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NEW HORIZONS

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PAN AMERICAN'S OFFICE...6a Ave. Sur No. 26 B & C (Tel. 2250 and 2251)

RELIGION...The country is Catholic but other sects are represented: Episcopalian, Lutheran, Church of England, Protestant and Baptist.

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SIGHTSEEING...In the capital take a look at the Church of Santo Domingo which is whiter than white because milk and the white of eggs were mixed in the mortar to give it greater strength. The Presidential Palace of light green stone is interesting. A must for tourists is the relief map of the country found in Minerva Park, which gives you an excellent idea of the country. Many old churches escaped the 1917 earthquake. Among them, the Cathedral which is interesting. The National Museum is of interest, too. The markets, particularly the big one at The Mercado Central behind the Cathedral; Mercadito, or little market, are "must sees." Maya Trails, Guatemala Tours, Jordan Tours, Wagon Lits/Cook and Clark's Tours arrange package tours to outlying spots of interest.

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Lake Atitlan is five thousand feet above sea level and is overlooked by three volcanoes. Bothen villages ring the 75 mile shoreline. Other points of interest are: *Quetzaltenango*, a mountain town with a good industry climate. It has an interesting market and narrow streets. It is the country's second city. *Puerto Barrios*, chief port of the Caribbean, is a 200 mile water ride through the jungles from the capital port *Quetzaltenango*.

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TIME... Same as United States Central Standard Time.

TIPPING... Tip for the same services you would at home, but slightly less.

TOURIST TAXES... A tourist card which costs \$2.00 may be obtained from the Guatemalan Consulate upon presentation of birth certificate or other proof of citizenship, a letter from your bank or employer.

TRANSPORTATION... Taxis... Cars may be hired for tours around the country. Bus trips also available.

WEATHER... Baked water in your bath bed, or soft drink.

WHAT TO BUY... Native hand crafts are the thing to buy here. Hand-woven textiles, silver, pottery, native dolls, leather goods, decorative goods, shells, skirts, blankets are the best buys.

WHAT TO WEAR... Guatemala is informal or take sports clothes. The casual, and light weight clothes you wear in the summer are right for Guatemala, dark dress for evening. You'll need a topcoat and good walking shoes. Men will need slacks, sports jackets. Dark suit desirable for evening. A topcoat is necessary and so is a light weight hat. Shoes are an important item. Take enough to be comfortable.

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