SOPHIA TOURS

DESTINATION MANAGEMENT COMPANY · EL SALVADOR

CATALOGUE FOR OPERATORS · 2026–2027

Excursions and Circuits in El Salvador

A country that fits in a handkerchief and never repeats a day: forty-seven products operated by the same house, with the group's own vehicle and guide.

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Every product carries its code. Use it to quote, to book and to request rates: it is the same across all our systems.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

What is coming in 2027 · página 89

This catalogue is the 2026–2027 season. Page 89 sets out the five lines we are building for the 2027 catalogue, and how to ask to enter the pilot departures and the pre-sale before launch.

01 New modular extensions · 02 New private itinerant circuits · NEW Circuits with Charm · NEW Self-drive · NEW Regional multidestination — El Salvador, Mundo Maya and Central America

Who we are

Sophia Tours is a Salvadoran wholesale operator specialising in inbound tourism, with IATA accreditation 80500184, a member of CASATUR and twenty-one years operating the same country. We design and operate excursions, circuits and pilgrimages for operators, agencies and international platforms, with vehicle and guide exclusive to the group.

Local operator

We coordinate directly in destination. We are nobody's middleman.

Own catalogue

Forty-seven products with verified costing and suppliers contracted one by one.

Fast response

Real-time confirmation and coordination, in Spanish and English.

Service guarantees

Every day starts long before the engine is turned on.

Confirmation with voucher

Immediate on free sale at 72 hours or more; below that, a same working day reply.

No hidden charges

Closed net rate. What is not included is stated on the page, not in destination.

Verified drivers

Current passenger transport licence, background checks and insured vehicles.

Punctuality

Realistic time margins and advance coordination with every supplier on the itinerary.

Alternative plan in place

Every day has its declared substitute for weather or closure, at no extra cost.

24/7 assistance

Our own emergency line, staffed throughout the stay.

Destination · El Salvador

Beach, volcano and colonial city less than an hour apart — and not a single domestic flight.

The country is crossed end to end in three hours. That makes it possible to build high-impact programmes in a few days and turns El Salvador into the natural base for multidestination circuits towards Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. Active volcano, Maya site sealed by ash, cloud forest, colonial town, mangrove, sierra and gulf fit into one itinerary without a single road day of more than three hours.

WHY THE DESTINATION IS UNIQUE	WHY IT MATTERS TO AN OPERATOR
Real compactness	Four- to seven-day programmes with seven different landscapes, no domestic flights and no transfers of more than three hours
World-class coast	More than three hundred kilometres of Pacific coast. Punta Roca, El Sunzal and Las Flores are waves of international reference, and the country has hosted the ISA World Surfing Games
Year-round surf	Constant waves in both seasons and warm weather twelve months a year. There is no dead beach season
Accessible volcanic chain	More than twenty volcanoes, two of them climbable on a day trip from the capital, with crater and sulphur lagoon
A single UNESCO site	Joya de Cerén, the only everyday Maya village preserved in the Americas, sealed by ash with the pots still served
Wetlands of international importance	Several Ramsar sites, among them Jiquilisco Bay, also a biosphere reserve and the largest mangrove in Central America
Six coffee regions	Apaneca-Ilamatepec, Alotepec-Metapán, El Bálsamo-Quezaltepec, Chichontepec, Tecapa-Chinameca and Cacahuatique. High-grown coffee with a visitable farm in almost all
Cacao and balsam	Cacao estates in the bay and in the range, and the Bálsamo coast, the only place in the world the balsam that bears its name comes from
Living craft	Indigo, clay, pedal loom, wicker and painted wood, run as a participatory workshop and not as a demonstration for a photo
Contemporary memory	The complete arc of San Óscar Romero and the martyrs' route, with four beatified proclaimed in 2022. There is no equivalent in the region
Living Náhuat	Last Náhuat-Pipil language in Central America, still spoken in the west of the country
No operational friction	US dollar as the official currency, a single time zone and a modern road network
Regional hub	Land crossings to Antigua Guatemala, Copán and the Gulf of Fonseca from the same base, with the same fleet

EL SALVADOR · MUNDO MAYA

Three hundred kilometres of Pacific and a wave that never ends

El Tunco, El Sunzal, El Zonte, Mizata, Punta Roca, El Cuco, Las Flores and Punta Mango. Host of the ISA World Surfing Games and a world reference destination for surf, with warm weather twelve months a year and the airport forty minutes from the first wave.

How Sophia Tours operates

The day closes when the experience ends, not when the driver's shift ends.

Six operating decisions that do not appear on an itinerary and that are the ones noticed in destination.

We pick up at the hotel	Not at a meeting point. The passenger does not start the day looking for where to stand, or carrying cases to a corner.
The day does not run against the clock	The itinerary is not closed by the driver's shift hours. It closes when the experience ends.
No meal is repeated	When the programme includes meals, each one happens in a different place and a different kitchen, in restaurants selected by the house. On a route of several days, never the same menu or the same dining room twice. What each product includes is declared on its page.
Local guides from the community itself	Accredited guides from Los Volcanes National Park and Cerro Verde, from El Imposible and Montecristo; site guides at Joya de Cerén, San Andrés, Tazumal and Cihuatán; and community guides at Panchimalco, Izalco, El Mozote, Cinquera, Guatajiagua, Tamanique, the Conchagua and every craft workshop. Not an outside guide telling someone else's story.
Exclusive vehicle and guide	For the group, throughout the programme. No schedule shared with other passengers and no stopping to pick up anyone else.
24/7 assistance	Throughout the stay, with our own emergency line, staffed, not a voicemail box.

Our method

We do not design itineraries by kilometres. We design them by what is left the next day.

Every day is built on six criteria of attention, contrast and memory. Five of the six carry no extra cost: they are design and script, not purchase.

Wonder threshold	The landscape opens at once. The guide is silent before and after.
Window of silence	Ten to fifteen minutes with no commentary, at the fullest point of the day.
Sensory anchors	One of smell, one of taste, one of touch and one of sound in each day.
Rhythmic contrast	Never two peaks in a row. The hard day alternates load and rest.
Screen-free windows	The guide takes the photos and hands them over later. Nobody lives the moment behind a phone.
Close and object	Passengers leave the country with something made by their own hand.

What the traveller takes

SIGHT

The turquoise crater of Ilamatepec and the three countries at dawn from the Conchagua

SOUND

The pedal of the San Sebastián loom and the break at El Tunco at night

SMELL

The wet clay on the wheel and coffee roasting on the highland farm

TASTE

Panela just off the boil and rice pupusas from the night market

TOUCH

The indigo cloth still damp and thermal water at different temperatures

SOUL

The children's garden at El Mozote and the crypt of Monseñor Romero

Zone and destination map

The whole catalogue operates within this map, and no transfer exceeds three hours.



Real outline of the country. The marker shape indicates the type of destination: circle, city · triangle, volcano or viewpoint · waves, coast and lake · pine, protected natural area · trapezium, archaeological site. The gold circles on the circuit pages indicate nights of accommodation in that city. Reference point; the gold circles on the circuit pages indicate nights of accommodation in that city.

West

Volcanic chain, Lake Coatepeque, archaeological route, Ruta de las Flores, El Imposible and the coast of Sonsonate and Ahuachapán.

