Guatemala has much to offer including a rich cultural heritage, dating back four thousand years to the times of the Mayan people, whose legacy lives on today. Geographically the country is exceptionally beautiful with stunning vistas dotted with lakes and volcanoes. Access from the U.S, is easy, as is travel from city to city due to the country's small size.

Professional Connections

- ✓ **Interact with professionals** from a variety of facilities throughout your travels. Explore Guatemala's education and library systems including the status of information technology implementation and other innovations happening today including how they promote literacy, especially among the indigenous population.
- ✓ Hosts may include local speakers and those located at facilities like the Biblioteca Nacional de Guatemala and a local university like the Universidad de San Carlos de Guatemala.
- ★Accompanying guest program alternate activities will be provided for those who do not wish to attend the professional meetings, including a visit to Santa Teresita Hot Springs to spend the morning relaxing in their thermal water pools!

Cultural Immersion & Exploration

- Enjoy privately guided explorations of Antigua and Guatemala
 City and visit important historical sites.
- ✓ Giving back and engaging with the local community is an important part of your journey. Spend time with staff and children at one of Niños de Guatemala's schools.
- ✓ Visit the community of San Lorenzo el Cubo and meet with a family in their home to learn about the art of making Guatemalan worry dolls.
- ✓ Explore the Mayan ruins of **Iximche**, dating back to 1524.
- ✓ Learn about Guatemalan foods during a gastronomy workshop and cooking class, including the chance to explore a local market for ingredients.

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