

Explore Guatemala...



.....with **Jeanne Mackenzie**, internationally renowned artist. There is an energy, a freshness, associated with painting from life. Painting on location- 'plein air'- and capturing the scene all at once -'alla prima'- has excited artists and collectors since the turn of the century. Jeanne Mackenzie joins a select group of artists that share their love of nature by capturing the moment from life. Jeanne's style of oil painting is a blend of impressionism and realism done

with rich warm tones and a fresh painterly application.

Jeanne Mackenzie is a Colorado resident living in the Fort Collins area where she is one of the founding members of the Rocky Mountain Plein Air Painters. Her artwork has earned Merit Awards and shown at juried shows throughout the United States including the Oil Painters of America Show and Arts for the Parks-Top 100. Her paintings are featured in several fine art galleries in California, Colorado, and Arizona. She has been featured in *Southwest Art Magazine's* Best of the West, *International Artist Magazine-Master Artists and Delta Sky West Magazine*. The Houston Museum of Natural History has chosen one of Jeanne's pieces for a touring exhibition.

Jeanne's work can be found in such notable collections as Intel Corporation, MD Anderson Cancer Center Houston, Pioneer Japan Technologies and Medical Center of the Rockies. She has been invited to instruct at the Denver Art Museum teaching color theory, composition, and painting.

This workshop welcomes all levels of students. The demonstrations and instruction are for oils but those well versed in pastel and acrylic are welcome to join us. The painting instruction will benefit the experienced students wanting to enhance their skills as well as the novice oil painters looking for more confidence and a solid background in the basics.

Setting and Accommodations...

Guatemala City...Here you will stay at the **Quinta Real**, a resplendent blend of Guatemalan and Mexican art and architecture overlooking Guatemala City and facing the colossal "Fuego" and "Agua" volcanoes.

Finca Los Tarrales...Experience an authentic Guatemala Coffee Plantation and Private Reserve with its exotic flower operation, exporting the world over. Sleeping and dining in screened-in plantation lodges will evoke visions of "Out of Africa". Los Tarrales encompasses over 3000 acres of pristine forest ascending the south side of Volcano Atitlán.

Lake Atitlán and Villages...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. Stay at the **Hotel Atitlán** on the water's edge, engulfed by beautiful botanical gardens; a truly inspirational location.

Chichicastenango...This world famous Maya market is resplendent and 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.

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 with its romantic ambiance of peaceful parks, cobblestone streets, churches, monasteries, and colonial homes with courtyards. Stay at the Hotel Casa Santo Domingo 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.

To enroll...

Detach the 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.**

March 3 - 12, 2008

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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.

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

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Itinerary...March 3 - 12, 2008

Mon 3rd: Fly into Guatemala City, overnight at Hotel Quinta Real, on a mountainside overlooking the city and volcanoes.

Tue 4th: Travel to the village of Comalapa, an important center of *naif* painting. A wonderful Maya market here. Travel through some of the most beautiful scenery in Guatemala to Finca Los Tarrales, a private reserve with a coffee plantation, exotic flower growing operation, bird watching, and scenic trails. (B,L,D)

Wed 5th: Up early for the birders and exploration of the finca, and sketching/photography. 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 6th: After breakfast there will be on-sight painting and drawing time with instruction in the gardens of the Hotel Atitlán. The afternoon will be free for individual instruction or exploring the botanical gardens or the nearby nature walk. We will go to the local village of Panajachel. (B,L,D)

Fri 7th: Take leisurely boat ride with a stop at the scenic village of Santiago and a little shopping in the artists' colony. Today will be a day of photography involving discussions regarding what to look for. (B,L,D)

Sat 8th: On-sight painting and sketching instruction in the botanical gardens of the Hotel Atitlán. The afternoon will be free for individual instruction, exploring the nearby villages, garden walking, a canopy tour or sitting by the pool and jacuzzi with a good book. (B,L,D)

Sun 9th: 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. 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 10th: Jeanne will do a demo and guidance in the ruins of the Monastery. Then explore Casa Santo Domingo, an architectural delight, full of colonial artwork. It is an ongoing archeological excavation site with several "world class" museums. Visit the Jade factory and shop, whose archeologist owners rediscovered the lost jade mines of the ancient Maya. Afterwards, exploring and shopping on your own. (B)

Tue 11th: Awaken to the raucous calls of the Macaws. Breakfast in a local café and a visit to the market. The rest of the day is free to paint, explore, or shop on your own. (B)

Wed 12th: Say goodbye to Antigua and Guatemala, for today we must leave for home taking memories to last a lifetime.

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 award winning artist Jeanne Mackenzie.
- 10 days, 9 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.

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 – Jeanne Mackenzie 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:

- **\$1995** Plus airfare (based on double occupancy)
- Single room supplement: **\$365**
- **Reservation Deposit: \$500**

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◆ **This trip requires a moderate amount of walking** ◆