Centre

San Salvador and its crater, Panchimalco, Suchitoto and Lake Suchitlán, the craft corridor of Cuscatlán and Cabañas, and the Bálsamo coast.

North

Chalatenango, La Palma and the border sierra of El Pital, the highest point in the country, and Metapán with the Montecristo cloud forest.

East

The Morazán sierra, Jiquilisco Bay, the eastern Pacific of El Cuco and the Gulf of Fonseca from the Conchagua volcano.

How the catalogue is built

A catalogue is built like a trip: by pieces that fit, not by pages to leaf through.

FAMILY	PRODUCTS	HOW IT SELLS
Full-day, half-day and layover tours	31	Sold singly, as pre- and post-cruise, or as a day within a circuit
Circuits based in San Salvador	4	4 to 7 days. The passenger does not change hotel.
Circuit extensions	7	2 to 3 days. They attach at the end of a fixed-base circuit; not sold separately.
Itinerant circuits	3	6 to 12 days with overnight stays inland. Captive vehicle and guide.
Pilgrimages	2	12 to 16 days, from 20 passengers, with our own priest and coordinator

In preparation for 2027

We are developing new itinerant circuits and multidestination programmes that combine El Salvador with neighbouring countries. Check availability and launch dates with your sales executive.

Scheduled operating calendar

Six of our tours depart every week on a fixed day. The circuits are built on them.

DAY	CODE	EXCURSION
Wednesday	FD_05	City Tour San Salvador — MUNA and El Boquerón
Thursday	FD_16	Santa Ana hike, Cerro Verde and Lake Coatepeque
Thursday	FD_17	Cerro Verde and Lake Coatepeque — no summit
Friday	FD_21	Archaeological Route, Santa Ana
Saturday	FD_31	Surf City — El Puerto, El Tunco and Bohemian Night
Sunday	RF_01	Ruta de las Flores — Living towns, coffee, hot springs

The Ruta de las Flores departs on Sundays in its coffee and hot springs variant, which is the one that makes up the circuit. The adventure variant in Apaneca and the family coffee farm variant are operated privately, any day: consolidating the three on one Sunday would mean splitting the group between outside suppliers, and that risk is not taken on the day that closes a circuit. Izalco Volcano is not in the scheduled calendar either —the ascent time does not allow sharing a vehicle with Cerro Verde on the same day— and is also operated privately.

Fixed-base circuits are built on that calendar

CIRCUIT	DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4	DAY 5	DAY 6	DAY 7
	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
CT_01	Arrival	FD_05	FD_16	Departure	—	—	—
CT_02	Arrival	FD_05	FD_16	FD_21	Departure	—	—
CT_03	Arrival	FD_05	FD_16	FD_21	FD_31	Departure	—
CT_04	Arrival	FD_05	FD_16	FD_21	FD_31	RF_01	Departure

Each day of the circuit runs the same route as that day's scheduled excursion. That is why a small group travels with the same departure guarantee as a large one, and the order of the days adjusts to the passenger's arrival day.

Our fleet

The right vehicle for every story — from the honeymoon couple to the group that fills a coach.

CATEGORY	PASSENGERS	REFERENCE VEHICLES
Sedan or SUV	1 to 2	Toyota Corolla · Hyundai Kona · Nissan Kicks · Kia Sorento
Minivan	3 to 5	Kia Carnival · Honda Odyssey · Hyundai Staria
Van	6 to 12	Toyota Hiace high roof · Nissan Urvan · Foton View
Minibus	13 to 21	Toyota Coaster · Hyundai County
Coach	22 to 50	Tourism units with air conditioning and luggage hold
Local 4x4	By unit	For the Conchagua viewpoint, El Pital and the Montecristo access

The category is assigned by the number of TOURIST passengers in the group: the driver and the tour leader are already discounted from each range. All units operate with air conditioning and a driver with a current passenger transport licence.



SEDAN OR SUV · 1–2



MINIVAN · 3–5



VAN · 6–12



MINIBUS · 13–21



COACH · 22–50



LOCAL 4X4 · BY UNIT

Accommodation categories

The planned hotels are the ones we usually operate. If availability dictates otherwise, it is stated with name and amount.

CATEGORY	WHAT IT MEANS AT EACH NODE
Tourist	Central, well-located property, with continental breakfast included. It is the base of the published prices; the other categories carry a supplement on the San Salvador nights.
Tourist Superior	Chain hotel or established property, with full services and buffet breakfast.
Superior	One step more in service, facilities and location.
First	International chain in the capital and mountain boutique inland.
Boutique	Property with character, with a small number of rooms. Subject to availability.

Each node of the circuit has a base hotel per category, and that is the one quoted against. When availability forces another property of the same category, the supplement is reported with the hotel name and the amount per night.

The category is contracted over the whole, not over each night. Outside the capital and a few destinations, El Salvador has no four- and five-star hotels: in Perquín, Metapán, La Unión, San Miguel, Santa Ana and La Palma —and on the night outside the capital of any modular extension— the best available property in the node is operated, which is three-star, even if the programme was contracted in First.

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PRODUCTS

FAMILY 01 · 31 PRODUCTS

Day tours, half day and layover

Thirty-one days that sell on their own, chain together into a circuit or fit a cruise call or a flight layover. All in private service, with vehicle and guide exclusive to the group and hotel pick-up. Six also have guaranteed scheduled operation on a fixed weekday.

DAY TOURS, HALF DAY AND LAYOVER

San Salvador and around

Area: **San Salvador · La Libertad**

The four excursions in this area

FD_05 **City Tour San Salvador — MUNA and El Boquerón**
Full day · 10 hours · Scheduled Wednesdays, private daily

HD_41 **City Tour Express San Salvador — half day**
Half day · 5 hours · Private, daily on request

FD_08 **Martyrs' Route — Romero and Rutilio Grande**
Full day · 9 hours · Private, daily on request

FD_51 **San Salvador evening food tour**
Full day · 5 hours · Private, daily on request

WHERE IT IS



The destinations of this area on the real outline of the country. **El Paisnal, El Boquerón, San Salvador, Panchimalco**.

FD_05 · FULLDAY

City Tour San Salvador — MUNA and El Boquerón

SCHEDULED

WED



DURATION	AREA	ROUTE	MINIMUM	DEPARTURES	LANGUAGE
10 hours	San Salvador	60 km approx.	Private: from 1 passenger	Scheduled: Wed	Spanish / English

From the viewpoint the whole city lies below the crater rim.

ROUTE

San Salvador · MUNA · Mercado Nacional de Artesanías · El Boquerón · El Árbol de Dios · Paseo General Escalón · Parque Cuscatlán · historic centre · Los Planes de Renderos

THE DAY

The day opens at the National Museum of Anthropology, with an audio guide in Spanish, English and French, and continues at the Mercado Nacional de Artesanías. Then it climbs: El Boquerón National Park, in the crater of the San Salvador volcano at 1,893 metres, where the viewpoint hands over the whole city below the rim and, on a clear day, the chain of volcanoes to the west. Lunch. The descent is the panoramic stretch of the day: down Bulevar Monseñor Romero and Avenida Jerusalén to the Redondel Masferrer, where the route turns off to El Árbol de Dios for the Tour Fernando Llort — the artist's life and career, the gallery and the demonstration in the ceramics and screen-printing workshops. From there the route picks up Paseo General Escalón and Alameda Roosevelt, passing Parque Cuscatlán, to the restored historic centre: Palacio Nacional, Plaza Libertad, the Iglesia El Rosario with its concrete vault and stained-glass light, and the Metropolitan Cathedral, whose façade was designed by Llort himself and was dismantled in 2011. The day closes at Los Planes de Renderos, above the city.

