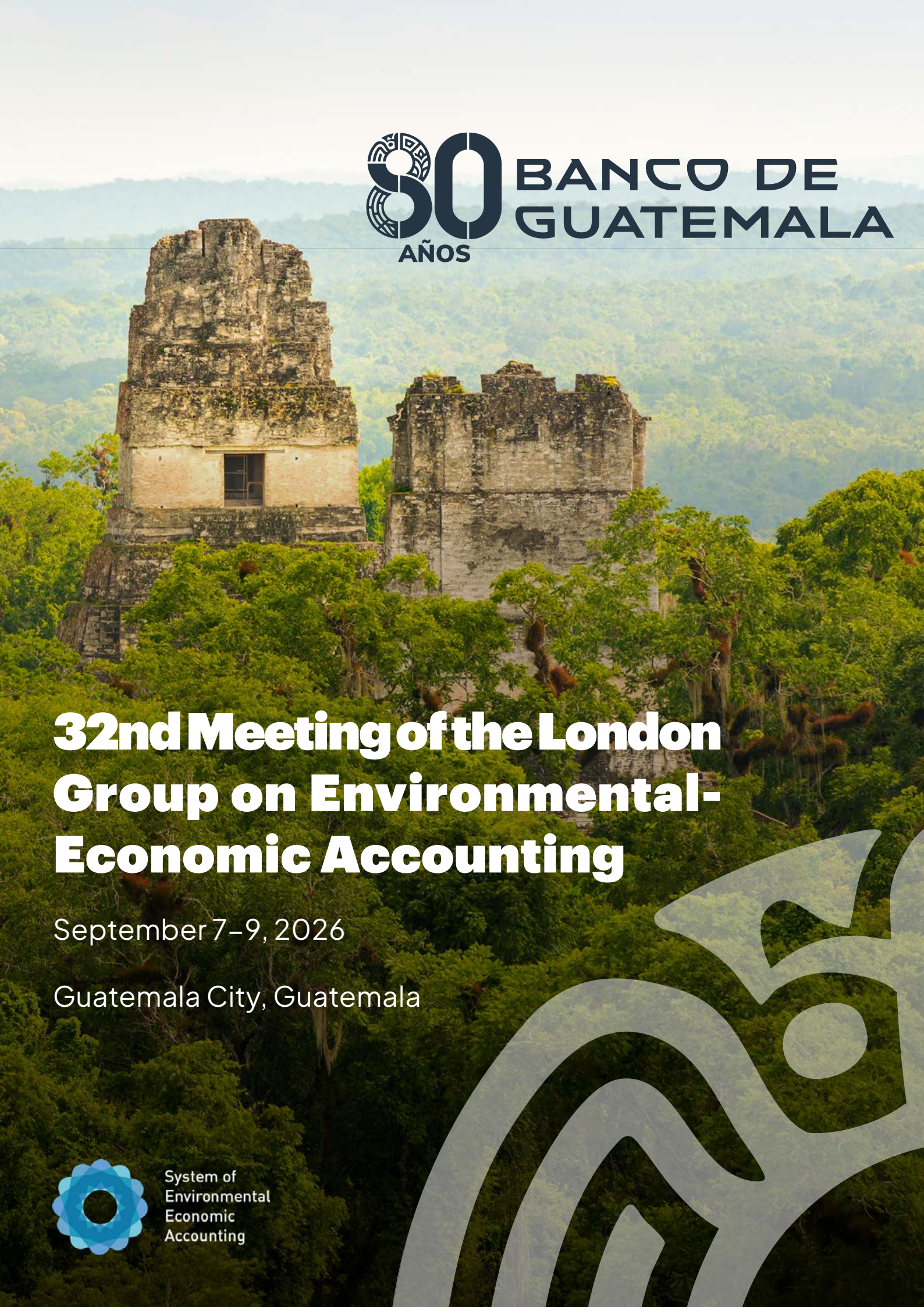

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About Guatemala

Guatemala is a vibrant country in Central America, known for its rich culture, breathtaking landscapes, and deep historical roots. Bordered by Mexico, Belize, Honduras, and El Salvador, it offers travelers a unique mix of natural beauty and cultural heritage.

