



# Explore Guatemala with Steve Napper...

Join **Steve Napper** on his third 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 Society 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 ten 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.

All mediums are welcome but demonstrations will be in pastel. 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](http://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](http://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](http://www.casasantodomingo.com.gt)), built from the ruins of a 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 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.**

**Jan 21 - 30, 2008**

**Steve Napper Art Workshop/Tour**

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### Registration Request

Name as it appears on your passport:

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

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

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

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

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

**E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

Sex: M/F \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Medical/dietary considerations:

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\_\_\_\_\_ 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.**

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

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

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(indicates you have read our Terms and Conditions)



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**Mon 21st:** Fly into Guatemala City, visit the Ixchel (textile) Museum if you get in early. Overnight at Hotel Quinta Real, on a mountainside overlooking the city and volcanoes.

**Tues 22nd:** Travel to Comalapa. This village has become an important center of *naïf* painting largely due to Andrés Curruchich, whose paintings are in galleries around the world. Travel through some of the most beautiful scenery Guatemala has to offer to Finca Los Tarrales, where we are invited guests to spend the night at a private reserve with a coffee plantation, exotic flower operation, scenic trails, and great birding. (B,L,D)

**Wed 23rd:** Sketching 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, three volcanoes, terraced mountainsides, villages and a beautiful lake view. (B,L,D)

**Thurs 24th:** Sketching and painting in the botanical gardens. The afternoon will be free for individual instruction or exploring the nearby nature walk. Visit the local village of Panajachel. (B,L,D)

**Fri 25th:** Take a leisurely boat ride to the scenic village of Santiago and a little shopping in the artists' colony. Painting in the afternoon with Steve. (B,L,D)

**Sat 26th:** On-sight painting and sketching instruction in the botanical gardens of the Hotel Atitlán. Wine and cheese party to show off your work. (B,L,D)

**Sun 27th:** 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 16<sup>th</sup> century Monastery/Hotel Casa Santo Domingo. Here, you will feel the romantic ambiance of its flower-filled courtyards, its narrow cobbled streets, and Spanish architecture. (B,L,D)

**Mon 28th:** In Antigua, take time this morning to explore this 16<sup>th</sup> century Monastery turned 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 with several "world class" museums. Steve is available for individual instruction or critique so find your spot and paint away. (B)

**Tues 29th:** 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)

**Wed 30th:** Free day for painting, shopping, touring or just relaxing. Our finale will be the recognition of our work together in the form of a group exhibition. Tonight we'll join for sharing and reflection. This is an evening to celebrate our trip to Guatemala. (B)

**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.
- 10 days, 9 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. However, do not make airline arrangements until you have received confirmation of your reservation from Explore Guatemala.

### Terms:

Prices:

- **\$1995** Plus airfare (based on double occupancy).
- **\$1795** Plus airfare for non-painting companion.
- Single room supplement: **\$385**.
- **Reservation Deposit: \$500** (reserve **now**, Group limited).