OPERATING NOTES

MUNA closes on Mondays.

The MUNA audio guide is available in Spanish, English and French.

ADMISSIONS AND ACTIVITIES INCLUDED

- MUNA — National Museum of Anthropology
- El Boquerón National Park
- Tour Fernando Llort — El Árbol de Dios, San Salvador

ALSO INCLUDES

- Lunch en route, without drinks
- Private air-conditioned transport, exclusive to the group
- Tour leader in Spanish or English, according to the group
- Hotel pick-up and drop-off, no meeting point
- Bottled water and 24/7 telephone assistance during the service
- Taxes and VAT

NOT INCLUDED

- Air tickets, airport fees and taxes
- Meals and drinks not specified in the itinerary
- Tips for guides and drivers
- Travel assistance insurance, available at a supplement
- Personal expenses and any service not

HD_41 · HALFDAY

PRIVATE ONLY

City Tour Express San Salvador — half day



DURATION	AREA	ROUTE	MINIMUM	DEPARTURES	LANGUAGE
5 hours	San Salvador	30 km approx.	Private: from 1 passenger	Private: daily, on request	Spanish / English

The capital from top to bottom in half a day.

ROUTE

San Salvador · El Boquerón · historic centre

THE DAY

Half-day version of the capital, designed for midday arrivals and short schedules. Ascent to the El Boquerón crater, at eighteen hundred metres, with the viewpoint over the city and the mountain range. The descent is a panoramic route through San Salvador, closing on foot in the historic centre: the Metropolitan Cathedral, the Palacio Nacional and the Teatro Nacional around Plaza Libertad.

OPERATING NOTES

This route does not visit the MUNA, El Árbol de Dios or the craft market: those stops belong to the full-day City Tour.

Time is allowed for lunch; it is not included in the price.

ADMISSIONS AND ACTIVITIES INCLUDED

- El Boquerón National Park

ALSO INCLUDES

- Private air-conditioned transport, exclusive to the group
- Tour leader in Spanish or English, according to the group
- Hotel pick-up and drop-off, no meeting point
- Bottled water and 24/7 telephone assistance during the service
- Taxes and VAT

NOT INCLUDED

- Air tickets, airport fees and taxes
- Meals and drinks not specified in the itinerary
- Tips for guides and drivers
- Travel assistance insurance, available at a supplement
- Personal expenses and any service not specified

DID YOU KNOW

El Boquerón is the crater of a volcano that in **1917** swallowed its own lagoon and left a new cone inside, the **Boqueroncito**. In the crypt of the Cathedral lies the tomb of **saint Óscar Arnulfo Romero**.

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FD_08 · FULLDAY

PRIVATE ONLY

Martyrs' Route — Romero and Rutilio Grande



DURATION	AREA	ROUTE	MINIMUM	DEPARTURES	LANGUAGE
9 hours	San Salvador & La Libertad	90 km approx.	Private: from 1 passenger	Private: daily, on request	Spanish / English

At the hospitalito nothing needs explaining: the altar is there and everyone understands.

ROUTE

San Salvador · Hospitalito Divina Providencia · Cathedral crypt · UCA · Aguilares · El Paisnal

THE DAY

The full arc of Monseñor Romero in a single day. A visit to the chapel of the Divina Providencia hospital, at the altar where he was martyred on 24 March 1980, and the small house where he lived, kept as he left it. The Universidad Centroamericana: the rose garden where the six Jesuits were murdered along with Elba and Celina Ramos, the chapel and the Centro Monseñor Romero. The crypt of the Metropolitan Cathedral, where his remains lie. Then north to Aguilares and El Paisnal, the parish of Father Rutilio Grande, with a stop at the roadside monument where he was murdered in 1977 together with Manuel Solórzano and Nelson Rutilio Lemus.

OPERATING NOTES

Most of the sites on this route have free admission. An offering is suggested at the parish of El Paisnal, the hospitalito of Monseñor Romero, the Cathedral crypt and the Centro Monseñor Romero at the UCA.

Time is allowed for lunch; it is not included in the price.

ADMISSIONS AND ACTIVITIES INCLUDED

- Hospitalito chapel and the house of Mons. Romero
- Centro Monseñor Romero — UCA
- Crypt of the Metropolitan Cathedral
- El Paisnal parish and the Aguilares monument

ALSO INCLUDES

- Private air-conditioned transport, exclusive to the group
- Tour leader in Spanish or English, according to the group
- Hotel pick-up and drop-off, no meeting point
- Bottled water and 24/7 telephone assistance during the service
- Taxes and VAT

NOT INCLUDED

- Air tickets, airport fees and taxes
- Meals and drinks not specified in the itinerary
- Tips for guides and drivers
- Travel assistance insurance, available at a supplement
- Personal expenses and any service not specified

DID YOU KNOW

Óscar Arnulfo Romero was canonised on **14 October 2018**. His tomb, in the crypt of the Cathedral, is one of the country's main places of pilgrimage.

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FD_51 · FULLDAY

PRIVATE ONLY

San Salvador evening food tour



DURATION	AREA	ROUTE	MINIMUM	DEPARTURES	LANGUAGE
5 hours	San Salvador	40 km approx.	Private: from 1 passenger	Private: daily, on request	Spanish / English

Eaten standing up, by hand, and that is exactly the point.

ROUTE

Antiguo Cuscatlán · Santa Tecla · National Museum of Anthropology · Monumento al Divino Salvador del Mundo

THE DAY

An evening that runs through Salvadoran cooking from the ground up, in three stops and three different registers. It opens at the pupusódromo in Antiguo Cuscatlán, where the food is eaten standing up, by hand, and that is exactly the point: three pupusas per passenger and horchata de morro. It continues at the Mansión de las Colinas, a historic Santa Tecla property restored and turned into a craft brewery, with one starter and a sampler of six four-ounce beers to work through the house list. And it closes at the National Museum of Anthropology, in the signature-cuisine restaurant that works on the revaluation of native maize: crudos, tiraditos, chicken dumplings and maize pasteletes, served where by day the origin of that maize is explained. The return passes the lit Monumento al Divino Salvador del Mundo.

OPERATING NOTES

The dinner restaurant is inside the National Museum of Anthropology. A visit to the museum is not part of this route, which is a food tour only.

ADMISSIONS AND ACTIVITIES INCLUDED

- Tasting at the pupusódromo — Antiguo Cuscatlán
- Cadejo craft brewery — Mansión Las Colinas
- Signature-cuisine dinner — Restaurante Xolo, MUNA

ALSO INCLUDES

- Private air-conditioned transport, exclusive to the group
- Tour leader in Spanish or English, according to the group
- Hotel pick-up and drop-off, no meeting point
- Bottled water and 24/7 telephone assistance during the service
- Taxes and VAT

NOT INCLUDED

- Air tickets, airport fees and taxes
- Meals and drinks not specified in the itinerary
- Tips for guides and drivers
- Travel assistance insurance, available at a supplement
- Personal expenses and any service not specified

DID YOU KNOW

The **pupusa** has been the national dish by decree of the Legislative Assembly since **1 April 2005**, and has its own day: the second Sunday in November.

