



El Salvador One Day Tours

From the comforts of San Salvador City you can easily enjoy one day tours to most areas within El Salvador. You can choose from coffee tours, to hiking a volcano, visiting charming towns and crafts, releasing baby sea turtles, among others. This section provides the one day tour options from San Salvador City.

8 Hours

Volcanoes Tour



DEPARTURE

8:30 a.m.

SERVICE

Private

OPERATES

Daily

DIFFICULTY

Easy

PRICE INCLUDES

Private vehicle and driver, private guide, lunch, entrance fee, sales tax.

CODE

ODT01-A



RECOMMENDATIONS

- Walking shoes.
- Sunscreen, sunglasses, hat.
- We will reach an altitude of 2,300 mts. above sea level.

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Santa Ana Volcano and Coatepeque Lake

DESCRIPTION

El Salvador is the country with more volcanoes per square kilometers in the world. This is because there are many volcanoes in a very small country, (20,000 square kilometers). From San Salvador we have easy access to visit some of these beautiful volcanoes.

On this trip, we will visit El Boquerón and Volcanoes National Park which is a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. El Boquerón is the name of the crater of San Salvador's Volcano. Locals say that it has this name given that the crater resembles a big mouth (boquerón = Big Mouth).

At approximately 1,700 meters above sea level, it provides a cool climate in between 15 - 23 °C. We will be able to walk to the edge of the crater and admire its beauty.

Then we will continue to Volcanoes National Park, where three amazing volcanoes (Izalco Volcano, Santa Ana Volcano and Cerro Verde) embrace beautiful Coatepeque Lake which fills a crater of another volcano.

Izalco Volcano is one of the youngest volcanoes in America because it was born in the 1700's, whereas Santa Ana Volcano is thousands of years old. Izalco Volcano was known as the "Lighthouse of the Pacific" since its lava guided the ships on the Pacific Ocean Coast. No lava is currently flowing, but both volcanoes are still active since constant fumaroles are present. In Cerro Verde, located in the middle of the other two volcanoes, we will walk around its extinct crater providing breathtaking views of Izalco and Santa Ana and Coatepeque Lake. A typical world-famous pupusas lunch will wait for us at Cerro Verde.



Hiking the "Lighthouse of the Pacific"

9 Hours



DESCRIPTION

Volcanoes National Park (description in tour #1) provides the wonderful opportunity to hike to the crater of 2 amazing volcanoes. Izalco Volcano is a cone shaped volcano made up of sand and lava rock creating a challenging but rewarding hike. Once at the summit, you will be able to walk around the crater experiencing the warm fumaroles and the amazing views. With a personal and experienced guide, the total hike takes about 5 hours.

The other option is Santa Ana Volcano. This volcano provides a different hike since it is a more solid and massive body. Once at the top, this volcano offers the view of Coatepeque Lake as well as the sulfur green lagoon inside the crater. Total hike takes about 4 hours. On a clear day, even the ships on the Pacific Ocean can be seen.



DEPARTURE

8:00 a.m.

SERVICE

Private

OPERATES

Daily

DIFFICULTY

Medium to medium - High

PRICE INCLUDES

Private vehicle and driver, private guide, lunch, entrance fee, sales tax.

CODE

ODT02-A



RECOMMENDATIONS

- Hiking clothes (hiking shoes, pants, long sleeves).
- Sunscreen, sunglasses, hat.
- Take enough drinking water.

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Hours

DEPARTURE

8:30 a.m.

SERVICE

Private

OPERATES

Daily

DIFFICULTY

Easy

PRICE INCLUDES

Private vehicle and driver, private guide, lunch, entrance fee, sales tax.

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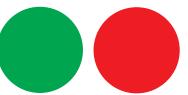
ODT03-A

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

- No specific recommendations.

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Coffee and Flower Route

**DESCRIPTION**

The Flower Route is a coffee plantation area in the Western side of El Salvador. It is composed of 4 main towns and it has a comfortable weather due to the altitude. The towns are Nahuizalco, Juayua, Apaneca, and Ataco. The region offers amazing views of mountains and volcanoes, crafts, coffee tours, charming towns, markets, and adventure options.

We will visit a coffee plantation and if the tour takes place within coffee season (DEC-MAR), travelers will be able to collect coffee themselves along with the locals.

