

Visa Information

Thank you for ensuring fast visa applications to enable your trip to our beautiful country, the Land of Eternal Spring!

Invitation Letter

How to obtain an invitation letter for visa application purposes?

When completing the online delegate registration, indicate your requirement by checking the appropriate box. Invitation letters will only be issued once registration is complete and payment has been made. Letters will be sent via email.

Visa Application

Please note that the information provided below is based on the latest details from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and is subject to change without notice.

Applications and inquiries can also be made through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs website.

When entering Guatemala, a visa is considered a visitor's permit. The validity period is calculated from the entry date and indicated under the "conditions" section of the visa sticker. Ensure applications are submitted for the correct visa/permit category, as entry may be denied if the visit purpose is improperly declared.

Visitor visa requirements vary by country and are subject to change without notice.

Note: Each application is treated individually. It is recommended to consult your nearest Guatemalan mission or consulate abroad to confirm if you need a visa.

A fee is charged for visa issuance. Payment is accepted in different currencies depending on the country.

For applications and further information, visit the Ministry of Foreign Affairs website: https://www.minex.gob.gt/visor_pagina.aspx?PaginaID=21.

Entry to Guatemala - Continents

Continents:

Visa requirements vary by country of origin and continent. Below is a general overview by continent:

1. Americas

- **Visa Exempt:** Many countries, including the U.S., Canada, Mexico, and most Central and South American countries, do not require visas for stays up to 90 days.
- **Visa Required:** Some Caribbean and South American countries, like Cuba, Haiti, and Bolivia, require a visa.
- **Documents:** Valid **Passport** (minimum 6-month validity) and an exit ticket (return or onward).

2. Europe

- **Visa Exempt:** Citizens from most EU countries, the UK, Switzerland, and other European nations can enter visa-free for up to 90 days.
- **Visa Required:** Some Eastern European and non-EU countries may require a visa.
- **Documents:** Valid **Passport** and exit ticket.

3. Asia

- **Visa Required:** Most Asian countries, including India, China, and others in Southeast Asia, require a visa.
- **Visa Exempt:** Certain countries, like Israel and Japan, have visa waiver agreements.
- **Documents:** Valid **Passport**, exit ticket, and sometimes proof of financial solvency.

4. Africa

- **Visa Required:** Most African countries require a visa.
- **Documents:** Valid **Passport**, exit ticket, and sometimes **Vaccination** proof (e.g., yellow fever).

5. Oceania

- **Visa Exempt:** Citizens of Australia and New Zealand can enter visa-free for up to 90 days.
- **Visa Required:** Other Oceanian countries may require a visa.
- **Documents:** Valid **Passport** and exit ticket.

Additional Considerations

- **Transit Visa:** Typically not required for travelers not leaving the airport, depending on nationality.
- **Visa Extension:** Tourist visas can be extended for longer stays.
- **COVID-19 Entry Requirements:** Restrictions and requirements, such as **Vaccination** certificates, PCR tests, or quarantines, may apply based on the pandemic situation and country of origin.

Currency:

The official currency of Guatemala is the quetzal (GTQ), represented by the symbol “Q.” Each quetzal is divided into 100 centavos. Banknotes are issued in denominations of Q200, Q100, Q50, Q20, Q10, and Q5, along with a variety of coins. To check the current exchange rate of the quetzal against other currencies, you can visit www.xe.com.

Value-Added Tax (VAT):

In Guatemala, the Value Added Tax (VAT) is included in the price of most goods and services. Visitors are required to pay this tax on their purchases. It is possible to request a VAT refund at airports, ports, and customs offices for items taken out of the country, provided the total value exceeds Q250. To request the refund, customs authorities will require both the items and the purchase receipts.

Banking Services:

In Guatemala, banks typically operate Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM or 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM, with some offering reduced hours on Saturdays, usually from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. On Sundays, certain locations may remain open, but banks are often closed on public holidays.

Most banks provide currency exchange services for cash and accept debit and credit cards, as well as traveler’s checks. Cash can also be withdrawn from ATMs available throughout the country. Several international banks have branches in major urban centers. It is recommended to notify your bank before traveling abroad to avoid potential blocks on international purchases or withdrawals.

Weather:

En Guatemala, el clima a principios de diciembre es templado y puede variar considerablemente entre el día y la noche. La temperatura promedio en la Ciudad de Guatemala suele ser de aproximadamente 18 °C (64 °F). Las temperaturas diurnas suelen alcanzar máximos de alrededor de 24 °C (75 °F), mientras que en las noches más frescas

la temperatura puede bajar a unos 12 °C (54 °F). Aunque diciembre marca el inicio de la estación seca, aún podrían presentarse algunas lluvias ligeras, aunque es poco común.