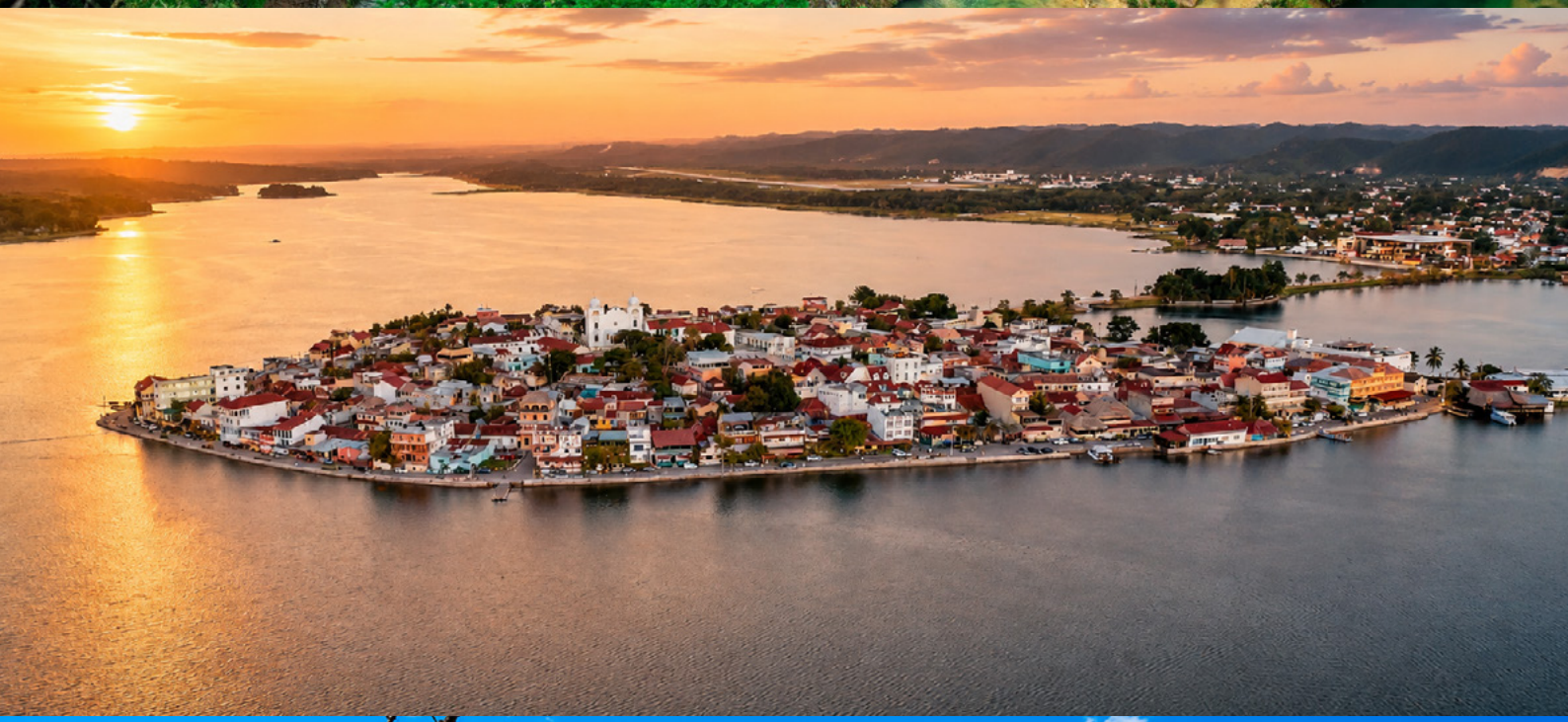
From the ancient Mayan ruins of Tikal hidden within lush jungles, to the colorful colonial streets of Antigua Guatemala, Guatemala is full of unforgettable destinations. Visitors can explore stunning volcanoes, relax by the serene waters of Lake Atitlán, and experience traditional villages where indigenous cultures and languages are still alive.

The country is also famous for its vibrant markets, delicious cuisine, and warm, welcoming people. Travelers can enjoy local dishes like tamales and pepián while discovering handmade textiles and crafts that reflect centuries-old traditions.

Whether you are seeking adventure, history, or cultural immersion, Guatemala offers an authentic and diverse travel experience that makes it one of the most captivating destinations in Central America.

On the other side, Guatemala City is the capital and largest city of Guatemala. It is the country's political, economic, and cultural center. Located in a valley in the south-central part of the country, the city is known for its mix of modern buildings, historical landmarks, and vibrant urban life.

Guatemala City has many museums, theaters, and markets that reflect the nation's rich Mayan and Spanish colonial heritage. It is also an important hub for business, transportation, and education in Central America.



