

Guatemala

Holy Week

March 28 - April 7, 2012

July 20 - 30, 2012



The programs include presentations that orient the participant to the reality of life in Guatemala:

- ◆ Mayan roots and spirituality
- ◆ Historical and political reality of Guatemala
- ◆ Human rights and concerns
- ◆ Systems of poverty affecting Indigenous peoples
- ◆ Community leadership in a liberation model

Programming starts in Guatemala City and moves to the highlands of the Quiché, then San Lucas Toliman on the southern shore of Lake Atitlan. Program ends in Antigua.

- Visit a Ladino community, the coffee plantation workers and life-giving community based projects.
- See the church and simple rectory of Stanley Rother, an American priest and martyr.
- Learn of educational opportunities and trade skills offered to children at an orphanage.
- Reflect on the history of oppression in the Quiché region.
- Enjoy a few days in colonial Antigua where the architectural glories of the past provide the setting for the struggles of today.
- Dialogue with an inspiring poetess, theologian and human rights advocate who shares her hopes and dreams.
- Sit with a weaver as she designs fabric of brilliant color and listen to her dreams for the future.
- Visit an organization that gives hope to families living in the Guatemala City dump.

Most (if not all) of the above experiences are included.

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Welcome to Guatemala

Global Awareness Through Experience (**GATE**) offers the opportunity to learn from the poor, as well as social analysts, teachers, theologians and economists. Since 1981, GATE has offered cultural immersion trips to Latin America as well as Eastern Europe. GATE's experienced staff believes that global solidarity is built on people-to-people experiences and connects participants with the marginalized who, through struggling, find hope and inspiration in their reality.



Our next GATE trip to Guatemala is planned for March 28-April 7, 2012. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to experience another culture and another way of life, with experienced guides who have an eye for what's truly important in our lives: the people we share it with.

It will be Holy Week in Guatemala, and you won't want to miss the diverse traditions, the sights, the sounds and the brilliant colors and creativity that characterize the rituals.

Check out our website at: www.GATE-Travel.org for more information on all of our cultural immersion programs, or call 608-791-5283.

"An absolutely unique experience! So different and more meaningful than seeing Guatemala as a "tourist." A GATE trip should be required for anyone aspiring to be a leader in our society...and probably for the rest of us, too."

~ Bill W., New Mexico

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