

1: [www.enganchecubano.com](http://www.enganchecubano.com):Customer reviews: Timber, Tourists, and Temples

*Timber Tourists and Temples: Conservation and Development in the Maya Forest of Belize Guatemala and Mexico / Edition 2 Stretching across southern Mexico, northern Guatemala, and Belize, the Maya Forest, or Selva Maya, constitutes one of the last large blocks of tropical forest remaining in North and Central America.*

The Maya civilization took root here for more than a thousand years. However, this timeless forest is quickly changing. The current rate of deforestation in the Maya Forest surpasses 80, hectares a year. The book is the first of its kind and a welcome collection of articles and of voices from the living Maya and mestizos who inhabit the region. Subtitled, "Conservation and Development in the Maya Forest of Belize, Guatemala and Mexico," this book does look - in depth - at how locals are trying to balance making a living with conserving the forest. The articles came out of a conference that was sponsored by the Tropical Ecosystems Directorate of the U. The eclectic mix of academic prose often turns to the local actors for enlightenment. There are other ecologists who see the situation as we see it, and this is very good for the peasants. There are few examples of tourism and even less of temples in this book - unless we consider the Selva Maya a Green Cathedral of its own. The obvious questions seem unasked. No mention is given of programs that could combine social tourism with the archaeological tourism that already exists. Is the grand Mundo Maya program truly promoting ecotourism or local control of tourism? This is unasked and unanswered in this book. A more serious complaint is the lack of discussion on the transient nature of many of the official programs discussed in this book. Many of the chapters highlight new projects, but no mention is made of previous failures or the fact that the some of the projects highlighted here already have ceased to exist. Such short-term programs with little integration are criticized elsewhere, though not in this text. In the introduction of the book, the editors describe and promote an integrated, regional approach toward conservation in the Maya Forest. An example is the use of Geographic Information Systems GIS data, which can provide a great deal of information on cross-border natural resource issues. However, very often this pooled technical data is "shared" no further than among a few elite organizations. What this book does best is offer a glimpse into new strategies as well as the actions of key players - government departments, non-governmental groups, ejido committees and indigenous organizations. Bibliographic citations are also first-rate. Forest management in Quintana Roo is examined in several chapters. How ejidos managed to harvest and replant sought-after species of hardwoods such as mahogany make engaging reading. Likewise, the description of how community groups in Chiapas balance forestry with global environmental issues engages the reader with innovative programs that may hold the key to successful conservation strategies and environmental awareness. Timber, Tourists and Temples is the most comprehensive book of its kind, as it examines social, political and environmental issues in this region. For those interest in forest management and the conservation of tropical forest ecosystems, this book is a must-read. One person found this helpful.

### 2: Timber, Tourists, and Temples : David Bray :

*Timber, Tourists, and Temples explores methods of supporting the biological foundation of the Maya Forest and keeping alive that unique and diverse ecosystem. While many areas face similar development pressures, few have been studied as much or for as long as the Maya Forest.*

Eben Diskin Oct 11, Visiting temples is one of the highlights of any trip to Thailand. Their ornate pagodas and golden statues make them must-see attractions, and there are many options for visitors to choose from. Thailand is home to about 40, temples, several thousand of which are located in Bangkok alone. Here are seven you need to check out. Wat Rong Khun Photo: While most temples are heavily decorated with gold and other colors, Wat Rong Khun is also strikingly different inside; instead of the traditional Buddha statues, there are murals representing samsara – the realm of rebirth and delusion. Ayutthaya Historical Park Photo: The park includes sacred stone Buddha statues, as well as impressive stone courtyards and palaces. One of its most popular attractions, in Wat Mahathat, one of the temples, is a Buddha head entangled within the roots of an ancient tree. What really sets it apart from other temples, however, are the hundreds of macaques who pretty much have free reign over the city. Visitors are advised not to wear valuable jewelry here, or anything that could be easily snatched. According to legend, the Buddha visited the site 2, years ago and donated a strand of his hair, which is now enshrined in the temple. In addition to the temple itself, the site is also home to the oldest-surviving wooden viharn sermon hall in Thailand, and other holy wooden structures. The temple grounds are seven hours north of Bangkok, about an hour and a half south of Chiang Mai, and can be easily reached from Lampang town by taxi. Wat Pha Sorn Kaew Photo: Perched atop a 2,foot peak, it offers a stunning view of the surrounding mountains and forests. The temple itself glitters with over five million mosaic and pottery pieces, and is famous for its five massive, white Buddha statues, standing tall against the backdrop of towering mountains. The tranquility of the place is truly unmatched by any other temple in Thailand. Most choose to hire a taxi to the peak, but visitors can easily hike to it. Sanctuary of Truth Photo: About two hours south of Bangkok, and right on the Gulf of Thailand, the complex is a visionary project dedicated to Thai, Khmer, Chinese, and Indian religious iconography, and is meant to preserve ancient, endangered building techniques. Made entirely of wood, the building is completely covered in carvings of Hindu and Buddhist gods and goddesses – a collage of centuries of religious myths. The site also hosts shows and activities, such as sword fighting and traditional dancing, but avoid the elephant riding at all costs. Despite its incomplete state, tours of the building are offered regularly, departing every 30 minutes.

### 3: Timber, Tourists, and Temples (ebook) by Richard B. Primack |

*Timber, Tourists, and Temples brings together the leading biologists, social scientists, and conservationists working in the region to present in a single volume information on the intricate social and political issues, and the complex scientific and management problems to be resolved there.*

### 4: Hugo A. Galletti (Editor of Timber, Tourists, and Temples)

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