



Explore Guatemala with Steve Napper...

Join **Steve Napper** on his second annual Workshop/Tour in beautiful Guatemala. Steve is well known as a colorist in

both landscape and portraiture. His masterful control of pastels has gained him international recognition on both CBS and PBS networks. Signature membership in the prestigious Pastel Society of America since 1981, Portrait of America, and most recently the Rocky Mountain Plein Air Painters has only enhanced the recognition of his artistic skills. Steve handles several mediums with distinctive freshness and strong use of color. His interaction of warm and cool, high and low contrast, strong color, and his skills as a draftsman have made his work easy to distinguish and highly sought after.

Over 30 years teaching in both public and private educational programs across this country has given Steve a wealth of experience to draw from. He has gained recognition for his workshops, and is noted for his patience in working with all levels of students, from the beginner to the professional. "Steven Napper Fine Art" is gallery, home, and studio for this artist, located in the Texas Hill Country and alongside the Guadalupe River in the small town of Ingram.

Workshop Setting and Highlights...

Encounter a world full of color and inspiration as you travel with Steve throughout Guatemala. Experience his unique style while working from the colonial streets of Antigua - rich with architecture, the magical landscape around Lake Atitlán and the many other venues on your journey. His eleven day workshop will address working on location verses working in the studio. The focus will be on pastels but you are free to use the medium of your choice.

Steve will share his experiences as a pastelist and you will learn new techniques that can be used by this bold, yet soft medium. He will discuss painting with pastels, color theory, composition, point of interest, and will demonstrate how to use color to express yourself as you have not been able to with other mediums. You will be encouraged to explore the variety of techniques that can be used by pastelists. Strong emphasis will be on having FUN.

Guatemala City...

Discover the beauty of the **Quinta Real** (www.quintareal.com) overlooking the City and facing the colossal "Fuego" and "Agua" volcanoes. Its feel and look is a resplendent blend of Guatemalan and Mexican art and architecture.

Lake Atitlán and Villages...

Travel through the highlands of Guatemala with vistas of great mountain peaks, plateaus, and valleys. Lake Atitlán, "the most beautiful lake in the world", with its three towering volcanoes standing guard over azure waters and twelve Maya villages is truly inspirational. You will feel suspended in time as you watch a Maya fisherman in his dugout *cayuco*, plying his trade as his ancestors have done for centuries. The color, the dramatic landscapes, the deeply entrenched Maya culture will create memories to last a lifetime. You will stay at the **Hotel Atitlán** (www.hotelatitlan.com), the water's edge and surrounded by beautiful botanical gardens.

Chichicastenango...

The markets are the "crown jewel" of Guatemala, brimming with beautiful hand woven textiles and splendid works of art and crafts in designs and techniques passed on from generation to generation. The Maya/Catholic rituals and open-air market of world famous Chichicastenango, and the blazing colors of everyday dress will enthrall you. Here you will stroll the market and visit the churches of this unique Maya village.

Antigua...

In a verdant valley, surrounded by lofty volcanoes, the picturesque, time trapped city of Antigua will capture your heart. The romantic ambiance of its richly textured ruins, draped in vibrant bougainvillea, its peaceful parks, cobblestone streets, churches, monasteries, and colonial homes with courtyards provide artistic inspiration. You will stay at the **Hotel Casa Santo Domingo** (www.casasantodomingo.com.gt), built from the ruins of a 16th century monastery. The sounds of running water in the stone-carved fountains, candlelight throughout the hallways, and fresh flowers everywhere will simply take your breath away.

Tikal Option June 4 - 5, 2006

Discover Tikal, the lost world once inhabited by the ancient Maya more than two thousand years ago, a legacy to one of the most refined civilizations in the history of the world. Mammoth pyramids with temples on top attest to the skill, intelligence, and high civilization of these ancient peoples. Who were they? Why did they disappear? Their voices speak from the dust through the ruins they left behind, ruins that rival any Egyptian sites. You do not want to miss this experience of a lifetime.



To enroll...

Detach the registration form and send it with your deposit or full payment check (**class size limited**, date of registration request determines priority of space) made **payable to Explore Guatemala, L.L.C.**. Upon enrollment, additional information will be provided to assist you in planning your trip. **Do not make airline arrangements until you have received confirmation of your reservation from Explore Guatemala.**

June 5 - 15, 2006

Steve Napper Art Workshop/Tour

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Registration Request

Name as it appears on your passport: _____

Passport Number – (**Current passport required**): _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Home phone: _____

Other phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Sex: M/F _____

Date of Birth: _____

Occupation: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Phone: _____

Medical/dietary considerations: _____

_____ I am on my own but wish to share a room.

_____ I am a smoker.

_____ I prefer the single supplement charge.

_____ I wish to add the Tikal Option (**June 4 - 5**)

Enclosed is check/money order

payable to Explore Guatemala, L.L.C.

