

All Saint's Day in Guatemala ✂



with **Terry Gay Puckett**, native Texan and award winning artist who specializes in drawing, painting, mixed media, enameling, and collage. Terry Gay has led numerous workshops to Mexico and Guatemala. Studying Spanish language and art, as well as architecture of Pre-Columbian civilizations, and folk art are among her interests.

All Saint's Day...

If you like immersing your self in the culture of a country, this will be the trip of a lifetime. An extraordinary odyssey; you will stay in some of Guatemala's most charming and distinctive hotels. You will go behind the scenes to grow in an understanding of both Guatemala's Maya and Colonial history, and see how people live by visiting their villages and cemeteries during celebration of one of their most important holidays, **Todos Santos** or **All Saint's Day**. Experience the colorful kite flying celebrations in the village of Sumpango, and the family reunions in beautifully decorated village cemeteries, as the family celebrates life by beautifying the graves with flowers and other brilliantly colored ornaments. You will observe their graveside picnic feasts as they relate stories to the living about the loved ones who have passed away, and tell the departed the most recent family news.

There will be lots of time for visiting Maya markets and villages such as Chichicastenango and Comalapa, with opportunities for buying handicrafts and textiles known the world over for their beauty and quality. In Guatemala, beauty pursues the traveler, and you will find fascinating subject matter everywhere. Come participate in a creative feast for the heart and soul.

Terry Gay will share her sketching and painting techniques on location at the Hotel Atitlán, where you will be surrounded by sumptuous gardens, volcanoes, terraced mountainsides, and Maya Indian villages; as well as tips for journaling and sketching "on the move" as the group visits other awe-inspiring locations. Terry Gay will also offer instruction in T'ai Chi Chih®, Joy through Movement, in the mornings for those who are interested. She is a certified instructor in this moving meditation.

Accommodations...

Guatemala City... the **Quinta Real** (www.quintareal.com) a resplendent blend of Guatemalan and Mexican art and architecture overlooking Guatemala City and facing the colossal "Fuego" and "Agua" volcanoes.

Lake Atitlán and Villages...Travel through the highlands of Guatemala with vistas of great mountain peaks, plateaus, and valleys, planted with corn and wheat, intermittently spotted by whitewashed houses with red tile roofs. Lake Atitlán, known as "the most beautiful lake in the world" is surrounded by three towering volcanoes standing guard over the azure waters and the twelve Maya villages that rest on its shores. 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, and the deeply entrenched Maya culture will create memories that will change your life. You will stay in the **Hotel Atitlán** (www.hotelatitlan.com), sitting at the water's edge of the lake, engulfed by beautiful botanical gardens; a truly inspirational location.

Antigua...Step back into time almost five hundred years ago when the Spanish conquistadores invaded Guatemala. Draped in vibrant bougainvillea and surrounded by towering volcanoes, this picturesque, time trapped city of Antigua will capture your heart. Its richly textured ruins provide artistic inspiration and the opportunity to interpret the romantic ambiance of peaceful parks, cobblestone streets, ruined churches, monasteries, and colonial homes with courtyards. In Antigua you will stay at the **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.

Chichicastenango...This town with its world famous Indian market is a "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 "Chichi" and the blazing colors of everyday dress will enthrall you. In Chichi you will stay at the **Mayan Inn** (www.mayaninn.com), surrounded by lush patios and village views; a blend of Spanish colonial and Guatemalan charm, uniquely personalized with your very own attendant.

To enroll...

Detach the registration form and send it with your deposit or full payment check (**limited space**, 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.*

October 23 – November 2, 2006

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_____ *Tikal Add-On*

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Tikal Add-On (pre-workshop) October 22 – 23, 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 site. This is a “must see” in Guatemala.

Itinerary.....October 23 – November 2, 2006

Mon 23rd: Fly to Guatemala City and begin your tour (as flight schedules permit) by visiting the Ixchel (textile) and Popol Vuh (archaeological) museums. Overnight at Hotel Quinta Real, overlooking the city and volcanoes Fuego and Agua.