Meeting Venue

Banco de Guatemala is the central bank of the country and plays a key role in maintaining economic stability. It was officially established in 1946, following a series of financial reforms after the Guatemalan Revolution, which aimed to modernize the nation's institutions.

The main objective of Banco de Guatemala is to ensure price stability and promote the proper functioning of the financial system. It is responsible for issuing the national currency, the Guatemalan quetzal, and for implementing monetary policy to control inflation and support economic growth. Over the years, the bank has strengthened its role in maintaining confidence in the country's economy.

In terms of its structure, Banco de Guatemala operates as an autonomous institution, meaning it works independently from the government to make decisions based on economic conditions. Its headquarters are located in Guatemala City, where it also serves as a symbol of the country's financial authority.

Today, Banco de Guatemala continues to be a fundamental institution in the nation's development, ensuring monetary stability and contributing to a secure and reliable economic environment.

BANCO DE GUATEMALA
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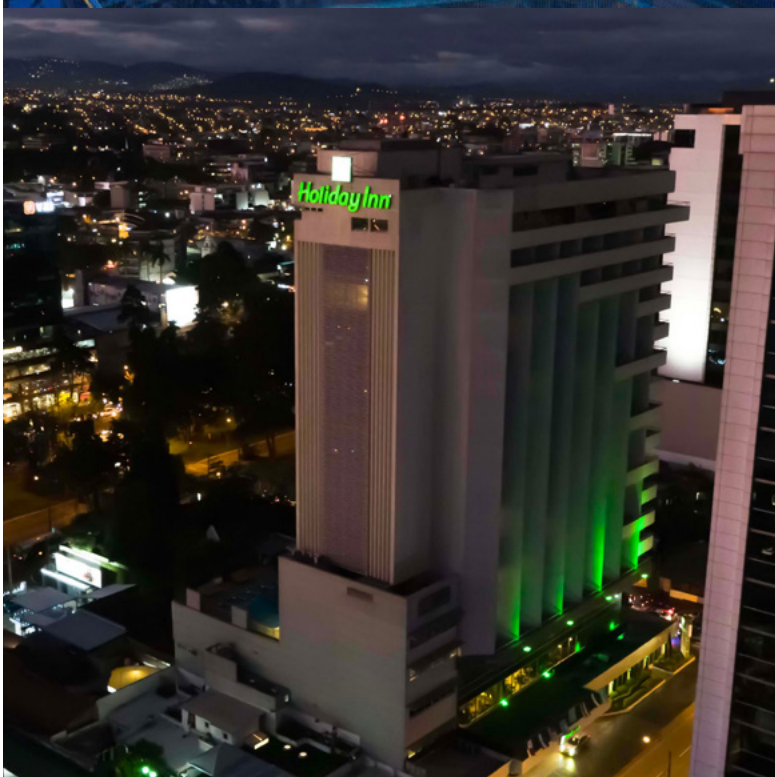

Accommodation

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Restaurants

In Guatemala, restaurants usually open from lunchtime (12:00 p.m.) until the evening (11:00–12:00 p.m.), and shopping malls typically operate from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 or 9:00 p.m. on Saturday

Hacienda Real
(5a. Avenida 14–67, Zone 10)
+502 2380–8383
A steakhouse restaurant that combines local flavors with the finest grilled cuts, set in a venue featuring impressive Latin American architecture.

San Martin
(13 Calle y 2a. Avenida esquina, Zone 10, Plaza Rosa)
+502 2420–9916
A chain of café-restaurants focused on casual dining, artisanal bakery items, breakfast, brunch, and both international and local dishes.

Restaurante 7 Caldos
(4a. Avenida 7–00, Zone 10)
+502 2361–8180
An extensive menu of traditional cuisine based on broths, meats, and seafood, aiming to preserve recipes passed down from generation to generation, making it a national reference and bringing comforting, heartfelt flavors to the table.

Saul Bistro Zone 10
(6a. avenida 15–64, Zone 10)
+502 2379–8718
Offers a variety of different, delicious, and nutritious food options. Excellent service and a very pleasant atmosphere make it a place worth returning to in order to try its diverse menu.

Donde Mikel
(6a. Avenida 13–32, Zone 10)
+502 2363–3308
A Basque and Spanish cuisine restaurant located in Zone 10 of Guatemala City. It is known for its grilled meats and fresh seafood, with a warm atmosphere and attentive service that have made it a local gastronomic reference since the late 1990s.

Casa Escobar
(6a. Avenida 14–21, Zone 10)
+502 2354–4800
A refined steakhouse known for its premium cuts, elegant atmosphere, and contemporary approach to grilled meats, offering a dining experience that combines quality ingredients, careful preparation, and warm service in one of Guatemala City's most active culinary areas.

