

Guatemala



Guatemala is a country located in Central America. The capital of Guatemala is Guatemala City. Guatemala means "land of many trees" in Spanish. Farming is possible year round since there is so much volcanic activity that the land is kept warm. In this tiny country, not much larger than the state of New York, there are 19 active volcanoes! This land has been home to the native Mayans for over 4,000 years. The Mayans built huge temples, pyramids and observatories. The Maya loved dance. Some scholars believe the Maya might have known a thousand different dances. Their dances included the Monkey, the Grandfather, the Shadow of the Trees, and the Centipede. Dance costumes were colorful, and headdresses were huge! Guatemala's national bird is the Quetzal. It has beautiful feathers and the male has a very long, colorful tale.



traditional dress

What is the capital of Guatemala?

What is the main indigenous people of Guatemala?

What is Guatemala's national bird?

What does Guatemala mean in Spanish?

Name some of the Maya dances:



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