Tues 24th: Travel to Comalapa. This village has become an important center of *naïf* painting largely due to Andrés Curruchich, whose paintings are in galleries the world over as is the work of living artist Oscar Perén who we will visit. Travel through some of the most beautiful scenery Guatemala has to offer to Finca Los Trrales, a private reserve with a coffee plantation, exotic flower operation and scenic trails. (B,L,D)

Wed 25th: T'ai Chi Chih® (TCC) and exploration of the finca. After lunch, travel to the most beautiful lake in the world, Lake Atitlán and the Hotel Atitlán, surrounded by botanical gardens, towering volcanoes, terraced mountainsides, villages and a beautiful lake view. (B,L,D)

Thu 26th: TCC. Sketching and painting in the botanical gardens. The afternoon will be free for individual instruction or exploring the nearby nature walk. We will go to the local village of Panajachel. (B,L,D)

Fri 27th: TCC, then a leisurely boat ride with a stop at the scenic village of Santiago and a little shopping in the artists' colony. For lunch we will have a delightful and quite incredible cultural experience as guests for lunch in a private home on the lake. (B,L,D)

Sat 28th: TCC and on-sight painting and sketching instruction in the botanical gardens of the Hotel Atitlán. After lunch we will depart for Chichicastenango where we will stay at the Mayan Inn. (B,L,D)

Sun 29th: Enjoy the world famous Chichicastenango market; colorful, exciting; a maelstrom of furious commerce and the best place in the country to buy textiles and handicrafts. Then, travel to colonial Antigua and the 16th century Monastery/Hotel Casa Santo Domingo. (B,L,D)

Mon 30th: TCC, then explore Casa Santo Domingo, an architectural delight, full of colonial artwork. It is an ongoing archeological excavation site with several “world class” museums. A visit to the Jade factory and shop, whose archeologist owners rediscovered the lost jade mines of ancient the Maya. Exploring and shopping on your own. (B,L,D)

Tues 31st: TCC and breakfast in a local café. A visit the market then free time for lunch, art, exploring, or shopping on your own. (B,L,D) **or**

Sailfishing Option...Fish the hottest of the new “hot spots”; the world's best bet for Pacific Sailfish. On board your private boat, this will be a day you will not forget as you head out to the sailfish grounds of Guatemala. You'll hardly have time to relax when the first strike sounds. Action! Action! Action! After a day of “fighting the fish” you'll be welcomed back to the Casa Santo Domingo in Antigua and hailed as “fishing heroes”. (B,L,D)

Wed 1st: Travel to the village of Pastores and its cemetery to observe the traditions of All Saints Day. Then on to Sumpango, renowned for its kite celebration and competition where the villagers erect their incredibly colorful, giant kites; some measuring over 40 feet tall. (B,L,D)

Thur 2nd: Departures for home.

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 All Saints Day Workshop/Tour:

- A superbly crafted travel experience to the most enchanting, magical land of the Maya... Guatemala
- A sketching, painting and T'ai Chi Chih® workshop experience with Terry Gay Puckett. Tuition included
- 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 per itinerary

NOT included:

- Workshop supplies.
- Airfare from your hometown to Guatemala.

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Includes: • airfare to/from Flores • hotel • meals per itinerary • guide • ground transportation • park fee and gratuities

Sailfishing Add-On: Tuesday, October 31, 2006

Includes: • breakfast • ground transportation • boat with crew • tackle and equipment • lunch and drinks aboard • gratuities

Prices:

- **\$ 1875** (based on double occupancy).
- Single room supplement **\$365**.
- **Tikal Add-On:** (pre-workshop) double **\$360**, single **\$395**
- **Billfishing Add-On:** **\$425 per person (minimum 4)**
- **Reservation Deposit \$500.** (reserve **now**, limited space)

**BALANCE MUST BE RECEIVED BY
July 24, 2006**