



Textile Tour to GUATEMALA WITH PRISCILLA BIANCHI

COME JOIN ME FOR THE EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME! I WILL TAKE YOU ON A UNIQUE, ENRICHING, INSPIRATIONAL INSIDER'S TOUR OF THE BEST THAT GUATEMALA HAS TO OFFER!! LOCATED AT THE HEART OF THE MAYAN WORLD, HERE YOU'LL COME IN DIRECT CONTACT WITH

INDIGENOUS PEOPLE AND LEARN FIRST HAND ABOUT THEIR CULTURE AND ABOUT ONE OF THE RICHEST LIVING TEXTILE TRADITIONS IN THE WORLD. WE WILL HAVE A WONDERFUL TIME WITH FUN AND LAUGHTER TO NURTURE YOUR HEART, BODY AND SOUL.

Discovering Guatemala's Highlights:

- *You will ...be inspired by the breathtaking Guatemalan landscape, flora & fauna;*
- *...experience the Mayan world, its people in everyday costumes, its traditions;*
- *...be my guest at my Studio for a luscious lunch, a behind-the-scenes peek & private trunk show;*
- *...enrich your design repertoire and art appreciation with hands-on experiences;*
- *...visit Priscilla's favorite places... the best textile centers & Museum; the 16th Century colonial city of Antigua, the open market at Chichicastenango, witness weaving first hand at Lake Atitlán, one of the most beautiful lakes in the world; stroll along the Maya archeological site of Tikal or Copán;*
- *...shop for unique textiles, costumes, folk arts and crafts, jewelry, masks, etc.;*
- *...travel safely with like-minded companions, in comfort and style...*

I've teamed-up with an expert tour company that's been conducting specialty tours for over 20 years. All you need to do is register. We take care of all the details from the moment you arrive at the airport in Guatemala City, so you can just relax and enjoy!

TOUR EXPERT: Priscilla Bianchi

Native Guatemalan quilt artist, designer and international teacher, Priscilla represents a unique personality in today's fiber arts world. Her one-of-a-kind Art Quilts with ethnic character, incorporate the richness of Guatemalan hand-woven textiles, colors, patterns, and symbolisms, giving life to a myriad of works of art that are fresh, vibrant and innovative. Her extensively published work has been exhibited internationally and acquired by many private collectors like the American Craft Museum in New York City, where she is the only Latin American fiber arts artist represented in their Permanent Collection.

Priscilla's incredible and inspirational story, her passion and enthusiasm for her work, as well as her origins make her a truly unique quilt artist. An experienced teacher, she travels worldwide to exhibit her work, to lecture and teach about her career and share her experiences.

SAMPLE ITINERARY**

- November 9– 18, 2008 ■ February 15 – 24, 2009
- November 8– 17, 2009 ■ February 14 – 23, 2010
- November 7– 16, 2010

Day 1 <i>Sunday</i>	Upon arrival in Guatemala City, transfer to beautiful Hotel Quinta Real* overlooking the city and surrounding volcanoes. Free evening. Dinner.									
Day 2 <i>Monday</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The tour of Guatemala City will take you to the historical part of town, the Relief Map, Ixchel Museum of Textiles & Costumes, Museum of Archaeology. • Private visit to Priscilla's Studio for lunch. • After lunch travel to the colonial city of Antigua. Transfer to Hotel Casa Santo Domingo* for the next two nights. 									
Day 3 <i>Tuesday</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tour of Antigua in the morning. • After lunch, travel half-an-hour to San Antonio Aguas Calientes, one of the country's best textile centers. 									
Day 4 <i>Wednesday</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free morning in Antigua. Go shopping for unique arts & crafts or simply relax and stroll along Colonial cobblestone streets... • At noon we leave for Chichicastenango, stopping for lunch at the famous German-style restaurant "Katok". • Arrival and dinner at Hotel Mayan Inn* 									
Day 5 <i>Thursday</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stroll Chichicastenango's open market for folk art treasures like wooden masks, textiles, typical costumes, silver jewelry. • After lunch at the hotel, travel to the town of Panajachel on the shores of Lake Atitlán. Transfer to Hotel Atitlán* for the next two nights. • Dinner at the hotel. 									
Day 6 <i>Friday</i>	<p>Early in the morning, we go on a boat ride across the lake to the village of Santiago and tour this charming town.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit "Cajolya Association" a women's project founded to preserve the art of weaving and provide community members with extra income. Afterwards we'll enjoy a sumptuous, typical lunch, an unforgettable experience you'll cherish forever. 									
Day 7 <i>Saturday</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit Santa Catarina Palopó, another charming indigenous town on the lake. Visit women in their homes and watch them weave up close. • Travel back to Guatemala City, stopping for lunch at the German-style restaurant "Katok" once again. Stay the night at Hotel Quinta Real*. 									
Day 8 <i>Sunday</i>	<p>You have two choices:</p> <p>(a) Basic tour ends. Transfer to the airport for your return flight home... OR</p> <p>(b) continue on an optional tour to either of these Maya cities:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 33%;">Tikal, Guatemala</td> <td style="width: 33%; text-align: center;">OR</td> <td style="width: 33%;">Copán, Honduras</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Transfer to airport; fly to Flores, Petén.</td> <td></td> <td>Drive to Copán. Arrive at hotel</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Visit the ruins & tour the archeological site. Hotel Westin Camino Real Tikal*.</td> <td></td> <td>Posada Real Copán*. Free afternoon.</td> </tr> </table>	Tikal, Guatemala	OR	Copán, Honduras	Transfer to airport; fly to Flores, Petén.		Drive to Copán. Arrive at hotel	Visit the ruins & tour the archeological site. Hotel Westin Camino Real Tikal*.		Posada Real Copán*. Free afternoon.
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Day 10 Tuesday	Optional tour ends. Transfer to the airport for your return flight home. (* or equivalent).