After this experience, a guided tour will explain each step of the coffee process. Travelers will be able to buy coffee products and crafts as souvenirs. We will enjoy lunch in a charming restaurant of the area.

Optional: travelers may be able to enjoy adventure options such as horseback riding, mountain bike, ATV tour, or a zip line tour.



Indigo Blue and Suchitoto colonial town



8 Hours



Suchitoto City

DESCRIPTION

In this tour we will visit Suchitoto, one of El Salvador's colonial towns. Its name means the place of the Flower Bird. Walk along the charming cobblestone streets surrounded by lovely old colonial homes. Suchitoto is home to Santa Lucia Church, built in 1853, majestically situated in the town's central square. We will have lunch at charming Hotel Los Almendros de San Lorenzo.

After lunch, we will enjoy an Indigo Workshop. Indigo is a natural colorant extracted from the Xiquilite plant. It was a very important element for the Mayans since they used it for magic/religious rituals, as a medical plant, for pottery, and for painting. When the Spanish "Conquistadores" arrived to El Salvador in 1524, Indigo became the new source of wealth in the region.

Pedro de Alvarado noticed how the Indians used several shades of blue in their clothes. In 1558, the Habsburg King Charles I ordered the territories of Guatemala and Cuscatlán (El Salvador), to produce indigo for Spain.

The commercial route was through Granada, then to Cartagena de Indias from where it travelled to Spain. In the XVII century, the ounce of indigo was as valuable as gold. El Salvador's indigo, has always been recognized as top quality worldwide. We will learn the process of indigo as well as art techniques used on clothing as we experiment in designing our own scarf.

DEPARTURE

8:30 a.m.

SERVICE

Private

OPERATES

Daily

DIFFICULTY

Easy

PRICE INCLUDES

Private vehicle and driver, private guide, lunch, indigo workshop, sales tax.

CODE

ODT04-A



RECOMMENDATIONS

- Walking shoes.
- Sunscreen, sunglasses, hat.
- Fresh clothes.



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Hours

DEPARTURE

8:00 a.m.

SERVICE

Private

OPERATES

Daily except Monday

DIFFICULTY

Easy

PRICE INCLUDES

Private vehicle and driver, private guide, lunch, entrance fee, sales tax.

CODE

ODT05-A

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Walking shoes.
- Sunscreen, sunglasses, hat.
- Fresh clothes and repellent.

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Mayan History Tour



Tazumal archaeological site.

DESCRIPTION

El Salvador is part of the Mayan World, and in this tour we will visit its main archaeological sites. Joya de Cerén was declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1993, and it is known as the "Pompeii of the Americas". This agricultural community was buried by the ashes of Caldera Volcano back in 600 AD. Thanks to the excellent preservation, this site allows us to witness the everyday lives of the Mesoamerican agricultures of such time period. There is also a comprehensive museum on site. We will also visit Tazumal, a ceremonial site which has the highest known pyramid in El Salvador (24 meters).

There is an interesting archaeological museum with many jewels and 4-sided stone sculptures with embossed found in 1942 and dating 800 BC approx. We will also visit Casablanca (white house) Archaeological Park with a number of pyramids, a museum, and an exciting interactive dyeing workshop (Indigo) a natural blue colorant extracted from the xiquilite plant and used by the Mayans.



Surf in El Salvador



8 Hours



DESCRIPTION

El Salvador is worldwide known as one of the best places to practice surf. In fact, the amazing surf breaks along its coast place El Salvador in the TOP 10 list for surf.

Depending on your level of expertise, on this tour you can surf the waves with an experienced guide (for an experienced surfer) or you can enjoy a day of surfing lessons if you are a beginner.

CLASSES: The classes are done in 1.5 hour sessions; one in the morning and one in the afternoon for a total of 3 hours. The instructor will have a maximum of 3 students. The surf board rental is included.

SURFING: For the experienced surfer, you will enjoy a half day or full day surf trip where we will visit several break points along La Libertad coast.



RECOMMENDATIONS

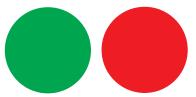
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4 Hours

San Salvador City Tour



DEPARTURE

8:30 a.m. or 1:00 p.m.

SERVICE

Private

OPERATES

Daily

DIFFICULTY

Easy

PRICE INCLUDES

Private vehicle and driver, private guide, lunch, entrance fee, sales tax.

