



Our correspondent samples the Guatemalan goods
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Ah, the lure of the tropics—warm sun, warm water, warm people. Gringos have been making the whitewater pilgrimage south to places like Costa Rica, Mexico and Honduras for generations, but they've overlooked a gem in Guatemala. The civil war that fractured the country during most of the last two decades is partly to blame, but Guatemala is now as safe as its neighbors and welcoming travelers. With plenty of mountains and ample rainfall, Guatemala has an incredible quantity and variety of whitewater, much of it still unexplored. Here's how you can get a taste.