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DAY TOURS, HALF DAY AND LAYOVER

Archaeological and colonial west

Area: **La Libertad · Santa Ana · Cuscatlán**

The four excursions in this area

FD_21 **Archaeological Route, Santa Ana**
Full day · 11 hours · Scheduled Fridays, private daily

FD_32 **Joya de Cerén, Surf City and Bohemian Night**
Full day · 12 hours · Private, daily on request

HD_42 **Joya de Cerén half day**
Half day · 5 hours · Private, daily on request

FD_24 **Suchitoto, Cihuatán and Indigo**
Full day · 10 hours · Private, daily on request

WHERE IT IS



The destinations of this area on the real outline of the country. **Cihuatán, Santa Ana, Suchitoto, Joya de Cerén, Tazumal, San Andrés**.

FD_21 · FULLDAY

Archaeological Route, Santa Ana

SCHEDULED

FRI



DURATION	AREA	ROUTE	MINIMUM	DEPARTURES	LANGUAGE
11 hours	La Libertad & Santa Ana	180 km approx.	Private: from 1 passenger	Scheduled: Fri	Spanish / English

At Joya de Cerén what is seen is not a ruin but a house someone ran from.

ROUTE

Joya de Cerén · San Andrés · Tazumal · Casa Blanca · Santa Ana

THE DAY

The complete archaeological route of the west in one day. Joya de Cerén, the country's only World Heritage site, is the Maya village that ash from the Loma Caldera sealed fourteen hundred years ago with the pots still served: no pyramids and no kings, intact daily life. San Andrés shows the other face of the same world, the ceremonial centre that governed the valley. Tazumal raises the most monumental pyramid in the west in the middle of Chalchuapa. At Casa Blanca, an indigo demonstration with a handkerchief dyed by the passenger. The day closes on foot through the historic centre of Santa Ana: the Teatro Nacional and the neo-Gothic cathedral, the only one of its kind in Central America.

OPERATING NOTES

At the archaeological sites the visit runs with the tour leader and, when available, with the park local guides, who operate on a shared scheduled basis. If not, the tour leader leads it.

Time is allowed for lunch; it is not included in the price.

ADMISSIONS AND ACTIVITIES INCLUDED

- Joya de Cerén
- San Andrés
- Tazumal
- Casa Blanca — Chalchuapa
- Indigo demonstration at Casa Blanca, handkerchief

ALSO INCLUDES

- Private air-conditioned transport, exclusive to the group
- Tour leader in Spanish or English, according to the group
- Hotel pick-up and drop-off, no meeting point
- Bottled water and 24/7 telephone assistance during the service
- Taxes and VAT

NOT INCLUDED

- Air tickets, airport fees and taxes
- Meals and drinks not specified in the itinerary
- Tips for guides and drivers
- Travel assistance insurance, available at a supplement

DID YOU KNOW

Joya de Cerén is the only Salvadoran site on the UNESCO World Heritage list, inscribed in **1993**: a Maya village buried by ash around the year 600.

HD_42 · HALFDAY

PRIVATE ONLY

Joya de Cerén half day



DURATION	AREA	ROUTE	MINIMUM	DEPARTURES	LANGUAGE
5 hours	La Libertad	70 km approx.	Private: from 1 passenger	Private: daily, on request	Spanish / English

The pots were left served. The ash sealed them fourteen hundred years ago.

ROUTE

Joya de Cerén · Zapotitán valley

THE DAY

Half a day at the only World Heritage site in El Salvador. Joya de Cerén is the Maya village that ash from the Loma Caldera sealed fourteen hundred years ago with the pots served and the beds made. No pyramids and no kings: a house someone ran from and never came back to. Guided route through the structures and the site museum.

OPERATING NOTES

The local guide is subject to availability; when there is none, the tour leader runs the visit.

ADMISSIONS AND ACTIVITIES INCLUDED

- Joya de Cerén

ALSO INCLUDES

- Private air-conditioned transport, exclusive to the group
- Tour leader in Spanish or English, according to the group
- Hotel pick-up and drop-off, no meeting point
- Bottled water and 24/7 telephone assistance during the service
- Taxes and VAT

NOT INCLUDED

- Air tickets, airport fees and taxes
- Meals and drinks not specified in the itinerary
- Tips for guides and drivers
- Travel assistance insurance, available at a supplement
- Personal expenses and any service not specified

DID YOU KNOW

Joya de Cerén is called the Pompeii of the Americas: no other Maya site preserves in such detail the daily life of ordinary people, not that of kings.

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FD_32 · FULLDAY

PRIVATE ONLY

Joya de Cerén, Surf City and Bohemian Night



DURATION	AREA	ROUTE	MINIMUM	DEPARTURES	LANGUAGE
12 hours	La Libertad	150 km approx.	Private: from 1 passenger	Private: daily, on request	Spanish / English

The day starts under volcanic ash and ends with the sea behind a rock.

ROUTE

Joya de Cerén · El Puerto de La Libertad · Playa El Tunco

THE DAY

From volcanic ash to the Pacific in one day. Morning at Joya de Cerén, the Maya village that ash from the Loma Caldera sealed fourteen hundred years ago with the pots still served. Down to the coast and Surf City: El Puerto de La Libertad, with the Mercado del Mar where fish is bought straight off the boat, and the tourist pier. Lunch included at a restaurant set into the cliff, with the ocean below. In the afternoon and evening, Playa El Tunco: the sunset behind the rock that gives it its name and the bohemian night in its streets.

OPERATING NOTES

The Joya de Cerén visit with a local guide is subject to availability; when there is none, the tour leader runs it.

Lunch is à la carte within the programme budget and does not include drinks.

ADMISSIONS AND ACTIVITIES INCLUDED

- Joya de Cerén
- Lunch with a Pacific view, à la carte

ALSO INCLUDES

- Lunch en route, without drinks
- Private air-conditioned transport, exclusive to the group
- Tour leader in Spanish or English, according to the group
- Hotel pick-up and drop-off, no meeting point
- Bottled water and 24/7 telephone assistance during the service
- Taxes and VAT

NOT INCLUDED

- Air tickets, airport fees and taxes
- Meals and drinks not specified in the itinerary
- Tips for guides and drivers
- Travel assistance insurance, available at a supplement
- Personal expenses and any service not specified

DID YOU KNOW

Joya de Cerén is the only Salvadoran site on the UNESCO World Heritage list, inscribed in **1993**, and no other Maya site preserves everyday life like this.

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Suchitoto, Cihuatán and Indigo



DURATION	AREA	ROUTE	MINIMUM	DEPARTURES	LANGUAGE
10 hours	Cuscatlán & Cabañas	140 km approx.	Private: from 1 passenger	Private: daily, on request	Spanish / English

The cloth comes out of the dye green and turns blue in the air, in seconds.