A. Price and Reservations BASIC TOUR

US\$2,150** two or more per room

US\$2,650** single

Included in your Textile BASIC TOUR: ■ Once-in-a-lifetime educational experience in Mayan textiles with a focus on art quilting & design ■ 8 days, 7 nights at luxury hotels ■ all meals (7B, 6L, 7D per itinerary) ■ all hotel taxes ■ Deluxe motor coaches and private boats ■ all hotel baggage handling and meal service tips ■ All entrance fees and excursions (per itinerary)

NOT included: Airfare from your hometown to Guatemala ■ Tikal or Copán option ■ Travel insurance ■ Airport taxes ■ Beverages, liquor & tips for these ■ Meals /visits not specified in this itinerary ■ Last minute changes or unforeseen circumstances.

B. Optional Tour

Tikal, Guatemala

US\$425.00** two or more p/ room

US\$450.00** single

Copán, Honduras

US\$390.00** two or more p/room

US\$425.00** single

Included in your Optional Tour: ■ 3 days, 2 nights at luxury hotels ■ all meals (2B, 2L, 2D per itinerary) ■ all hotel taxes ■ Air and/or ground transportation in deluxe motor coaches ■ all hotel baggage handling and meal service tips ■ All entrance fees and excursions (per itinerary)

NOT included: Airfare from your hometown to Guatemala ■ Travel insurance ■ Airport taxes ■ Beverages, liquor & tips for these ■ Meals or visits not specified in this itinerary ■ Last minute changes or unforeseen circumstances.

C. Deposit Policy: Since the tour is limited to 20 people, you can reserve your space anytime by sending a letter, fax or e-mail indicating the dates you wish to travel and a **US\$250 deposit**. Payment must be made in full **100 days prior** to tour, as follows.

■ August 1st, for the November Tours; ■ November 1st, for the February Tours.

D. Cancellation Policy We strongly encourage the purchase of Cancellation and Travel Insurance, usually purchased through your travel agent.

All cancelled reservations will have the following charges:

Now – 121 days \$ 50.00 100 - 61 days \$250.00
120 - 101 days \$100.00 60 - 0 days No refunds

You may transfer your reservation to another person if unable to attend.

E. Form of Payment We accept cashier's & personal checks, money orders and bank transfers only. Sorry, no credit cards accepted. All returned checks are subject to a \$40 fee. ■ Make checks payable to: PRISCILLA BIANCHI and *send payment with Registration Form to the FL address below.*

** Itinerary and prices are subject to change without previous notice.

Additional information:



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Registration Form

TOUR DATES I wish to travel:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Country: _____ Zip: _____

TEL: Day _____ Evening _____

FAX: _____ e-mail _____

Name of roommate: _____ Private: _____

Payment

I have enclosed: Amount \$ _____

Payment by: ♦Check # _____ ♦Credit Card online _____

Will you take the Optional Tour? ♦Yes _____ ♦No _____

To where: ♦Tikal____ ♦Copán____ or ♦Let us decide for you _____

Do you have any special diet requirements? Please explain.

Your Signature: _____