CODE

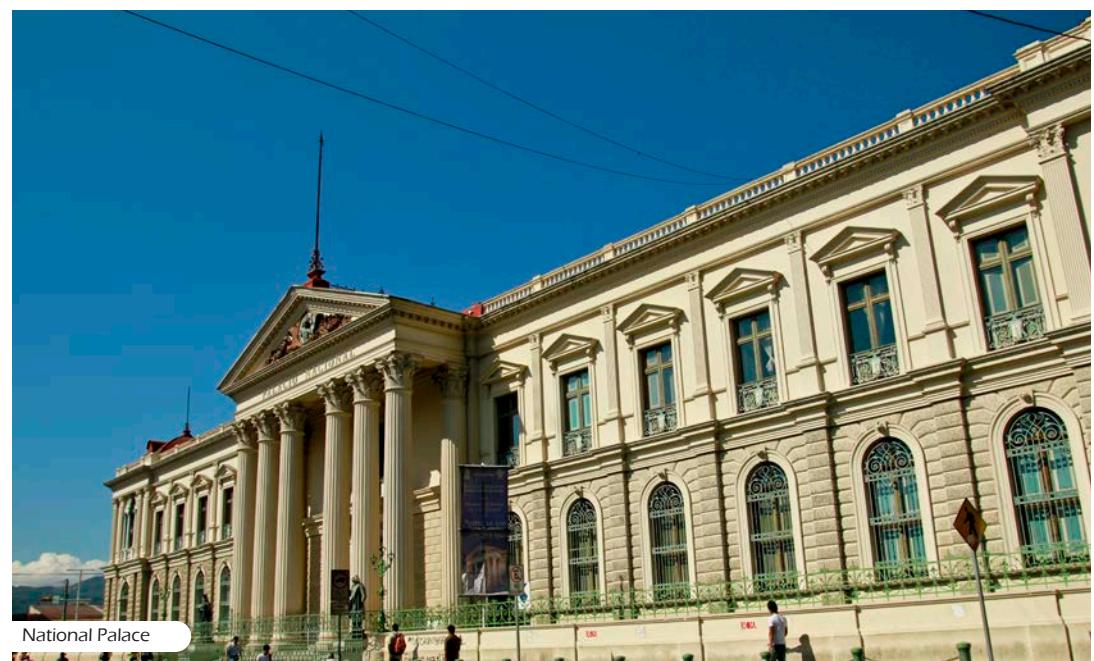
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RECOMMENDATIONS

- No specific recommendations.

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DESCRIPTION

San Salvador is the second largest city of Central America with a population of about 1.8 million people. We will visit the main landmarks of the city including downtown where we will see the National Palace, a neoclassic building built in 1905. It has a beautiful central patio as well as more than 100 rooms. Its files include important documents from the colonial period.

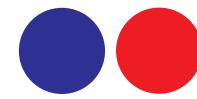
We will also visit the Metropolitan Cathedral which substitutes the previous edifications destroyed by earthquakes or fires. The Cathedral is surprisingly wide and large (Neo-Romanesque and Byzantine) and celestial drawings are painted on its cupola. Inside stand a wooden figure of the Divine Savior of the World and the tomb of Archbishop Romero, a martyr and an

important figure for El Salvador. Rosario church is also an interesting stop. With its bizarre building, it holds the grave of Father José Matías Delgado, a very important figure of the Central America independence.

Then we will also drive by the main avenues and streets until we arrive to a local crafts market where you will be able to buy some souvenirs. For lunch, we will enjoy the world famous Pupusas which are tortillas stuffed with cheese or cheese and beans or pork ...



Sea Turtles Tour in El Icacal Beach



12 Hours



Sea Turtle release at El Icacal

DESCRIPTION

This amazing tour will take us to Eastern El Salvador. The relatively long drive (about 3 hours) will be worth it since we will be participating in a sea turtle release program at El Icacal beach.

El Salvador has coasts only on the Pacific Ocean and El Icacal is one of the most beautiful beaches in the country. There is also a beautiful estuary with mangroves where we will also enjoy a boat ride with a local guide. Lunch will be served (along with fresh coconuts) at a private beach front property.