ROUTE

Cihuatán · Suchitoto · Lake Suchitlán

THE DAY

The morning is a choice: the archaeological park of Cihuatán, the largest pre-Hispanic city in the country, swallowed by forest for centuries; or the rum distillery with its tour, available at a supplement. On the way back, the best preserved colonial town in El Salvador: the Iglesia de Santa Lucía of 1853, the Plaza Centenario, the stone streets and the Casa Museo de Alejandro Cotto. In the afternoon, an indigo workshop with hands-on work — the passenger prepares the bath, dips their own piece and takes it away — and a boat trip on Lake Suchitlán among islands and water birds.

OPERATING NOTES

Replacing the Cihuatán archaeological park with the rum distillery tour carries a supplement of US$30 per person.

The indigo work is done on a cotton scarf. A T-shirt carries a supplement.

The boat trip, the walking route, the Casa Museo and the indigo are included in either of the two morning options.

Time is allowed for lunch; it is not included in the price.

ADMISSIONS AND ACTIVITIES INCLUDED

- Cihuatán — archaeological park
- Casa Museo Alejandro Cotto
- Boat trip on Lake Suchitlán
- Suchitoto indigo workshop — cotton scarf

ALSO INCLUDES

- Private air-conditioned transport, exclusive to the group
- Tour leader in Spanish or English, according to the group
- Hotel pick-up and drop-off, no meeting point
- Bottled water and 24/7 telephone assistance during the service
- Taxes and VAT

NOT INCLUDED

- Air tickets, airport fees and taxes
- Meals and drinks not specified in the itinerary
- Tips for guides and drivers
- Travel assistance insurance, available at a supplement
- Personal expenses and any service not specified

DID YOU KNOW

Lake Suchitlán is not natural: it formed in 1976 when the river Lempa was dammed. Today it is a Ramsar site for the migratory birds that winter there.

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DAY TOURS, HALF DAY AND LAYOVER

Volcanic chain and Lake Coatepeque

Area: **Santa Ana**

The four excursions in this area

FD_15 **Ilamatepec Volcano hike and Cerro Verde National Park**

Full day · 12 hours · Private, daily on request

FD_16 **Ilamatepec Volcano hike with Cerro Verde and Lake Coatepeque**

Full day · 13 hours · Scheduled Thursdays, private daily

FD_17 **Cerro Verde National Park and Lake Coatepeque**

Full day · 13 hours · Scheduled Thursdays, private daily

FD_20 **Izalco Volcano and Cerro Verde**

Full day · 13 hours · Private, daily on request

WHERE IT IS



The destinations of this area on the real outline of the country. **Santa Ana, Lago de Coatepeque, Cerro Verde, Izalco**.

FD_15 · FULLDAY

PRIVATE ONLY

Ilamatepec Volcano hike and Cerro Verde National Park



DURATION	AREA	ROUTE	MINIMUM	DEPARTURES	LANGUAGE
12 hours	Santa Ana	180 km approx.	Private: from 1 passenger	Private: daily, on request	Spanish / English

The crater rim arrives all at once, and the turquoise lake appears below.

ROUTE

Los Volcanes National Park · Cerro Verde · Ilamatepec summit

THE DAY

Ascent of Ilamatepec, the Santa Ana volcano and the highest in the country, to the crater rim and its turquoise sulphur lake. The hike is made with an accredited local guide from Cerro Verde, through cloud forest, orchids and hummingbirds. From the summit Izalco, Lake Coatepeque and, on a clear day, the whole volcanic chain are in view.

OPERATING NOTES

The local guide for the ascent is included on a private basis. If none is available, the hike runs with the scheduled local guide service.

Anyone not wanting the ascent can do the low-intensity inner circuit of Cerro Verde.

Time is allowed for lunch; it is not included in the price.

ADMISSIONS AND ACTIVITIES INCLUDED

- Los Volcanes National Park — Cerro Verde
- San Blas sector — access to the hike
- Private local guide for the ascent

ALSO INCLUDES

- Private air-conditioned transport, exclusive to the group
- Tour leader in Spanish or English, according to the group
- Hotel pick-up and drop-off, no meeting point
- Bottled water and 24/7 telephone assistance during the service
- Taxes and VAT

NOT INCLUDED

- Air tickets, airport fees and taxes
- Meals and drinks not specified in the itinerary
- Tips for guides and drivers
- Travel assistance insurance, available at a supplement
- Personal expenses and any service not specified

DID YOU KNOW

Ilamatepec is the highest volcano in El Salvador, at **2,381 metres**, and in its crater there is a turquoise lagoon, acidic from the sulphur gases.

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FD_16 · FULLDAY

SCHEDULED

THU

Ilamatepec Volcano hike with Cerro Verde and Lake Coatepeque



DURATION	AREA	ROUTE	MINIMUM	DEPARTURES	LANGUAGE
13 hours	Santa Ana	200 km approx.	Private: from 1 passenger	Scheduled: Thu	Spanish / English

The crater water shifts from blue to green and nobody quite knows why.

ROUTE

Los Volcanes National Park · Ilamatepec summit · Lake Coatepeque

THE DAY

The full day of the volcanic complex. Ascent of Ilamatepec to the crater rim and its turquoise lake, with a private local guide, paying the access to the San Blas sector. Down to Lake Coatepeque, a volcanic caldera of blue water that changes tone with the season, with time for lunch at a restaurant overlooking the lake and a thirty-minute boat trip.

OPERATING NOTES

The local guide for the ascent is included on a private basis. If none is available, the hike runs with the scheduled local guide service.

Anyone not wanting the ascent can do the low-intensity inner circuit of Cerro Verde.

The day allows no time for swimming in the lake.

Time is allowed for lunch; it is not included in the price.

ADMISSIONS AND ACTIVITIES INCLUDED

- Los Volcanes National Park — Cerro Verde
- San Blas sector — access to the hike
- Private local guide for the ascent
- Boat trip on Lake Coatepeque, 30 minutes

ALSO INCLUDES

- Private air-conditioned transport, exclusive to the group
- Tour leader in Spanish or English, according to the group
- Hotel pick-up and drop-off, no meeting point
- Bottled water and 24/7 telephone assistance during the service
- Taxes and VAT

NOT INCLUDED

- Air tickets, airport fees and taxes
- Meals and drinks not specified in the itinerary
- Tips for guides and drivers
- Travel assistance insurance, available at a supplement