Time **in** **Guatemala**

Guatemala operates on GMT-6 (6 hours behind Greenwich Mean Time). Below are some examples of time differences:

- **12:00 PM (noon) in Guatemala is:**
 - **1:00 PM** in Mexico City, Mexico
 - **2:00 PM** in New York, United States
 - **7:00 PM** in London, United Kingdom
 - **8:00 PM** in Paris, France
 - **4:00 AM (next day)** in Sydney, Australia

Tipping in Guatemala

In Guatemalan restaurants, it is customary to leave a tip of ****10% of the total bill****. This tip is generally at the discretion of the customer and depends on the quality of service received. Most restaurants do not include the tip in the bill, except for groups of ****8 to 10 people or more****, in which case it might be added automatically.

Electricity in Guatemala

The electrical supply in Guatemala is ****120 volts AC at 60 Hz****. Devices that require higher voltages (like 220/230 volts) will need a ****transformer**** to prevent damage. Standard plugs are ****Type A and Type B**** (with two flat prongs), so visitors may require adapters, which are usually available in stores or at hotel receptions. Hotel rooms typically do not include dual-voltage outlets, so bringing the necessary equipment is advised when traveling with international electronic devices.

Water:

It is recommended to avoid drinking tap water in Guatemala. Although water is generally treated, it may contain microorganisms that could affect those who are not accustomed to it. It is preferable to consume **bottled water**, which is readily available at hotels, restaurants, and stores.

Safety and Security

Visitors to Guatemala are advised to take basic safety precautions. It is recommended to avoid walking alone in sparsely populated areas after dark. Instead, opt for reliable transportation options such as taxis or ride-sharing services like Uber, especially at night.

If you have any doubts, consult the hotel staff about the safety of the area. Avoid displaying valuables such as cameras, watches, and flashy jewelry while sightseeing. Use the hotel safe or the one in your room to store valuable belongings like documents and **Passports**.

Smoking

In Guatemala, smoking is prohibited in enclosed public spaces, including airports, shopping malls, and restaurants, in compliance with local regulations. However, many places provide designated smoking areas.

Entry to Guatemala - Countries

1. Mexico

- **Visa Exempt:** Mexican citizens do not need a visa for stays of up to 90 days.
- **Required Documents:**
 - **Passport:** Must be valid for at least 6 months at the time of entry.
 - **Return Ticket:** A **Return Ticket** to Mexico or onward travel to another destination is required.

2. United States

- **Visa Exempt:** U.S. citizens do not need a visa for stays of up to 90 days.
- **Required Documents:**
 - **Passport:** Must be valid for at least 6 months from the entry date.
 - **Return Ticket:** Return or onward ticket is required.
 - **Proof of Funds:** It is recommended to have evidence of sufficient funds.

3. Spain

- **Visa Exempt:** Spanish citizens do not need a visa for stays of up to 90 days.
- **Required Documents:**
 - **Passport:** Must be valid for at least 6 months upon entry.
 - **Return Ticket:** A return or onward ticket is required.
 - **Travel Insurance:** Not mandatory, but recommended.

4. Germany

- **Visa Exempt:** German citizens can enter Guatemala without a visa for up to 90 days.
- **Required Documents:**
 - **Passport:** Must be valid for at least 6 months.
 - **Return Ticket:** A **Return Ticket** is required.
 - **Travel Insurance:** Recommended, though not mandatory.
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5. Brazil

- **Visa Exempt:** Brazilian citizens do not need a visa for stays of up to 90 days.
- **Required Documents:**
 - **Passport:** Must be valid for at least 6 months.
 - **Return Ticket:** A **Return Ticket** from Guatemala is necessary.
 - **Vaccination:** Yellow fever **Vaccination** certificate is required for travelers from high-risk areas.

6. China

- **Visa Required:** Chinese citizens need a visa to enter Guatemala.
- **Required Documents:**
 - **Passport:** Must be valid for at least 6 months.
 - **Visa:** Obtained from a Guatemalan embassy or consulate before traveling.
 - **Return Ticket:** A **Return Ticket** is necessary.
 - **Proof of Funds:** Proof of financial solvency and accommodation may be requested.

7. Canada

- **Visa Exempt:** Canadian citizens do not need a visa for stays of up to 90 days.
- **Required Documents:**
 - **Passport:** Must be valid for at least 6 months.
 - **Return Ticket:** A return or onward ticket is required.
 - **Proof of Funds:** Not required but recommended.

8. Colombia

- **Visa Exempt:** Colombian citizens do not need a visa for stays of up to 90 days.
- **Required Documents:**
 - **Passport:** Must be valid for at least 6 months.
 - **Return Ticket:** A **Return Ticket** from Guatemala is necessary.

- **Proof of Funds:** Recommended.

9. Venezuela

- **Visa Required:** Venezuelan citizens need a visa to enter Guatemala.
- **Required Documents:**
 - **Passport:** Must be valid for at least 6 months.
 - **Visa:** Obtained from the Guatemalan embassy or consulate before traveling.
 - **Return Ticket:** A **Return Ticket** is required.
 - **Proof of Funds:** May be requested.

10. Bolivia

- **Visa Required:** Bolivian citizens need a visa to enter Guatemala.
- **Required Documents:**
 - **Passport:** Must be valid for at least 6 months.
 - **Visa:** Obtained before traveling.
 - **Return Ticket:** Required.
 - **Proof of Funds:** May be requested.