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Shopping Centers

Ciudad Cayalá
(Blvd. Rafael Landívar 10-05, Zone 16)
A city within the city that has it all-from shops to amenities. Featuring open spaces, nature, and experiences designed to inspire and strengthen every aspect it represents.

Oakland Mall / Oakland Place
(Diagonal 6, 13-01, Zone 10)
Located in Zone 10 of Guatemala City, the heart of the financial and office district, Oakland Mall stands out for its innovative construction and design, as well as its commercial offering, positioning it as one of the largest malls in Central America.

Plaza Fontabella
(4a. Avenida 12-59, Zone 10)
An elegant shopping center with boutiques, restaurants, a movie theater, fountains, and outdoor patios.

Weather

Guatemala has a tropical climate, but it varies a lot depending on altitude and region. In general, the country has two main seasons: a rainy season (May to October) and a dry season (November to April). Coastal and lowland areas tend to be hot and humid, while the highlands are cooler and more temperate. Because of the mountains, temperatures can change significantly over short distances.

In Guatemala City, the climate is considered subtropical highland. The city sits at a higher elevation, so temperatures are usually mild and comfortable throughout the year. Average daytime temperatures typically range from about 20°C to 27°C (68°F to 81°F). Nights can be cooler, especially between November and February.

The city also follows the same seasonal pattern:

During the rainy season, afternoons often bring short but heavy showers and occasional thunderstorms.
In the dry season, the weather is generally sunny, clear, and pleasant, with little rainfall.

Overall, Guatemala City is known for having a “spring like” climate year-round, without extreme heat or cold.

Exchange Rate

The official currency of Guatemala is the Quetzal (GTQ). The exchange rate against the U.S. dollar (USD) is usually stable, with an average rate of Q7.80 per US$1.00.

Getting Around

Official Transportation
Banco de Guatemala will provide official transportation for meeting participants. This service will include transfers from La Aurora International Airport to the designated hotels, as well as daily transportation from the hotels to the meeting venue at Banco de Guatemala (7a Avenida 22–01, Zone 1, Guatemala City), and return transfers to the hotels at the end of each day. Transportation back to the airport at the conclusion of the meetings will also be arranged, as applicable.

City Transportation
For additional transportation within the city, the use of ride-hailing applications such as Uber is recommended, as they are widely available in Guatemala and offer a safe and convenient service. Alternatively, taxis are also available, particularly at hotels and key locations throughout the city. It is advisable to use authorized taxis or those arranged directly through the hotel.

Additionally, several hotels offer shuttle services to nearby shopping centers and points of interest; participants are encouraged to inquire directly with their hotel regarding availability and schedules.

Visa Requirements for Guatemala

Guatemala allows visa-free entry for nationals of many countries, including the United States, the European Union, and several other jurisdictions, for short-term stays. The primary travel document required for visa-exempt travelers is a valid passport.

To verify whether a visa is required based on your nationality, please consult the following link: https://www.minex.gob.gt/din/26-visas-para-extranjeros In the event that a visa is required, participants are advised to contact the nearest Guatemalan embassy or consulate for guidance on the application process and applicable requirements.

Alternatively, participants may contact the Visa Section of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Guatemala at +502 2410-0000, extension 5016, for further assistance.

Inquiries and visa-related requests may also be submitted through the Public Information Unit of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at the following email address: uip@minex.gob.gt

Language

The official language of Guatemala is Spanish. However, English is widely spoken and understood.
Please note that the meeting will be conducted in English, and interpretation services will be provided.

Time in Guatemala

Time zone information for Guatemala: UTC -6 Central Standard Time (CST). Always the same time as Guatemala City. Guatemala does not observe daylight saving time. The IANA time zone identifier for Guatemala is America/Guatemala.

Electrical Power Supply

In Guatemala, the electrical standard uses Type A and Type B plugs (compatible with the US), with voltages of 120 V and 220 V and a frequency of 60 Hz. If you are coming from Europe or other regions, you may need an adapter and possibly a voltage converter.

- Type A: Two parallel flat prongs.
- Type B: Two parallel flat pins with one round ground pin.

Emergency Numbers

1. Banco de Guatemala	**+502 2429-6000 ext. 5830**
2. Volunteer Firefighters	**+502 122**
3. Municipal firefighters	**+502 123**
4. RED CROSS	**+502 125**
5. National Civil Police	**+502 110 and 120**