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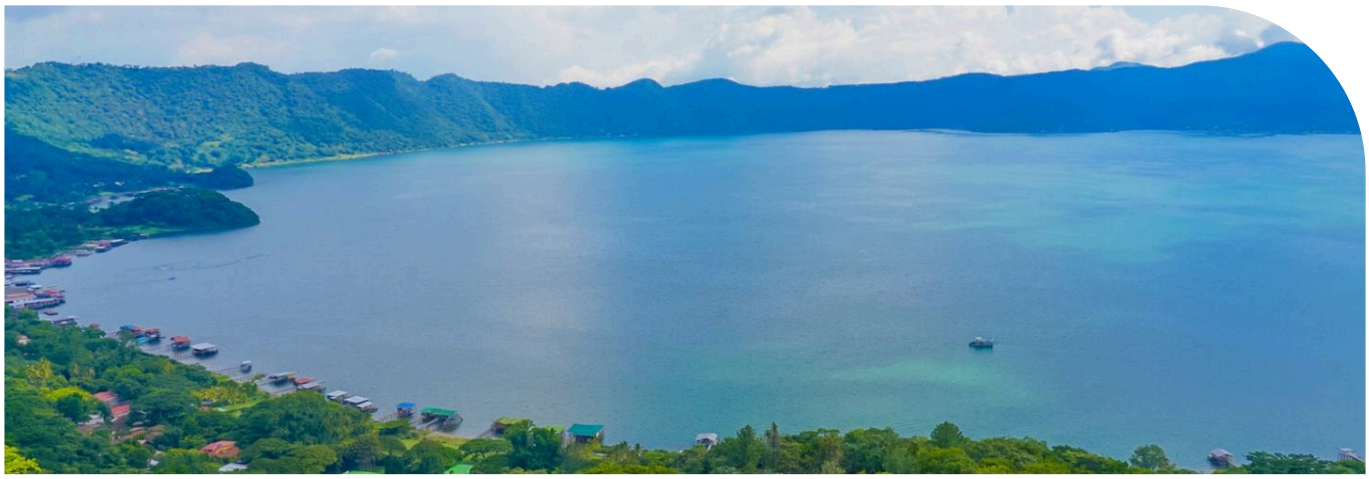
Lake Coatepeque fills a volcanic caldera and from time to time turns intense turquoise, a phenomenon recorded several times since **1998**.

FD_17 · FULLDAY

Cerro Verde National Park and Lake Coatepeque

SCHEDULED

THU



DURATION	AREA	ROUTE	MINIMUM	DEPARTURES	LANGUAGE
13 hours	Santa Ana	200 km approx.	Private: from 1 passenger	Scheduled: Thu	Spanish / English

The climb goes through cloud forest, the descent to a caldera of blue water.

ROUTE

Los Volcanes National Park · Cerro Verde trails · Lake Coatepeque

THE DAY

The version without the summit, within reach of any level of fitness. A route around the inner circuit of Cerro Verde with a private local guide, through cloud forest, tree ferns and orchids, with the viewpoints over Izalco and the lake. Down to Lake Coatepeque, with time for lunch at a restaurant overlooking the lake and a thirty-minute boat trip.

OPERATING NOTES

The Cerro Verde inner circuit is low intensity and runs with a private local guide, subject to availability.

The day allows no time for swimming in the lake.

Time is allowed for lunch; it is not included in the price.

ADMISSIONS AND ACTIVITIES INCLUDED

- Los Volcanes National Park — Cerro Verde
- Private local guide for the inner circuit
- Boat trip on Lake Coatepeque, 30 minutes

ALSO INCLUDES

- Private air-conditioned transport, exclusive to the group
- Tour leader in Spanish or English, according to the group
- Hotel pick-up and drop-off, no meeting point
- Bottled water and 24/7 telephone assistance during the service
- Taxes and VAT

NOT INCLUDED

- Air tickets, airport fees and taxes
- Meals and drinks not specified in the itinerary
- Tips for guides and drivers
- Travel assistance insurance, available at a supplement
- Personal expenses and any service not specified

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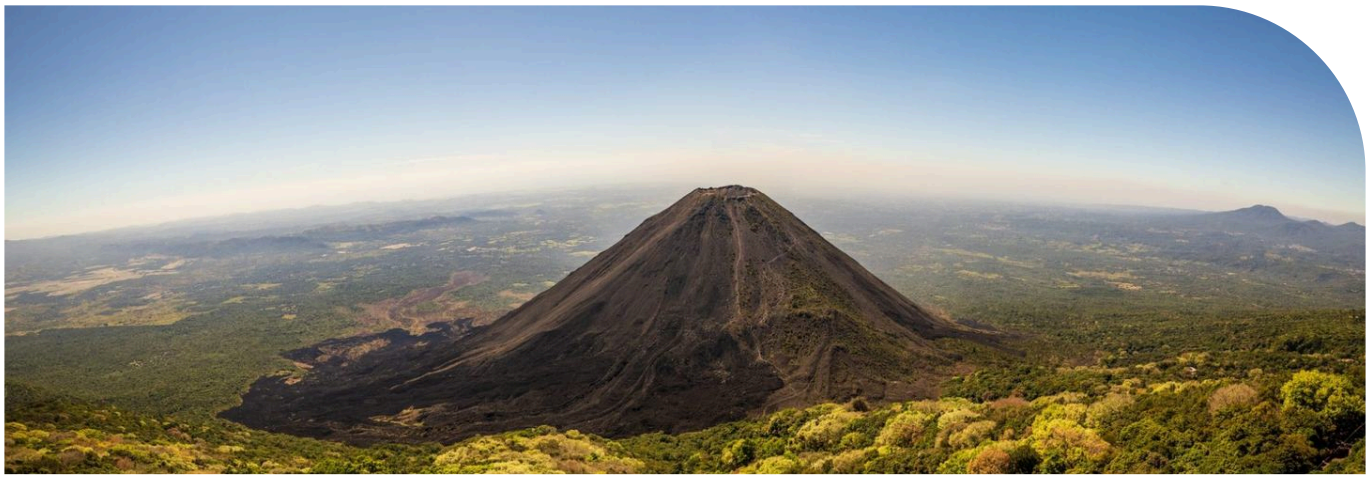
From the Cerro Verde viewpoints the **Santa Ana** volcano, **Izalco** and **Lake Coatepeque** are seen all at once.

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Izalco Volcano and Cerro Verde



DURATION	AREA	ROUTE	MINIMUM	DEPARTURES	LANGUAGE
13 hours	Santa Ana	200 km approx.	Private: from 1 passenger	Private: daily, on request	Spanish / English

The black cone of Izalco, for a century the lighthouse of the Pacific.

ROUTE

Los Volcanes National Park · Izalco cone · Cerro Verde

THE DAY

Ascent of Izalco, the black cone known for almost two centuries as the lighthouse of the Pacific for its continuous activity. The climb is over ash and volcanic scoria, with a local guide, from Cerro Verde. The descent down the same cone is the part passengers remember. A complementary route along the trails and viewpoints of Cerro Verde.

OPERATING NOTES

The local guide for the ascent is included on a private basis. If none is available, the hike runs with the scheduled local guide service.

The route does not enter the San Blas sector.

Time is allowed for lunch; it is not included in the price.

ADMISSIONS AND ACTIVITIES INCLUDED

- Los Volcanes National Park — Cerro Verde
- Private local guide for the ascent

ALSO INCLUDES

- Private air-conditioned transport, exclusive to the group
- Tour leader in Spanish or English, according to the group
- Hotel pick-up and drop-off, no meeting point
- Bottled water and 24/7 telephone assistance during the service
- Taxes and VAT

NOT INCLUDED

- Air tickets, airport fees and taxes
- Meals and drinks not specified in the itinerary
- Tips for guides and drivers
- Travel assistance insurance, available at a supplement
- Personal expenses and any service not specified

DID YOU KNOW

Izalco was called the **Lighthouse of the Pacific**: it erupted almost without pause between 1770 and 1958 and ships took their bearings from its glow. It woke one last time in 1966.