11. Ecuador

- **Visa Exempt:** Ecuadorian citizens do not need a visa for stays of up to 90 days.
- **Required Documents:**
 - **Passport:** Must be valid for at least 6 months.
 - **Return Ticket:** A **Return Ticket** is required.
 - **Proof of Funds:** Recommended.

12. Peru

- **Visa Exempt:** Peruvian citizens do not need a visa for stays of up to 90 days.
- **Required Documents:**
 - **Passport:** Must be valid for at least 6 months.
 - **Return Ticket:** A **Return Ticket** is required.
 - **Proof of Funds:** Recommended.

13. Chile

- **Visa Exempt:** Chilean citizens can enter without a visa for up to 90 days.
- **Required Documents:**
 - **Passport:** Must be valid for at least 6 months.
 - **Return Ticket:** A **Return Ticket** is required.
 - **Proof of Funds:** Recommended.

14. Argentina

- **Visa Exempt:** Argentine citizens do not need a visa for stays of up to 90 days.
- **Required Documents:**
 - **Passport:** Must be valid for at least 6 months.
 - **Return Ticket:** A **Return Ticket** is required.
 - **Proof of Funds:** Recommended.

15. Uruguay

- **Visa Exempt:** Uruguayan citizens can enter without a visa for up to 90 days.
- **Required Documents:**
 - **Passport:** Must be valid for at least 6 months.
 - **Return Ticket:** A **Return Ticket** is required.
 - **Proof of Funds:** Recommended.

16. Paraguay

- **Visa Exempt:** Paraguayan citizens do not need a visa for stays of up to 90 days.
- **Required Documents:**
 - **Passport:** Must be valid for at least 6 months.
 - **Return Ticket:** Required.
 - **Proof of Funds:** Recommended.

17. Cuba

- **Visa Required:** Cuban citizens need a visa to enter Guatemala.
- **Required Documents:**
 - **Passport:** Must be valid for at least 6 months.

- **Visa:** Must be obtained before traveling.
- **Return Ticket:** Required.
- **Proof of Funds:** Recommended.

18. Puerto Rico

- **Visa Exempt:** Puerto Rico is a U.S. territory, so U.S. citizens from Puerto Rico do not need a visa.
- **Required Documents:**
 - **Passport:** If traveling with a U.S. **Passport**, it must be valid for at least 6 months.
 - **Return Ticket:** A **Return Ticket** is required.
 - **Proof of Funds:** Recommended.

19. Italy

- **Visa Exempt:** Italian citizens do not need a visa for stays of up to 90 days.
- **Required Documents:**
 - **Passport:** Must be valid for at least 6 months.
 - **Return Ticket:** Required.
 - Travel Insurance: Recommended.

20. Portugal

- **Visa Exempt:** Portuguese citizens do not need a visa for stays of up to 90 days.
- **Required Documents:**
 - **Passport:** Must be valid for at least 6 months.
 - **Return Ticket:** Required.
 - Travel Insurance: Recommended.

21. France

- **Visa Exempt:** French citizens can enter without a visa for up to 90 days.
- **Required Documents:**
 - **Passport:** Must be valid for at least 6 months.
 - **Return Ticket:** Required.

- Travel Insurance: Recommended.

22. Philippines

- **Visa Required:** Filipino citizens need a visa to enter Guatemala.
- **Required Documents:**
 - **Passport:** Must be valid for at least 6 months.

23. South Africa

- **Visa Exempt:** South African citizens can enter without a visa for up to 90 days.
- **Required Documents:**
 - **Passport:** Must be valid for at least 6 months.
 - **Return Ticket:** A **Return Ticket** or onward travel ticket is required.
 - **Proof of Funds:** Not mandatory, but recommended.
 - **Vaccination:** A yellow fever certificate may be required if traveling from an endemic area.

24. India

- **Visa Required:** Indian citizens need a visa to enter Guatemala.
- **Required Documents:**
 - **Passport:** Must be valid for at least 6 months.
 - **Visa:** Must be obtained from a Guatemalan embassy or consulate.
 - **Return Ticket:** A **Return Ticket** is required.
 - **Proof of Funds:** Financial solvency and accommodation may be requested.

25. Turkey

- **Visa Exempt:** Turkish citizens do not need a visa for stays of up to 90 days.
- **Required Documents:**
 - **Passport:** Must be valid for at least 6 months.
 - **Return Ticket:** A return or onward travel ticket is required.
 - **Proof of Funds:** Not mandatory, but recommended.

26. Lebanon

- **Visa Required:** Lebanese citizens need a visa to enter Guatemala.
- **Required Documents:**
 - **Passport:** Must be valid for at least 6 months.
 - **Visa:** Must be obtained from a Guatemalan embassy or consulate before traveling.
 - **Return Ticket:** Required.
 - **Proof of Funds:** Financial solvency and accommodation may be required.