

# Guatemala

<b>US State Dept Travel Advisory</b>	The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens Reconsider Travel to Guatemala due to crime. Some areas have increased risk. Consult its website via the link below for updates to travel advisories and statements on safety, security, local laws, and special circumstances in this country.
	<a href="https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html">https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html</a>
<b>Passport/Visa Requirements</b>	US citizens should make sure their passport will not expire for at least 6 months after they enter the country even if they do not intend to stay that long. They should also make sure they have at least 1 blank page in their passport for any entry stamp that will be required. A visa is not required as long as you do not stay in the country more than 89 days.
<b>US Embassy/Consulate</b>	[502] 2326-4000; US Embassy in Guatemala City, Avenida Reforma 7-01, Zona 10, Guatemala Ciudad, Guatemala;
<b>LGBTQIA+ Travelers</b>	Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, and asexual (LGBTQIA+) travelers can face unique challenges when traveling abroad. Laws and attitudes in some countries may affect safety and ease of travel. Legal protections vary from country to country. Many countries do not legally recognize same-sex marriage. Approximately seventy countries consider consensual same-sex sexual relations a crime, sometimes carrying severe punishment.
	<a href="https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations/lgbtqi.html">https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations/lgbtqi.html</a>
<b>Telephone Code</b>	502
<b>Local Emergency Phone</b>	Ambulance: 123; Fire: 123; Police: 110
<b>Vaccinations</b>	An International Certificate of Vaccination for yellow fever is required for travelers arriving from countries with a risk of yellow fever transmission and for travelers having transited through the airport of a country with risk of yellow fever transmission. See WHO recommendations.
	<a href="http://www.who.int/">http://www.who.int/</a>
<b>Climate</b>	Tropical; hot, humid in lowlands; cooler in highlands
<b>Currency (Code)</b>	Quetzales (GTQ)
<b>Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)</b>	120 V / 60 Hz / plug types(s): A, B
	 A diagram showing two types of electrical plugs. Type A is a standard two-prong flat plug. Type B is a three-prong flat plug with a ground pin.
<b>Major Languages</b>	Spanish, Maya languages
<b>Major Religions</b>	Roman Catholic 41.7%, Evangelical 38.8%, other 2.7%, atheist 0.1%
<b>Time Difference</b>	UTC-6 (1 hour behind Washington, DC, during Standard Time)
<b>Potable Water</b>	Opt for bottled water
<b>International Driving Permit</b>	Suggested; additionally, if you plan to drive in Guatemala, you will need an Inter-American Driving Permit issued by the AAA
<b>Road Driving Side</b>	Right
<b>Tourist Destinations</b>	Mayan ruins of Tikal; Antigua Guatemala; Lake Atitlan; Chichicastenango Market; Quetzaltenango; Archaeological Park & Ruins of Quirigua
<b>Major Sports</b>	Soccer, futsal (type of indoor soccer on a hard court)
<b>Cultural Practices</b>	Guatemalans value honesty, family, honor, work, and education. Most Guatemalans are gracious and eager to find humor in most situations.
<b>Tipping Guidelines</b>	Tipping is a question of rewarding good service rather than an obligation. Restaurant bills do not include gratuities so adding 10% is customary. Bellhops and maids expect tips only in the most expensive hotels.
<b>Souvenirs</b>	Coffee, Mayan native textiles and jewelry, jade, wood carvings, leather goods, hammocks, baskets, ceramics
<b>Traditional Cuisine</b>	Pepián — a spicy stew made with chicken, beef, or pork and containing both fruit and vegetables and a mix of spices; traditionally served with rice and tortillas or Pupusas (thick corn tortillas stuffed with a variety of fillings including refried beans, cheese, or pork and then fried)