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DAY TOURS, HALF DAY AND LAYOVER

Ruta de las Flores and the Apaneca range

Area: **Sonsonate · Ahuachapán**

The five excursions in this area

RF_01 **Ruta de las Flores — Living towns, coffee, hot springs**

Full day · 11 hours · Scheduled Sundays, private daily

RF_02 **Ruta de las Flores — Adventure in Apaneca**

Full day · 11 hours · Private, daily on request

RF_03 **Ruta de las Flores — Coffee farms and family fun**

Full day · 11 hours · Private, daily on request

RF_04 **Ruta de las Flores and Living Towns**

Full day · 11 hours · Private, daily on request

RF_05 **Ruta de las Flores and Coffee Aroma**

Full day · 11 hours · Private, daily on request

WHERE IT IS



The destinations of this area on the real outline of the country. **Concepción de Ataco, Juayúa, Nahuizalco, Apaneca**.

RF_01 · FULLDAY

Ruta de las Flores — Living towns, coffee, hot springs

SCHEDULED

SUN



DURATION	AREA	ROUTE	MINIMUM	DEPARTURES	LANGUAGE
11 hours	Sonsonate & Ahuachapán	200 km approx.	Private: from 1 passenger	Scheduled: Sun	Spanish / English

Four towns still at work, high-grown coffee and thermal water in a single day.

ROUTE

Nahuizalco · Juayúa · Apaneca · Concepción de Ataco

THE DAY

The full Ruta de las Flores in one day. Nahuizalco and its wicker and reed workshops, where the fibre is soaked, split and woven in front of the passenger. Juayúa, with the Iglesia de Santa Lucía and its Black Christ, a seventeenth-century carving attributed to the sculptor of the Christ of Esquipulas, and the Food Festival at weekends. Apaneca, the highest town in the country, with a stop at its parish church. A visit to the El Carmen Estate coffee mill: a guided route through the plant, a screening of the process that takes the cherry to fine gold and a tasting of a cup of Ataco Gourmet brewed in a chorreador. In the afternoon, bathing at the Termales de Santa Teresa, with its stepped pools of volcanic water among gardens, and a route of the murals of Concepción de Ataco with a stop at the pedal loom.

OPERATING NOTES

The stop at the Ataco pedal loom is always made; whether the workshop is weaving depends on its activity that day.

The Juayúa Food Festival operates at weekends.

ADMISSIONS AND ACTIVITIES INCLUDED

- El Carmen Estate coffee farm — traditional tour
- Termales de Santa Teresa

ALSO INCLUDES

- Private air-conditioned transport, exclusive to the group
- Tour leader in Spanish or English, according to the group
- Hotel pick-up and drop-off, no meeting point
- Bottled water and 24/7 telephone assistance during the service
- Taxes and VAT

NOT INCLUDED

- Air tickets, airport fees and taxes
- Meals and drinks not specified in the itinerary
- Tips for guides and drivers
- Travel assistance insurance, available at a supplement
- Personal expenses and any service not specified

DID YOU KNOW

The towns on the route sit on the **Apaneca-Ilamatepec** cordillera, a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve since **2007**, with high-grown coffee cultivated from 900 metres up.

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RF_02 · FULLDAY

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Ruta de las Flores — Adventure in Apaneca



DURATION	AREA	ROUTE	MINIMUM	DEPARTURES	LANGUAGE
11 hours	Ahuachapán	220 km approx.	Private: from 1 passenger	Private: daily, on request	Spanish / English

The mountain tracks through the coffee farms, at full tilt.

ROUTE

Nahuizalco · Juayúa · Apaneca · Concepción de Ataco

THE DAY

The Ruta de las Flores in adventure form: the same four towns, trading the coffee and the hot springs for height and engine. Nahuizalco and its wicker and reed workshops. Juayúa, with the Iglesia de Santa Lucía and its Black Christ. In Apaneca, a canopy over the coffee farm and a buggy route along the mountain tracks, between viewpoints and dirt stretches. In the afternoon, the murals of Concepción de Ataco, with a stop at the pedal loom.

OPERATING NOTES

The stop at the Ataco pedal loom is always made; whether the workshop is weaving depends on its activity that day.

Time is allowed for lunch; it is not included in the price.

ADMISSIONS AND ACTIVITIES INCLUDED

- Coffee-farm canopy
- Buggies in the mountains

ALSO INCLUDES

- Private air-conditioned transport, exclusive to the group
- Tour leader in Spanish or English, according to the group
- Hotel pick-up and drop-off, no meeting point
- Bottled water and 24/7 telephone assistance during the service
- Taxes and VAT

NOT INCLUDED

- Air tickets, airport fees and taxes
- Meals and drinks not specified in the itinerary
- Tips for guides and drivers
- Travel assistance insurance, available at a supplement
- Personal expenses and any service not specified

DID YOU KNOW

Apaneca means 'river of wind' in Nahuat, for the current that comes down from the range. At **1,455 metres**, it is the highest town in El Salvador.

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RF_03 · FULLDAY

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Ruta de las Flores — Coffee farms and family fun



DURATION	AREA	ROUTE	MINIMUM	DEPARTURES	LANGUAGE
11 hours	Ahuachapán	220 km approx.	Private: from 1 passenger	Private: daily, on request	Spanish / English

From coffee tree to roast, told by the family that grows it.

ROUTE

Nahuizalco · Juayúa · Apaneca · Concepción de Ataco

THE DAY

The Ruta de las Flores in family form, without the adrenaline: the same four towns, trading the coffee and the hot springs for a day of play. Nahuizalco and its wicker and reed workshops. Juayúa, with the Iglesia de Santa Lucía and its Black Christ. In Apaneca, Café Albania and its mazes: the cypress maze, the flower maze and the mirror maze, plus the winged trapeze and the sky mirror. In the afternoon, the murals of Concepción de Ataco, with a stop at the pedal loom.

OPERATING NOTES

The stop at the Ataco pedal loom is always made; whether the workshop is weaving depends on its activity that day.

Café Albania has optional activities paid locally and not included: pendulum US$5, sky hamster US$10, surfboard US$10, sky bike US$10, zip line US$15 and slide US$10.

Time is allowed for lunch; it is not included in the price.

ADMISSIONS AND ACTIVITIES INCLUDED

- Café Albania — cypress, flower and mirror mazes
- Café Albania — winged trapeze and sky mirror

ALSO INCLUDES

- Private air-conditioned transport, exclusive to the group
- Tour leader in Spanish or English, according to the group
- Hotel pick-up and drop-off, no meeting point
- Bottled water and 24/7 telephone assistance during the service
- Taxes and VAT

NOT INCLUDED

- Air tickets, airport fees and taxes
- Meals and drinks not specified in the itinerary
- Tips for guides and drivers
- Travel assistance insurance, available at a supplement
- Personal expenses and any service not specified

DID YOU KNOW

In **Nahuizalco** reed and wicker are woven as they were a century ago, and its night market —more than three hundred stalls that open at dusk— is one of the few left in the country.

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RF_04 · FULLDAY

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Ruta de las Flores and Living Towns



DURATION	AREA	ROUTE	MINIMUM	DEPARTURES	LANGUAGE
11 hours	Sonsonate & Ahuachapán	220 km approx.	Private: from 1 passenger	Private: daily, on request	Spanish / English

Four towns, the reed workshop and Salcoatitán cassava on the kerb.