Deposit: \$ _____ or Total Fee: \$ _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____



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Art Workshop/Tour in Guatemala
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Tikal Option June 4 - 5, 2006

Sun 4th: Arrive Guatemala City, 5PM flight to Flores. (D)

Mon 5th: Spend a day of awe and fascination in the Maya ruins of Tikal. Return to Guatemala City. (B,L)

Workshop/Tour June 5 - 15, 2006

Mon 5th: Fly into Guatemala City, overnight at Hotel Quinta Real, on a mountainside overlooking the city and volcanoes.

Tues 6th: Visit the Ixchel (textile) and Popol Vuh (archaeological) museums. Travel by coach to Lake Atitlán. We will stop at a mountain chalet for lunch then travel through the magnificent Guatemala highlands with spectacular vistas and scenes of the Maya in a world not too changed from hundreds of years ago. Introduction and outline of painting opportunities by Steve. (B,L,D)

Wed 7th: Boat across Lake Atitlán, viewing beautifully terraced mountainsides and volcanoes, to the village of Santiago for an incredible cultural experience and a little shopping in the artists' colony. A Tz'utujil lunch at a private home (featured in Architectural Digest, Aug, 2002), built in the traditional style of Tz'utujil architecture will thrill you. Art upon return. (B,L,D)

Thurs 8th: Travel to Chichicastenango and its world famous market. Colorful, exciting; a maelstrom of furious commerce and the best place in the country to buy textiles and handicrafts. The magic of the Maya and their religion is everywhere. (B,L,D)

Fri 9th: There will be on-sight instruction by Steve today. Take a walk up the Nature Trail and to the Butterfly Farm, relax in the gardens of the hotel, paint, draw, photograph, swim, or go into the local village of Panajachel. (B,L,D)

Sat 10th: A beautiful drive through Guatemala's *Altiplano* to Almolonga, a fascinating, colorful village, and Maya produce market (not tourist). Stop in Quetzaltenango for lunch. Wine and cheese party to show off your work. (B,L,D)

Sun 11th: After breakfast Steve will do a discussion/demo in the lower gardens. Then there will be time for painting before lunch and more time for garden exploration and painting with individual instruction and hints from Steve. After lunch we travel to colonial Antigua. Feel the romantic ambiance of its flower-filled courtyards, its narrow cobbled streets, and Spanish architecture. (B,L,D)

Mon 12th: In Antigua, take time this morning to explore your hotel, full of opportunity for inspiration with its architecture, colonial artwork (magnificent treasures) and special details in every corner. It is an ongoing archeological excavation site of a 16th century Monastery with several "world class" museums. Steve is available for individual instruction or critique so find your spot and paint away. (B,L,D)

Tues 13th: This morning we will walk to a pre-selected site for some painting time. After lunch, join us on an Antigua ruins tour and private tour of the Jade Factory, museum and shop. (B,L,D)

Wed 14th: Free day. Our finale will be the recognition of our work together in the form of a group exhibition. Tonight we'll join for cocktails, dinner, and reflection. This is an evening to celebrate our trip to Guatemala and share our experiences. (B,L,D)

Thurs 15th: Departures for home. (B)

Accompanying your Workshop/Tour

Anita Rogers lived in Guatemala for 25 years, speaks Spanish, and was a collector of Maya weavings and Spanish Colonial antiques. She has been around the travel industry most of her life, as her family owns the beautiful Hotel Atitlán on Lake Atitlán in the Guatemala highlands. **John Korte** has traveled to Guatemala for the past 20 years. They understand local customs and business practices. They stay in the hotels, eat in the restaurants, and ride the transportation, personally experiencing every aspect of their workshop/tours. They know the "hidden treasures" as well as the little bits of information only the locals know. Their experience, relationships, and knowledge of the country allow them to provide a worry-free, life enriching travel adventure.

Included in your Explore Guatemala Workshop:

- A superbly crafted travel experience to the most enchanting, magical land of the Maya...Guatemala.
- Travel and learn with renowned artist Steve Napper.
- 11 days, 10 nights at unique, luxury hotels with most meals included (per itinerary).
- Deluxe motor coaches and private boats viewing the most scenic and colorful venues...an artists paradise.
- Hotel baggage handling, driver, and meal service tips. All entrance fees, and excursions included in itinerary.

NOT included:

- Airfare from your hometown to Guatemala City. Our flexible plan allows you to:
 1. use your Frequent Flyer miles to obtain your own tickets
 2. **or**, purchase your tickets through your own sources
 3. **or**, go through our **discount ticketing** resource, eXito, a company that specializes in low-cost airfare to Latin America. Call Issac at 1-800-655-4053 ext. 8507 or 0 if not available. Tell him you are traveling with **Explore Guatemala - Steve Napper Group**. Issac will arrange for everyone to arrive in Guatemala City by the appointed time.

Obviously, the sooner you make your reservation, the better the price and availability. Do not make airline arrangements until you have received confirmation of your reservation from Explore Guatemala.

Terms:

Prices:

- **\$1825** Plus airfare (based on double occupancy).
- Single room supplement: **\$385**.
- **Tikal Option \$325 (DBL)...\$365 (SGL)**
- **Reservation Deposit: \$500** (reserve **now**, class size limited)

BALANCE MUST BE RECEIVED BY

APRIL 5, 2006