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A group of hikers were forced to flee as Guatemala's Santiaguito Volcano erupted recently, throwing rocks into the air around them.

About Santiaguito Volcano

- It is an **active volcano** located in **western Guatemala** near the city of Quetzaltenango.
- It was **created in the wake of the Santa María Volcano's 1902 eruption**.
 - This eruption **destroyed Santa María's former summit** and left some 5,000 people dead. It was **one of the largest eruptions** of the **20th century**.
 - Since then, **new lava domes have grown inside the trench left by this eruption**.
 - **Santiaguito is the youngest of these domes**, having been **created around 1922**.
- The **massive Santiaguito dome complex** has been **growing ever since** and is accompanied by **continuous explosions, most of them minor**.

- The Santiaguito lava-dome complex is **one of the most active volcanic areas** in Guatemala and worldwide.
- It **belches smoke and ash on a regular basis** but **sometimes emits lava and pyroclastic flows**.
- It reaches about 2,500 meters (8,202 feet).
- It currently has **four craters, one of which is active**. This gives it a completely different appearance than most volcanoes; it **resembles a large rock with multiple peaks**.
- The **last major explosion** occurred on April 25, **2010**, when 10 people were killed by falling rocks after an eruption.
- The **deadliest explosion** occurred in **1929**, when more than 2500 people were killed.

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