

**La Antigua Guatemala** (commonly referred to as just **Antigua** or **La Antigua**) is a city in the central highlands of Guatemala famous for its well-preserved Spanish influenced Baroque architecture as well as a number of spectacular ruins of colonial churches. It has been designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

*La Antigua Guatemala* means the "Old Guatemala" and was the third capital of Guatemala. The first capital of Guatemala was founded on the site of a Kakchikel-Maya city, now called Iximche, on July 25, 1524 - the day of Saint James- and therefore named Ciudad de Santiago de los Caballeros de Goathemalan (City of Saint James of the Knights of Guatemala).

