The national currency of Guatemala, a country in Central America, is called the quetzal coin. It is named after the quetzal, the national bird of Guatemala. In ancient times, the Mayans (the people native to Guatemala who lived there before the Spanish conquerors arrived) used tail feathers from the quetzal bird for currency. This coin is one quetzal coin. It has the inscription of “Paz,” which means peace in Spanish, in the shape of a dove as well as the date “29 de Diciembre de 1996,” which is the day that marks the end of the Guatemalan civil war. One quetzal coin equals $0.13 U.S. dollars.