

Explore Guatemala...



...with Gladys Roldan-de-Moras, whose passion for art and pride in her Colombian and Mexican roots, is reflected in her colorful work. Each one of her paintings captures the essence of the moment; often there is a hidden message the artist wants to convey. Strong colors, soft edges, hard edges, light, and shadow are all captured by the artist's hand. See her work at www.roldandemoras.com.

Recognized as an important emerging artist, Gladys teaches oil painting

workshops through out the year at the Coppini Academy of Fine Arts where she is a highly sought after, talented instructor. During the summer months and Holidays she travels to her native land, of Mexico and Europe where she works on paintings, teaches workshops, and searches for new ideas. She enjoys and encourages Plein-Aire painting and you will seldom see her without a field easel and umbrella, demonstrating her talent in various media.

Gladys credits her growth as an artist to the years of study and guidance under Daniel F Gerhartz. She has also studied under instructors such as Morgan Weistling, CW Mundy, George Strickland, Frank Lalumia, Daniel Greene, Scott Burdick, Kevin Macpherson, Ron Rencher, Sherrie McGraw, Ken Backhaus, Laura Robb, Janice Yow Hindes, William Hocker, Harold Phoenix, Helen Van Wyk, John Budicin, C.J Beck, Profr. Gustavo Trujillo Martin del Campo and classes/lectures by Richard Schmid.

Gladys has received numerous awards for her beautiful work, including OPA's "Artist Magazine Award for Excellence in Painting", the "Julian Onderdonk Memorial Purchase Award" from the San Antonio Art League, "Jury's Top 50" from the Salon International Museum of Contemporary Masters-Greenhouse Gallery, and the "Grumbacher Award". Roldan de Moras has been named "Artist of the Year" at The Coppini Academy of Fine Arts.

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. 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. You will 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, ruined churches, monasteries, and colonial homes with courtyards. In Antigua you will 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.

Tikal Add-On (pre-workshop) Nov 9 - 10

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.



...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.**

November 10 - 19, 2008

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Registration Request

Name appearing on your passport / passport number:

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Name you go by: _____

Address: _____

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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.

_____ *Tikal Add-On*

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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(signature indicates you have read our Terms and Conditions, available on our web-site)

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Tikal Option November 9 - 10, 2008

Sun 9: Arrive Guatemala City, 5PM flight to Flores. (D)

Mon 10: Spend a day of awe and fascination in the Maya ruins of Tikal. Return to Guatemala City. (B,L,D)

Itinerary...November 10 - 19, 2008

Mon 10: Fly into Guatemala City, overnight at Hotel Quinta Real, on a mountainside overlooking the city and volcanoes.

Tue 11: 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. Gladys will discuss solid compositional elements and strong value and color choices that will give clout to color 'studies'. Artists will share their individual goals for painting on location. (B,L,D)

Wed 12: Up early for the birders and exploration of the finca. Demo by Gladys showing how light falls on objects and how to establish good value contrasts. Students will join in with quick color studies. 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 13: On-sight painting and drawing time with instruction in the gardens of the Hotel Atitlán. Free afternoon 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 14: Take a leisurely boat ride with a stop at the scenic village of Santiago and a little shopping in the artists' colony. Afternoon for individual instruction. (B,L,D)

Sat 15: On-sight painting and sketching instruction in the botanical gardens of the Hotel Atitlán. Free afternoon for individual instruction, exploring the nearby villages, garden walking, or sitting by the pool with a good book. (B,L,D)

Sun 16: 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. Travel to colonial Antigua where you'll feel the romantic ambiance of its flower-filled courtyards, its narrow cobbled streets, and Spanish architecture. (B,L,D)

Mon 17: A demonstration that includes discussion on linear perspective and making buildings ring true followed by individual painting and one on one tips. Explore the 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. (B,L)

Tue 18: In the morning, convene for excellent painting opportunities on picturesque 5th Avenida with views of the El Arco de Catalina and the volcano Agua the afternoon is free to paint, explore, or shop on your own. (B)

Wed 19: Individual departures with 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 renowned artist Gladys Roldan de Moras.
- 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.
1. You may purchase tickets through your own sources.
 2. or, call our travel coordinator Gretchen of G&G Travel at 877-809-8900. Tell her you are traveling with **Explore Guatemala - Gladys Roldan de Moras Group**. She will find the best airfare prices and arrange for you to arrive by the appointed time. She can also arrange Frequent Flyer miles tickets for you.
 3. Trip Interruption/Cancellation insurance is advisable to cover your costs should you have to cancel for a medical reason for you or your immediate family. This insurance must be done prior to final payment. Please call Gretchen for complete information about insurance coverage.

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: **\$385**
- **Reservation Deposit: \$500**
- Tikal add-on: \$415 DBL, \$465 SGL

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- ◆ This trip requires a moderate amount of walking ◆