

Buenas Dias

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This is the view from my hotel room in the early morning.



Yesterday we went by boat to visit several Mayan villages on the periphery of Lake Atitlan, where we saw the contrast between vibrant color and grinding poverty. Now and then we have met Americans who came here 30-40 years ago, as hippies, and stayed. Easy to see why one would stay in this beautiful place with its benign climate as a young person; harder to see how one would stay while aging, with no good medical or dental care available.

But oh, the colors!





The colorful patterns and designs on these textiles are a reflection of the rich cultural heritage of the region, often passed down through generations. The vibrant colors and intricate patterns are a testament to the skill and creativity of the artisans who create them.