



3 - 2
Days Nights

CODE

PSALST6

OPERATES

Package may start any day.

SERVICE

Private services
(vehicle driver and guide).

DIFFICULTY

Easy.

LODGING

- 2 nights in Jiquilisco Bay.



HIGHLIGHTS

- Boat tour in Jiquilisco Bay, a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve.
- Visit a community of Spider Monkeys.
- Taste the cacao fruit.
- Participate in a Sea Turtle conservation program.



Stop Over Overnight Monkeys, Cacao and Turtles

Stop in a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve on your way to your final destination. Jiquilisco Bay in El Salvador is a natural reserve that is home to beautiful forests, cacao plantations, monkey communities, mangroves, pristine beaches, amazing sunsets, and the most important nesting point of the hawksbill sea turtle in the Eastern Pacific.

GENERAL ITINERARY

Day 1: Arrival to El Salvador. Transfer to hotel. Lodging in Jiquilisco Bay.

Day 2: Monkey, Cacao and Sea turtle experiences in Jiquilisco Bay. Lodging in Jiquilisco Bay. (B, L)

Day 3: Private transfer to airport for departure flight. END OF SERVICES. (B)

INCLUDES

- Private vehicle and driver for all transfers.
- 2 nights lodging in Jiquilisco Bay (Barillas Lodge).
- All breakfasts (2) and 1 lunch.
- Private English speaking guide for tour (day 2).
- All entrances and activities: Monkeys tour, cacao and sea turtle experience.
- All local taxes and fees are included.

DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Other lunches.
- Dinners
- International flights.
- Airport taxes.
- Tips and personal expenses.
- Services not specifically mentioned.
- Travel Insurance.



Cacao Seed



SPECIFIC CONDITIONS

- All general conditions apply.
- We may change itinerary including boat tour due to weather or situations beyond our control. Holidays and festivity periods may carry additional surcharges, payment requirements and cancellation penalties. Sites such as: museums, archaeological sites, restaurants, and shopping centers may be limited or not available during holidays or special events.
- Late arriving flights may need additional arrangements.
- Cacao tour is available only from Monday to Friday before noon.
- Tours such as monkeys and sea turtles depend on nature and may not be 100% guaranteed.

HOTELS

Jiquilisco Bay:

Puerto Barillas Lodge (Casa de Árbol)



Sea Turtle conservation program

DETAILED ITINERARY:

DAY 1: Transfer airport – Puerto Barillas.

Arrival to El Salvador International Airport. Transfer to Puerto Barillas.

Lodging at Puerto Barillas Lodge.

DAY 2: Monkey tour – Cacao tour – Sea turtle experience – Puerto Barillas Lodge (B, L)

Four species of sea turtles nest in El Salvador: leatherback, hawksbill, olive ridley and green turtle; all of them considered endangered species. The experience in Jiquilisco Bay will focus on the Hawksbill, one of the most endangered species in the world. Recent estimates reveal that only 200 females are left on the Eastern Pacific, and Jiquilisco Bay is their main nesting point.

We will join local biologists and learn about this species which have helped keep our oceans healthy for millions of years. Today, the hawksbill is near extinction. They are captured and killed in fishing activities—entangled in coastal gillnets (especially lobster gillnets) and shrimp trawls, and are victims of illegal blast fishing practices that also destroy the local ecosystem. Hawksbill eggs are collected for consumption and sale by poachers who live in regions of extreme poverty where the eggs are an important source of protein and income. Hawksbills also are the only sea turtle species collected for the shell by craftspeople, which turn them into combs, pennants, sunglasses and other trinkets.

Biologists will provide an introductory lecture about the conservation work around sea turtles. Then, we will head into the ocean and witness how they safely capture an adult turtle in order to study it. The information obtained goes to a master database which provides valuable insight regarding this marvelous species. We will be able to help the biologists in several tasks. The turtle is safely released back into the ocean.



We will also walk through a tropical forest in search of fauna including birds and spider monkeys. We will also learn about Cacao within the plantation. El Salvador produces Criollo Cacao, which is known to be top quality worldwide. We will learn about its production and the process it undergoes until it becomes delicious chocolate!

Lodging at Puerto Barillas lodge.

DAY 3: Transfer to airport for departure flight (B)

End of services

