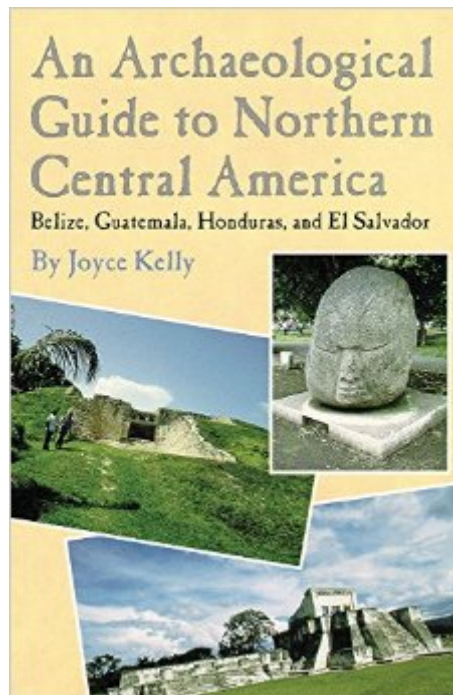


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An Archaeological Guide To Northern Central America: Belize, Guatemala, Honduras, And El Salvador



Synopsis

Tikal, Copán, Uaxactún - ancient Maya cities whose names conjure up romance, mystery, and science all at once. Joyce Kelly's clear descriptions and captivating photographs of these and many other sites will make you want to pack your bags and head for Central America. And when you arrive, this guidebook will not let you down. It covers 38 sites and 25 museums - more than any other guidebook - in Belize, Guatemala, Honduras, and El Salvador. Kelly's information is accurate and up to date: she has visited every site personally. The descriptions include all the major, well-known sites and many not appearing in other guidebooks. Kelly describes each site and museum, from its pyramids and temples to its hieroglyphic stairways and "eccentric flints." She includes many site plans, and her description of each site includes its ancient history as well as its recent archaeological activity. Equally important, Kelly describes exactly how to get there. Clear maps and precise written directions include the distance (in miles and kilometers) and the driving time required for each segment of the trip. If you need a four-wheel-drive vehicle to negotiate rutted dirt roads, Kelly tells you. If you need a guide, she tells you where to find one.

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This book, while somewhat outdated, provides accurate and detailed information about the ruins in Guatemala in particular. The guides I traveled with all wanted to purchase it to enhance their information. The descriptions help you make decisions about where to go and having it with you enhances viewing. Places are generally easier to get to now.

Like her other book on the Yucatan, this one focuses on many smaller sites. I was surprised that it didn't mention El Puente as a site, however, and it was written before the Copan Museum opened, which is too bad. Unfortunately it is already sadly outdated. I hope she does another book soon.

A compendium of write-ups of major and lesser known sites in central and northern central america. It is well written by someone who has extensive experience of the region. With it I had a quicker grasp of the locations and special qualities of just about any archaeological site we might visit on an upcoming trip to the upland Maya regions. We will take this very valuable guide with us on our trip. We will get to a number of major sites, but we will have a fuller and very accessible appreciation of the Maya landscape.

Dated, but offers in a single book information on a great many places, including synoptic site descriptions with discussion of major edifices and monuments, the ancient history (as far as known), and notes on history of exploration from the earliest European contacts. Also has route maps with directions and travel tips. Many b&w and some color illustrations.

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