

El Salvador

Travel Facts



US State Department Travel Advisory

The US State Department currently recommends US citizens Reconsider Travel to El Salvador due to crime. Consult its website via the link below for updates to travel advisories and statements on safety, security, local laws, and special circumstances in this country.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

Passport/Visa Requirements

For the latest passport and visa requirements for this country, please consult the US State Department's "Learn About Your Destination" search tool, available through the link below.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages.html>

US Embassy/Consulate

[503] 2501-2999; US Embassy in San Salvador, Final Boulevard Santa Elena, Antiguo Cuscatlán, La Libertad, El Salvador;

<https://sv.usembassy.gov/>; ACSSanSal@state.gov

LGBTQIA+, Women, and Special Needs Travelers

Additional travel considerations can be found on the US State Department's International Travel page.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations.html>

Telephone Code

503

Local Emergency Phone

911

Vaccinations

The CDC and WHO recommend the following vaccinations for El Salvador: hepatitis A, hepatitis B, typhoid, yellow fever, rabies, meningitis, polio, measles, mumps and rubella (MMR), Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis), chickenpox, shingles, pneumonia, influenza, and COVID-19. <http://www.who.int/>

Climate

Tropical; rainy season (May to October); dry season (November to April); tropical on coast; temperate in uplands

Currency (Code)

US \$ (USD)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

120 V / 60 Hz / plug types(s): A, B



Type A



Type B

Major Languages

Spanish, Nawat

Major Religions

Roman Catholic, Protestant, (Evangelical - unspecified, Evangelical - Methodist, Evangelical - Baptist), none

Time Difference

UTC-6 (1 hour behind Washington, DC during Standard Time)

Potable Water

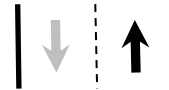
Opt for bottled water

International Driving Permit

Suggested; additionally, if you plan to drive in El Salvador, you will need an Inter-American Driving Permit issued by the AAA

Road Driving Side

Right



Tourist Destinations

Suchitoto; Ruta de las Flores; Lake Ilopango; Montecristo National Park; Puerta del Diablo; Joya de Ceren Archaeological Site

Major Sports

Soccer, beach soccer, cycling, basketball, boxing

Cultural Practices

Salvadorans enjoy socializing and are extremely hospitable. After eating, it is considered polite to spend at least an hour conversing with your hosts instead of leaving right away.

Tipping Guidelines

At most upscale restaurants, the tip will be included in the bill. If you do leave a tip, 10% is appropriate. Taxi drivers do not expect a tip. Hotel staff, such as bellhops or porters would appreciate a \$1 (USD) per bag tip.

Souvenirs

Sorpresa ceramic figurines, silk bahia band bracelets, wooden toys, wicker furniture, hammocks, native clothing, painted-wood household and decorative items

Traditional Cuisine

Pupusa — a thick griddle cake made with cornmeal or rice flour usually stuffed with ingredients such as cheese, chicharrón (fried pork skin), squash, or refried beans; typically served with curtido (spicy fermented cabbage slaw) and tomato salsa

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