



## A U S T R A L I A   A N D

# Guatemala



**Warm and expanding relationship, underscored by multilateral cooperation and tourism growth**

### Key engagement

Cooperation on the environment, agricultural development, transnational crime and disarmament.

### Outlook

Modest trade potential in agribusiness.

## Bilateral relations

Australia and Guatemala established diplomatic relations in 1977. The Australian Embassy in Mexico City holds non-resident accreditation to Guatemala.

Guatemala opened an embassy in Canberra in 2014 and has an Honorary Consul in Victoria.

## Foreign relations

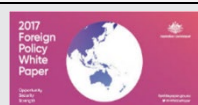
Australia and Guatemala are members of the WTO, IMF, World Bank and United Nations (UN).

Australia and Guatemala are members of the Cairns Group of agricultural exporting countries and the Forum for East Asia-Latin America Cooperation (FEALAC).

Guatemala is a member of the Association of Caribbean States (ACS), the Organization of American States (OAS), the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC), Central American Integration System / Sistema de Integración Centroamericana (SICA) and other regional organisations.

Australia is an observer of SICA. Guatemala is an observer of the Pacific Alliance.

Guatemala, collectively with 'Central America' (consisting of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua), has FTAs with the Dominican Republic, Chile, Panama, and the United States. Guatemala also has FTAs with Colombia and Taiwan.



Foreign Policy White Paper:  
<https://www.fpwhitepaper.gov.au>

## FAST FACTS



Guatemalan visitors to Australia ([2020 Dept of Home Affairs](#)) # 100



Australian visitors to Guatemala (primary destination) ([2020 Dept of Home Affairs](#)) # \* 500



Resident Australian population born in Guatemala ([2016 Census](#)) 453



Australian residents of Guatemalan descent ([2016 Census](#)) 410



Guatemalan students in Australia ([2020 Dept of Education](#)) 42

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\*Guatemala reports the number of Australian visitors as 7,873 in 2018, and 11,895 under 'rest of the world' in 2020 ([www.inguat.gob.gt](http://www.inguat.gob.gt)).

## High level engagement

2017 February – Australia's Special Envoy for Human Rights, the Hon Phillip Ruddock MP, visited Guatemala.



## Agreements with Guatemala

2013

[Tax Information Exchange Agreement](#)

## Public diplomacy

In 2020, the Australian Embassy in Mexico hosted a webinar on Australia's biosecurity expertise to combat Fusarium wilt of bananas. The event attracted over 150 participants from 13 different countries, including Guatemala.

## Direct Assistance Program

Through the [Direct Aid Program \(DAP\)](#), the Australian Government supports projects coordinated by civil society that empower women and girls, and advocate for the rights of indigenous communities, persons with disabilities and LGBTIQ+ communities. DAP funds have also been used to help many of these disadvantaged groups recover from the economic impacts of COVID-19.

The Australian Embassy in Mexico has hosted a number of webinars in collaboration with sponsored NGOs to highlight the outcomes of these projects. In 2020-21, funding is being provided to support health outcomes for rural communities.

## Economic diplomacy

The Australian Government supports Australian investors in Guatemala by providing support and advice on political, economic and regulatory environments.

Australia engages with Guatemala on agricultural trade and is working to gain market access for Australian producers, particularly from the edible animal fats sector.

Further economic and trade information can be found in our [Economic Factsheet](#) for Guatemala.

## Business

Austrade aims to attract foreign direct investment into Australia. It also identifies market opportunities and promotes the capabilities of Australian exporters and education providers.

### Austrade

<https://www.austrade.gov.au/contact/offices/country-index>



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