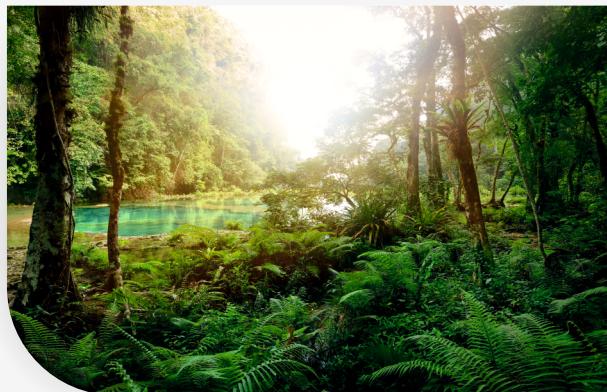
Tourist Sites

Tikal Archeological Park



The Tikal Archeological Park located in the tropical forest of El Petén is considered as the most spectacular city in the Mayan world.

Semuc Champey



Semuc Champey with its crystal clear fresh water pools surrounded by a rich tropical area is considered a national monument and heritage to humanity.

Old Guatemala

"La Antigua Guatemala" was the capital of the country during the occupation or Spanish colonization. Its beauty is astonishing, almost as if time stood still with its streets and architecture still intact.

