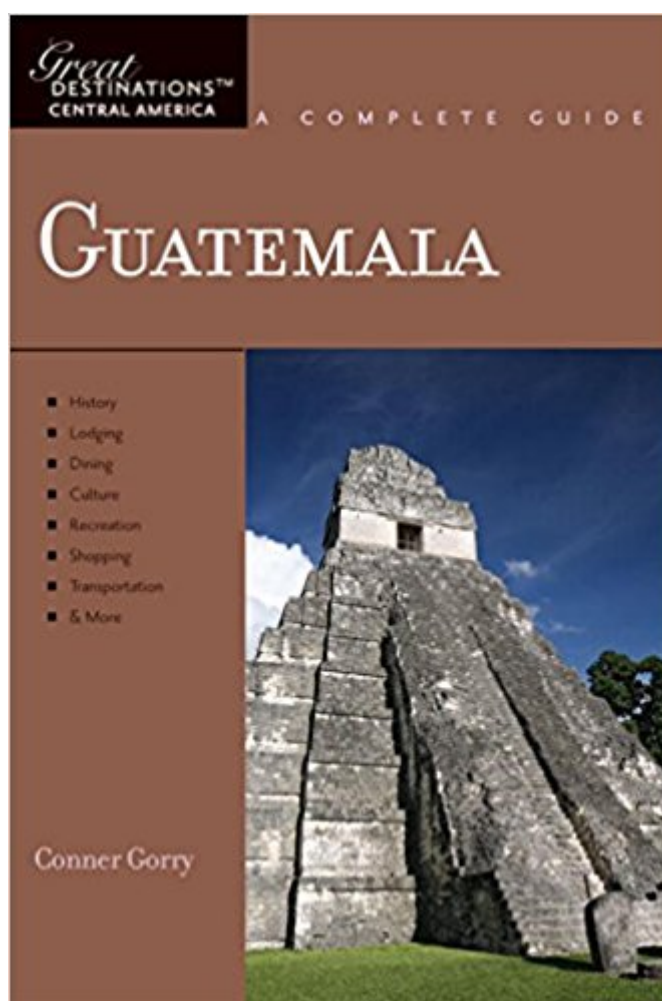


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Synopsis

This complete guide to Guatemala includes special sections on family travel, Mayan history and culture, and detailed itineraries. Guatemala delivers what adventurous travelers dream of: exotic birds and wildlife, world-class caving, whitewater rafting, zip-lining through the jungle, fascinating Mayan ruins, vibrant cities, and riotous indigenous festivals and markets. Like Guatemala itself, this guide combines the best in adventure, nature, and culture to create indelible travel memories. Author Conner Gorry is a solo woman traveler, and that translates into insightful text that keeps an eye on travel safety issues. Detailed itineraries offer invaluable, road-tested advice, while comprehensive history and information on Mayan culture imbue your trip with context and meaning. Gorry covers the top tourist destinations with the knowledge only experience can bring; she also emphasizes sustainable travel options that support local communities and minimize environmental impact. Including sections on health, language, and traveling with children—everything you need to have a fun, adventurous, safe, and authentic travel experience is right here. More than 100 photographs and detailed maps round out the information, providing everything you need to make the most of your visit. 100 black-and-white photographs

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Conner Gorry is a native New Yorker who lives with her husband in Havana, Cuba, where she reports for various news outlets. Gorry holds an MA in international policy and has written more than a dozen guidebooks to destinations in Central and South America and the Caribbean, among other locales.

I love travel guides and read a lot of them. I typically buy at least two before a trip, as I enjoy researching nearly as much as travelling. This was a very interesting READ, but when I got down to making reservations, I found that the other guide I bought was more helpful. There were only 6 recommended hotels for Guatemala City which is the largest city in Central America! I know that no one wants to stay in GC, but we just needed somewhere to stay overnight for an early trip to Tikal. We found our hotel in the other guide, which had a section on hotels near the airport. It was also annoyingly organized, with all the Highlands hotels lumped into one area, rather than having Antigua hotels listed after the section on Antigua, and ChiChi hotels listed after the section on ChiChi. It did have interesting sections on culture, history and transportation and a very helpful listing of local festivals.

This is an excellent guidebook, a very refreshing independent change from all the re-occurring series out there. Sizewise, it's a little larger (depth- and height-wise) from Moon, Lonely Planet, and Rough Guides. The content is great, with more black and white pictures than most of the others, which I like just to get an idea what the author is talking about. I bought and like Moon for the rest of Central America, but I wouldn't trade this one for any other guide book on Guatemala.

Infused with insider tips. So many guidebooks read like press releases for various hotels and restaurants; not this guidebook. From reading Ms. Gorry's book, you can tell she visited the places, made assessments and is now advising the reader on how to create a memorable trip to Guatemala. This is a must buy for anyone traveling to Guatemala.

Book has some good info but not good for driving along and giving you tidbits along the way. More of a history style book than helpful for finding your way.

Very insightful book. Good and helpful information complete with witty comments along the way. I only wish the photos would have been in color.

I downloaded this guide book for my Kindle based on the good reviews and the fact that the published date indicated is Sept, 2011. However I was surprised to see in the Kindle edition the published date is in fact 2009. Whilst the historical and cultural data is unlikely to require any updates, I imagine that some of the restaurant, hotel and other general information is potentially out of date. In particular I noticed that the section on Money mentions that ATMs are very unreliable. In other, more recently updated forums, many people have commented that they've had no problems with the ATMs at all. I haven't yet been to Guatemala so I can't confirm either comment but given the published date is now almost 3 years old, I wouldn't suggest reliance on this guide book alone (although never a good idea anyway!) Despite the above the historical and cultural sections are a good read and whilst I can probably work the rest out through other means or once in Guatemala a more recently published guide book would have been ideal to get full use of, and have confidence in, the recommendations.

I have been traveling in the Caribbean and Central America for many years. I recently returned from Guatemala and found this book very helpful. It is insightful, detailed, honest and unlike most travel guides, it is witty. It has great insider tips and led us to several interesting places that we would otherwise have missed. I totally recommend it to anyone visiting the area.

This is all you need on your trip. If you're lucky enough to get to Guatemala, right next to your airline ticket should be this must of a guide. The authors expertise and knowledge of Guatemala is evident throughout the guide. I highly recommend the guide for anyone considering travel to Guatemala.

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