



2013 Women's Delegation to Guatemala

Purpose: The Seattle International Foundation invites you to travel to Guatemala to experience firsthand how strategic philanthropy to empower women and girls is changing thousands of lives and creating positive social change. Throughout the journey you will gain a unique understanding of the cultures, people and history of Guatemala. Through site visits and dialogue with government officials, NGO leaders, and journalists, travelers will learn how programs focused on women and girls are changing the current social, economic and political landscape. Founded in 2008, SIF has a strategic focus on empowering women and girls in Central America, and has awarded more than \$7 million in grants to organizations working for positive social change throughout the region.

Cost: \$2,250 plus airfare. This includes all meals, lodging, interpretation and local transportation.

Draft Agenda

Day 1: Monday, April 1

- Travel from Seattle, WA to Guatemala City, Guatemala (*please see attachment entitled "Travel Options" for more information on preferred flights to and from Seattle, WA*)
- Check-In to hotel in Guatemala City, Guatemala

Day 2: Tuesday, April 2

Potential activities to include:

- Country briefing and visit to the U.S. Embassy in Guatemala
- Meetings with Guatemalan Government Officials working on women's issues
- Dinner with women leaders in the nonprofit sector and civil society

Day 3: Wednesday, April 3

Potential activities to include:

- **Morning:** Transfer from Guatemala City to Antigua, Guatemala
- **Mid-Morning:** Field Site Visit with NGO focused on building leadership capacities in young women, as well as directly serving women and children who are domestic violence victims through legal, psychological, and medical support.
- **Lunch:** Santo Domingo del Cerro
- **Afternoon:** Reserve for additional field site visits in Antigua, Guatemala and the surrounding area. Visits will be arranged based on the interest areas of the women participating in this trip.
- **Evening:** Dinner with grassroots women leaders

Day 4: Thursday, April 4

Potential activities to include:

- **Morning:** Travel to Santa Cruz del Quiche (approximately 2 hours from Antigua)
- **Mid-Morning:** Meeting with NGO leader who coordinates a network of indigenous women focused on violence prevention
- **Early-Afternoon:** Travel Chichicastenango (approximately 30 minutes from Santa Cruz del Quiche). Chichicastenango is known for its traditional K'iche' Maya culture and markets.
- **Late-Afternoon:** Continue on to Lake Atitlan (approx. 1 hour) where we will spend the night, Hotel Casa del Mundo, and visit additional programs working with indigenous women's groups.

Day 5: Friday, April 5

Potential activities to include:

- **Morning:** Travel by boat to Santa Cruz del Quiche, to visit with Amigos de Santa Cruz (education and maternal health program)
- **Lunch:** Enjoy lunch at Amigos' restaurant, run by local culinary students
- **Afternoon:** Meet with women's hospital and midwife training program
- **Evening:** Spend the night at Hotel Casa del Mundo

Day 6: Saturday, April 6

Potential activities to include:

- **Morning/Afternoon:** Field site visits with Sinergia Noj's partners working to promote rural, indigenous women's leadership development
- **Afternoon/Early Evening:** Free time around Lake Atitlan or Antigua, depending on travel plans for delegates

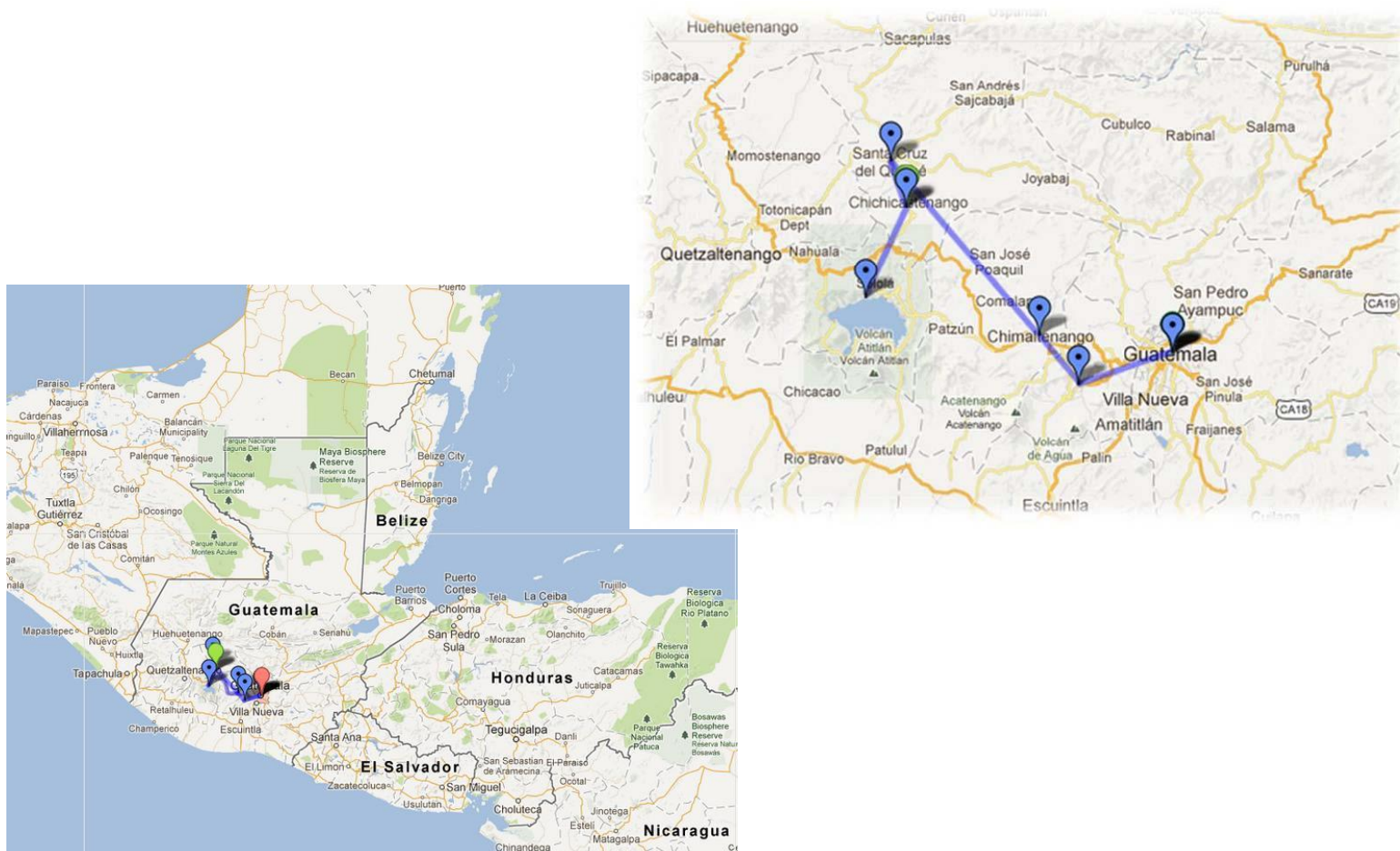
Day 7: Sunday, April 7

Potential activities to include:

- **Afternoon:** Return to Guatemala City; check in to the hotel and relax over free time in the afternoon
- **Evening:** Dinner with Romina Ruiz-Goirierna, independent journalist, and other members of the press as well as key civil society leaders to discuss the primary challenges facing women in Guatemala and debrief on the week's activities.

Day 8: Monday, April 8

- Return to Seattle, WA (please see attachment "Travel Options" for more information on preferred flights to and from Seattle, WA)



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