

# Explore Guatemala...

## ...with Jan Ledbetter



**Jan Ledbetter** invites you to Explore Guatemala! Pack your bags and bring an open mind to this creative, interactive experience. Prepare to unearth surprising discoveries--your own artistic talent! Novice or professional, you will be escorted beyond your current level of expertise into a higher level of

artistry, content and technique. A renowned watermedia artist, Jan is acknowledged for her exceptional teaching approach, emboldening you to develop your own style while reinforcing basic principles of composition and design. The workshop is open to watercolor, gouache, and acrylic painters, as well as photographers, travelers, and friends. There will be plenty of activities for non-painters. Classes on location begin with a demonstration of the day's lesson of teaching drawing and painting in easy steps. Delight in your creative process and learn in a setting without pressure, rich in subject matter: Maya models in colorful clothing, charming courtyards, and gardens, and scenic landscapes. One-on-one sessions and helpful critiques are offered with specific suggestions for your improvement.

Jan Ledbetter's award-winning mixed-media paintings are pictorial tapestries layering observations and imagination, design elements, abstract motifs and personal symbols. She explores the relationships of value, shape, texture and color leading us on a creative journey through each painting. Balancing painting and teaching, her work reflects the joy and passion she brings to every aspect of her life.

Jan, a Signature Member of the National Watercolor Society (NWS), the Southern Watercolor Society (SW), and the Virginia Watercolor Society (VWS), earned her MFA from Syracuse University. Recent juried exhibitions and awards include: NWS Exhibition and Travel Show 2007; NWS Exhibition, award, Travel Show, and painting used for exhibition invitation 2006, and SW Exhibitions with awards 2008, 2007, and 2006.

Her paintings are held in private collections around the world and have been reproduced on posters for charitable events and art festivals. They were featured in *American Artist Watercolor Magazine*, "The Joy of Paint and Paper," winter 2007, and will appear in Mary Todd Beam's book *The Creative Edge*. In this workshop you'll be welcomed! Expect to grow as an artist. Expect to find beauty in Guatemala and within yourself. Empower your visions, observations and ideas by manifesting them through your art...and have a memorable experience!

### Workshop Setting and Highlights...

#### Guatemala City...

Discover the beauty of the **Hotel Vista Real** ([www.vistareal.com](http://www.vistareal.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. Stay at the **Hotel Atitlán** ([www.hotelatitlan.com](http://www.hotelatitlan.com)), on 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. Your stay in Antigua will be the beautiful Palacio de Doña Leonor, former site of the home of the daughter of Pedro Alvarado, conqueror of Guatemala. The Palacio is today an elegant mansion tastefully decorated to invoke 17<sup>th</sup> century luxury, and just a few steps away from the main plaza.

#### Tikal Add-On (pre-workshop) March 1 - 2,

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 left behind, ruins that rival any Egyptian site.

**View Jan Ledbetter's paintings at [www.janledbetter.com](http://www.janledbetter.com)**

### To enroll...

Detach the registration form and send it with your deposit or full payment check (**group limited to 20**, 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 been notified by Explore Guatemala to do so.**

### Jan Ledbetter Art Workshop/Tour

March 2 - 11, 2009

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### Registration Request

Name as it appears on your passport: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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

### 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 Maya Ruins Tour add-on (Mar 1-2, 2009)

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 available on our website)

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*Tikal Maya Ruins Add-on Tour – Mar 1 – 2, 2009*



### **Tikal Option March 1 – 2, 2009**

**Sun 1<sup>st</sup>:** Arrive Guatemala City, 5:30 PM flight to Flores. (D)

**Mon 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Spend a day of awe and fascination in the Maya ruins of Tikal. Return to Guatemala City. (B,L)

### **Workshop/Tour March 2 – 11, 2009**

**Mon 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Fly into Guatemala City where you will be met at the airport and taken to the beautiful Hotel Vista Real in Guatemala City, overlooking volcanoes Agua and Fuego.

**Tues 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Take a scenic drive to Comalapa, where today is market day. Enjoy the colors, the people, and let your senses run free. In the midst of this most colorful of Maya markets, Jan will discuss tips and techniques for on-location painting with examples of how different artists paint their interpretations. After her demo of painting a Maya model, artists will select their own subject matter and paint their own compositions. 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 4<sup>th</sup>:** After breakfast, Jan will discuss and demonstrate how to strengthen paintings by designing with strong values. She will spend quality one-on-one time working with individual students as they paint their own compositions. Next, it's on to "the most beautiful lake in the world", Lake Atitlán, where you will stay at the Hotel Atitlán surrounded by beautiful lake views, botanical gardens, towering volcanoes, terraced mountainsides, and Maya villages. (B,L,D)

**Thurs 5<sup>th</sup>:** Working from a model, Jan will demonstrate how to design and execute strong paintings using contrasting values, colors, and textures. Students will select and paint their own subject matter. Explore the hotel environs, hike the nature walk, visit the local town of Panajachel, sketch, photograph, or sit by the pool with a good book. (B,L,D)

**Fri 6<sup>th</sup>:** Today includes a shoreline tour of Lake Atitlán by boat and a visit to the village of Santiago to explore streets of local artisans. (B,L,D)

**Sat 7<sup>th</sup>:** Working with the design concepts presented, artists will select and paint their own subject matter. Visit the villages of Santa Caterina or San Antonio Palopo (B,L,D)

**Sun 8<sup>th</sup>:** Travel to the world famous Chichicastenango market where you will find colorful and exciting commerce and the best place in the country to buy textiles and handicrafts. Record your impressions with sketchbook and camera. Next, travel to the colonial city of Antigua and stay at the beautiful Palacio de Doña Leonor, former site of the home of the daughter of Pedro Alvarado, conqueror of Guatemala. One of the most exquisite boutique hotels in Antigua; an elegant mansion tastefully decorated to invoke 17<sup>th</sup> century luxury, and just a few steps from the main plaza. (B,L,D)

**Mon 9<sup>th</sup>:** After breakfast, artists gather for plein air painting in the ruins of Antigua. Visit the Jade Museum/Shop and hear of the "lost mines of the Maya". (B,L)

**Tues 10<sup>th</sup>:** Colonial architecture in colorful streets of Antigua or the Parque Central offer more plein air painting. (B)

**Wed 11<sup>th</sup>:** Departure flights 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 Jan Ledbetter.
- 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**, call our travel coordinator Gretchen of G&G Travel at 877-809-8900. Tell her you are traveling with **Explore Guatemala – Jan Ledbetter Group**. She will find the best airfare and arrange for you to arrive by the appointed time. She'll even arrange Frequent Flyer miles tickets for you.

Obviously, the sooner you make your reservation, the better the price and availability. However, **do not make airline arrangements until you have been notified by Explore Guatemala to do so.**

### **Terms:**

Prices:

- **\$2150** Plus airfare (based on double occupancy).
- Single room supplement: **\$385**.
- **Reservation Deposit: \$500**
- *Tikal* add-on DBL \$445, SGL \$ 495

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