Four species of sea turtles nest at this beach: Carey (hawksbill sea turtle), Golfinha (olive ridley sea turtle), Prieta (green sea turtle) and Baule

(Leather Back sea Turtle). The nesting season goes from late May to December and at El Icacal, most of them nest during the night. A sea turtle egg takes about 45 days to hatch and this is why the best time to experience the tour release is from August to January.

A special sea turtle conservation project takes place at El Icacal, where the eggs are kept on a manmade nest in order to avoid the selling of the eggs. You will learn about this process during the tour as well.

During this tour, we also visit a rural school that is sponsored by our non-profit organization.



DEPARTURE

6:30 a.m.

SERVICE

Private

OPERATES

Daily

DIFFICULTY

Easy

PRICE INCLUDES

Private vehicle and driver, private guide, lunch, sea turtle tour (donation to project), mangroves boat tour, sales tax.

SEASONALITY

Tour can be done any day of the year, but for sea turtles release, the months are AGUST - JANUARY

CODE

ODT08-A



RECOMMENDATIONS

- Light clothes, swim suit, sunscreen, hat.

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9 Hours

DEPARTURE

8:00 a.m.

SERVICE

Private

OPERATES

Daily

DIFFICULTY

Easy

PRICE INCLUDES

Private vehicle and driver, private guide, lunch, monkeys tour, boat tour, sales tax.

CODE

ODT09-A



RECOMMENDATIONS

- Walking shoes, light clothes, long pants, swim suit, sunscreen, hat.

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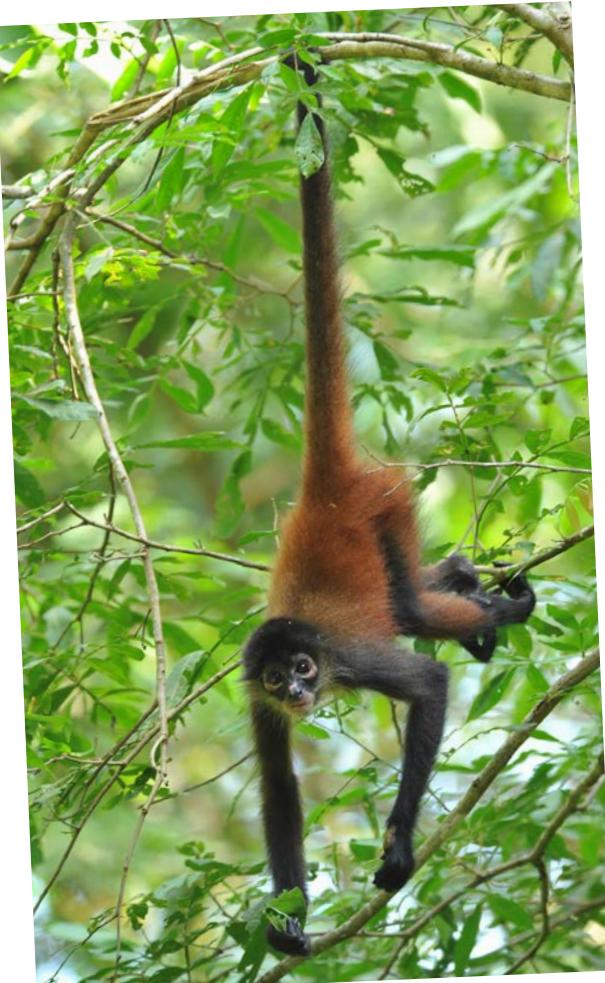
Monkeys in Jiquilisco Bay



DESCRIPTION

Jiquilisco Bay is an UNESCO Biosphere reserve (one of 14 in all Central America). It is El Salvador's largest and most important wetland and the largest mangrove estuarine system in Northern Mesoamerica, composed of mangrove forests, estuaries, sand bars, beaches, 27 islands of varying size, fresh water lagoons and seasonally flooded forests.

Its 637 square kilometers, represent a transit point to at least 87 species of migratory birds. The coastal mangroves and estuaries help reduce the vulnerability of coastal communities and agricultural lands to experience natural disasters such as floods. It helps stabilize the local climate, and serves as a nursery and refuge for a high diversity of species, environmental and economically important.



We will reach a private marina from where we will take a boat tour to an unspoiled beach within the bay and where there is the option to have lunch (as a picnic). The marina also offers optional activities such as kayaking. A monkey community is also in our itinerary. We will walk through a forest until we reach their home. After calling their names, the monkeys come down the trees and interact with the visitors.

