

# Explore Guatemala...



**Artist Lisa Coddington, MA** has been exploring and traveling all her life. Her childhood visits to formal topiary gardens and sifting through fall harvest color served as a wellspring for the whimsical and fine botanical watercolors she produces today. Family stories about her birth place, Caracas Venezuela, and her father's global slideshows cultivated her appreciation for the arts

and travel. Recent trips to France and Mexico, and freelance work continue to inspire her to teach and share this beautiful art form.

A member of The American Society of Botanical Artists, Lisa has taught workshops at the Santa Fe Art Institute, Denver Botanical Gardens, The Adirondack Museum, Cazenovia College, and in San Antonio Texas. Exhibits include Oregon Home and Garden Show, galleries in South Carolina, Upstate New York and Madison, Wisconsin. Beginning and experienced students alike will benefit from her step by step method for drawing and watercolor.

## Workshop Setting and Highlights...

Explore the world of botanical art with Lisa as she leads this workshop/tour to an artist's paradise, Guatemala. Encounter the color and culture of the Maya people, their land, their villages, and markets in the western highlands as you travel, learn, and create with this leading Botanical Artist and Instructor. There will be time to explore villages, bargain hunt in the markets, photograph, relax, and do art on this trip of a lifetime.

Imagine having lush, flowering, and fruiting plants at your fingertips, with the comfort of luxury hotels and delicious food. It's a way to work intensely on drawing, painting, and studying the flora while experiencing the natural beauty of Guatemala in a relaxed manner.

## Guatemala City...

Discover the beautiful Quinta Real ([www.quintareal.com](http://www.quintareal.com)), overlooking the City and facing the colossal "Fuego and "Agua" volcanoes. It's feel and look is a resplendent blend of Guatemalan and Mexican art and architecture.

## Lake Atitlán and Villages...

You will encounter a world of color and spectacular scenery as you travel through the highlands of Guatemala with vistas of great mountain peaks, plateaus, and valleys, to **Lake Atitlán**, "the most beautiful lake in the world", with its three towering volcanoes standing guard over azure waters and twelve Maya villages. 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](http://www.hotelatitlan.com)), on the water's edge, surrounded by beautiful botanical gardens; a truly inspirational experience.

## Chichicastenango...

Prepare yourself for the multitude of color and shopping, the likes of which you have never seen before, in the world famous market of **Chichicastenango**.

## Antigua...

In a verdant valley surrounded by lofty volcanoes, the picturesque, time trapped city of **Antigua** will capture your heart. Antigua is considered one of the most beautiful towns in Central America. This colonial jewel has romantic appeal and provides artistic inspiration with its richly textured ruins and architecture, peaceful parks, cobblestone streets, churches, monasteries, and colonial homes with courtyards draped in vibrant bougainvillea. You will stay at the most incredible Casa Santo Domingo, built from the ruins of a 16<sup>th</sup> century monastery, where the sounds of running water in stone-carved fountains, candlelight throughout the hallways, and fresh flowers everywhere, will simply take your breath away ([www.casasantadomingo.com.gt](http://www.casasantadomingo.com.gt)).



## To enroll...

Detach this registration form and send it with your deposit or full payment check (**group 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.**

**October 8 - 18, 2007**

**Explore Guatemala with Lisa Coddington, MA**

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## Registration Request

Name appearing on your passport / passport number:

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Name you go by: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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.

Enclosed is check/money order

**Payable to: Explore Guatemala, L.L.C.**

**Mail to: P.O.BOX 17217, San Antonio, TX 78217**

Deposit: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ or Total Fee: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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*Lisa Coddington, MA  
Botanical Art Workshop/Tour in  
Guatemala*



### Itinerary.....October 8 – 18, 2007

**Mon 8<sup>th</sup>:** Fly into Guatemala City, then travel by coach to colonial Antigua where you will stay at the Casa Santo Domingo, a 16<sup>th</sup> century monastery converted into a beautiful hotel.

**Tues 9<sup>th</sup>:** This morning Lisa will give an initial introduction to the workshop, followed by a tour of our hotel, an architectural delight, full of opportunity for inspiration with its beautiful gardens, magnificent flower arrangements, colonial artwork (priceless treasures) and special details in every corner. We will also visit the Jade factory/museum whose archeologist owners rediscovered the lost Jade mines of the ancient Maya.

**Wed 10<sup>th</sup>:** Sunday Mass in this magnificent Monastery Ruin for those who wish. Demos, lecture, and hands on format for the workshop participants today. Paint in the area of Parque La Union and the Santa Clara Ruins. An opportunity to visit the tomb of Guatemala's only Saint, Hermano Pedro and the Church San Francisco.

**Thu 11<sup>th</sup>:** Breakfast in a local café then painting at a pre-selected sight. In the afternoon there will be free time for art, exploring, or shopping on your own.

**Fri 12<sup>th</sup>:** Today we will leave Antigua, traveling to Comalapa, a village that has become an important center of *naif* 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. Next we will continue on through the magnificent Guatemalan highlands with spectacular vistas and scenes of the Maya in a world not too changed from hundreds of years ago to Lake Atitlán “the most beautiful lake in the world”.

**Sat 13<sup>th</sup>:** Awaken to the sounds of birds and magnificent views of the lake and volcanoes. Lisa will begin the day with a demo in the gardens. There will be time for exploration of the gardens, and an optional trip to a colorful Maya village.

**Sun 14<sup>th</sup>:** 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.

**Mon 15<sup>th</sup>:** On-sight painting and drawing time. The afternoon is free for painting on your own, individual instruction with Lisa, exploring the nearby nature walk, or the village of Panajachel where you may wander *Calle Santander* and shop.

**Tues 16<sup>th</sup>:** Take a boat ride along the shore to the village of Santiago. Explore streets full of local art and artisans. We will visit the unique home (featured in Architectural Digest Aug 2002) of Candis Krummel, built in the traditional style of Tz'utujil architecture, where she will prepare a delicious traditional Tz'utujil gourmet festive feast for us. Today we display our work and this evening an Art Critique.

**Wed 17<sup>th</sup>:** The morning is free for painting, shopping or exploring. After lunch we will return to Guatemala City, staying at the beautiful Quinta Real, overlooking the City and facing the colossal “Fuego” and “Agua” volcanoes.

**Thur 18<sup>th</sup>:** 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 Explore Guatemala Experience:

- A superbly crafted travel experience to the most enchanting, magical land of the Maya...Guatemala.
- Travel with Lisa Coddington, MA., leading Botanical artist and Instructor.
- 11 days, 10 nights at unique, luxury hotels with meals and meal service tips included (per itinerary).
- Deluxe motor coaches and private boats viewing the most scenic and colorful venues...an artists paradise.
- Hotel baggage handling, driver tips, as well as all entrance fees and excursions included in itinerary.
- Workshop Tuition.

### 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 specializing in low-cost airfare to Latin America. Call Isaac at 1-800-655-4053 ext. 8507 or 0 if not available. Tell him you are traveling with **Explore Guatemala – Lisa Coddington Group**. Isaac 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.**

### Prices:

- \$1895 Plus airfare (based on double occupancy)
- Non-painting companion - \$1695
- Single room supplement: \$365
- **Reservation Deposit: \$500**

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