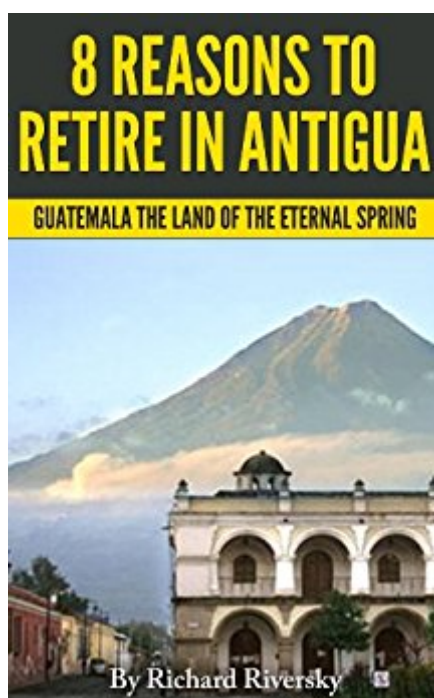


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8 REASONS TO RETIRE IN ANTIGUA: Guatemala The Land Of The Eternal Spring



Synopsis

Not just another travel Book about Antigua, Guatemala, this eBook is packed with authentic experiences I made myself over the years. I came to Antigua first time six years ago to take Spanish lessons on a friend's recommendation. After the two weeks, I knew for sure I would come back. Not only did I like the unequalled teaching system of the school. It was, above all, the overall impression this beautiful colonial town with its friendly residents left with me. So only two months later, I booked daily lessons in the same school for six month, and I was so fortunate that the school offered me to live in a small private bungalow in the school gardens. They sent me to an accommodating former school principal for having the best native meals and enjoying a family like and welcoming acceptance. The next few European cold winters I spent in Antigua with its year around spring climate. I wish I had known the Guatemalan highlands where Antigua is embedded in long time before. The climate is so beneficial to my health and only after one week staying here, all my back pains are gone. Now I am spending more and more time here. This is now the first period I lived here more than twelve month without leaving the country for longer than two weeks. The special geographic situation of Guatemala on the Isthmus of Central America allows to reach the Pacific and Caribbean beaches in two respectively four hours of public bus rides. On these beaches, a tropical climate expects the beach lovers. Some of the facts presented in this book are:

- How you can find the best houses or apartments definitely not through real estate agents presenting you mostly the far overpriced accommodations
- Where to find the best sources for your daily needs
- How to deal best with the local business people.
- How you will find the best Spanish schools.
- Hospitals that provide free service
- And Hospitals you should avoid as they will charge you a fortune with even minor service.
- The best dentists who deliver first-class work for a fraction you are used to get in USA or in Europe.
- Links to many institutions and local resources for more information.

There is no book which gives you for 2.99 Dollars (+ taxes) such comprehensive and detailed information. This is the reason this book made it repeatedly into the top seller lists of Central American guides. So if you want to get first-hand knowledge of Antigua this book will be the perfect source presenting in a concentrated way all you need to know about Antigua. For more Information on Richards Writings please visit his Author Page: <http://www..com/-/e/B00F3RPE8I>

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Customer Reviews

8 REASONS TO RETIRE IN ANTIGUA: Guatemala The Land Of The Eternal Spring by Richard Riversky I think the author gives a true picture of what it would be like, to retire in Antigua. I grew up there and it is a beautiful and unique place, with so much interest and a lot of fascinating people both locals and foreigners. I for some reason could not see the photos on my kindle, but luckily I know what it looks like.

I was very disappointed with the limited content of this "book" (it is only 49 pages). There are apparently photos included in the "book" but none of them would display on my Kindle, so cannot see any of the photos. His pamphlet (because that's really what it is, I wouldn't call it a book) repeatedly refers you to other books if you want any in-depth information - particularly to Elizabeth Bell's "Antigua Guatemala, Its Heritage" and to Michael Scherer's "Our Man in Antigua." Elizabeth Bell appears to be a long-term resident of Antigua and is undoubtedly far more knowledgeable about a city that the author describes as a place that he "is seriously considering making his retirement home" once he stops traveling around the world. I was looking for a more in-depth discussion of the pros and cons of Antigua. What about crime? Corruption? Challenges in adapting

to the culture? Language difficulties? Homesickness? What are the stages that retirees go through when relocating to Antigua during the adjustment? How are the other expats in town? What percentage are from the U.S.? Of the U.S. citizens, what portion are politically conservative, moderate, or liberals? Readers might like to know these things. The "book" is billed as an exhaustive overview of Antigua as a place to retire, but it is not -- it gives the reader a very superficial overview of living in Antigua, Guatemala. Michael Scherer's "Our Man in Antigua" blog appears to be more of a gossip column than anything else. It appears that the "book" has not been updated since he has written it, since the description mentions that he has recently spent 12 consecutive months in Antigua for the first time, yet the "book" says that he has been to Antigua five times for up to six months each time. The principal advice is to avoid Antigua during Semana Santa (Easter Week) due to large crowds and spikes in hotel prices. The list of links at the end of the book appear to contain more information than the book itself. Save your money and look elsewhere.

Non-fiction. Well done, informative and enjoyable read. This is not a travel guide, but is about residing in Antigua, Guatemala. I had no idea Antigua is at 5000 feet elevation. I love the Mexican and Central American cultures -- the color, pageantry, celebration and, passion. Read about day-to-day living in this fascinating place.

I was looking for concentrated evidence about living conditions in Antigua, Guatemala. Many friends who are planning to move to this colonial town in the Guatemalan Highlands are speaking enthusiastically about this lively municipality. There is a lot of travel information available about Antigua. Riversky has added many links in this book to particulars for the transient traveler. What I liked in this intelligent and focused written booklet were the facts from somebody who is living there, knows the details, and tells reliably why he spends a substantial portion of his retirement life in Antigua. Riversky delivers all the elements for important decisions. Focused, precise, and informative essentials for settling in Antigua

I've retired to Antigua, some 5+ years ago and this book covers all the major reasons for being here. Anyone who wants perfect weather and the joys of living in the most beautiful town in Central America will want this.

After having travelled to Antigua, I can fully underline that this book is helpful for getting to know this wonderful city and catch up on relevant information not found in every travel guide

I would say are some useful tidbits of information. The meatier knowledge you need as to why you should live there is missing..I'm not sure I ever really got an answer other than "you know it's nice and cheap". I would've liked to have more in-depth overview of the benefits of living in Antigua.

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