ROUTE

Nahuizalco · Juayúa · Apaneca · Concepción de Ataco · Salcoatitán

THE DAY

The Ruta de las Flores in its original form: the towns, no detours. Nahuizalco and the reed workshop, where the fibre is soaked, split and woven in front of the passenger. Juayúa, with the Iglesia de Santa Lucía and its Black Christ. Apaneca, the highest town in the country, with a stop at the parish church. Concepción de Ataco and its murals, with a stop at the pedal loom. On the way back, a halt in Salcoatitán to eat the way it is eaten here: cassava fried or boiled and served on a leaf, with curtido, sauce and chicharrones, standing on the kerb of the square.

OPERATING NOTES

The stop at the Ataco pedal loom is always made; whether the workshop is weaving depends on its activity that day.

The Salcoatitán cassava is included in the price.

No coffee mill and no hot springs: for those service types see RF_01, RF_03 and RF_05.

ADMISSIONS AND ACTIVITIES INCLUDED

- Cassava fried or boiled with curtido and chicharrones — Salcoatitán

ALSO INCLUDES

- Private air-conditioned transport, exclusive to the group
- Tour leader in Spanish or English, according to the group
- Hotel pick-up and drop-off, no meeting point
- Bottled water and 24/7 telephone assistance during the service
- Taxes and VAT

NOT INCLUDED

- Air tickets, airport fees and taxes
- Meals and drinks not specified in the itinerary
- Tips for guides and drivers
- Travel assistance insurance, available at a supplement
- Personal expenses and any service not specified

DID YOU KNOW

Juayúa comes from the Nahuat for 'river of purple orchids'. Its food fair, held every weekend since the nineties, is the oldest in the country.

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RF_05 · FULLDAY

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Ruta de las Flores and Coffee Aroma



DURATION	AREA	ROUTE	MINIMUM	DEPARTURES	LANGUAGE
11 hours	Ahuachapán	200 km approx.	Private: from 1 passenger	Private: daily, on request	Spanish / English

The four towns, and coffee told from inside the mill.

ROUTE

Nahuizalco · Juayúa · Apaneca · Concepción de Ataco

THE DAY

The Ruta de las Flores with coffee at the centre. Nahuizalco and its wicker and reed workshops, where the fibre is soaked, split and woven in front of the passenger. Juayúa, with the Iglesia de Santa Lucía and its Black Christ. Apaneca, the highest town in the country, with a stop at the parish church. And the full tour of the El Carmen Estate coffee mill: a guided route through the mill, a screening of the process that takes the cherry to fine gold, a tasting of a cup of Ataco Gourmet brewed in a chorreador and lunch on the farm. In the afternoon, the murals of Concepción de Ataco, with a stop at the pedal loom.

OPERATING NOTES

The stop at the Ataco pedal loom is always made; whether the workshop is weaving depends on its activity that day.

The mill tour lasts three hours and includes lunch.

The harvest runs from November to March; outside that season the tour centres on the mill and the roast.

ADMISSIONS AND ACTIVITIES INCLUDED

- El Carmen Estate coffee farm — full tour with lunch

ALSO INCLUDES

- Private air-conditioned transport, exclusive to the group
- Tour leader in Spanish or English, according to the group
- Hotel pick-up and drop-off, no meeting point
- Bottled water and 24/7 telephone assistance during the service
- Taxes and VAT

NOT INCLUDED

- Air tickets, airport fees and taxes
- Meals and drinks not specified in the itinerary
- Tips for guides and drivers
- Travel assistance insurance, available at a supplement
- Personal expenses and any service not specified

DID YOU KNOW

The coffee of the cordillera grows under the shade of native trees, and that shade makes the coffee farms the main migratory bird corridor in the west.

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DAY TOURS, HALF DAY AND LAYOVER

Costa del Bálsamo and Pacific

Area: **La Libertad**

The four excursions in this area

FD_31 **Surf City — El Puerto, El Tunco and Bohemian Night**

Full day · 12 hours · Scheduled Saturdays, private daily

FD_44 **Tamanique Waterfalls and the El Bálsamo range**

Full day · 9 hours · Private, daily on request

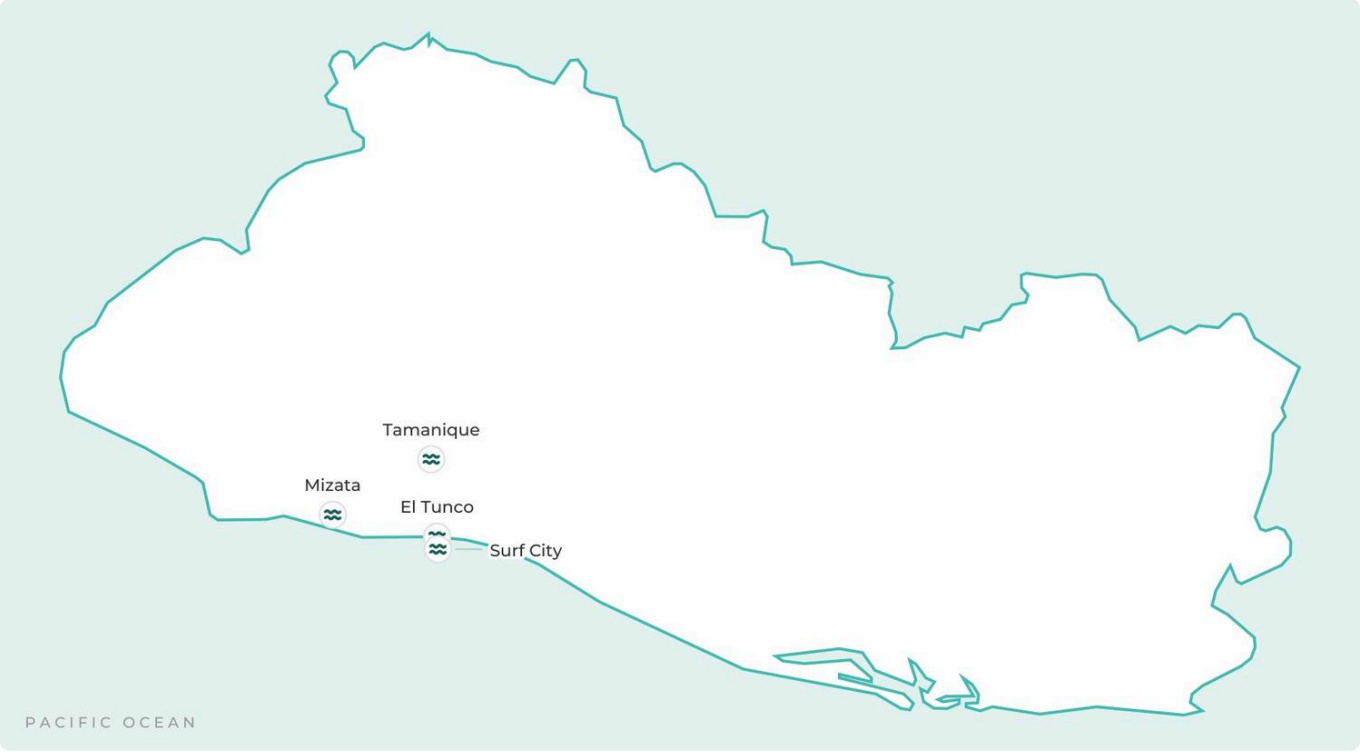
HD_43 **Sunset at Playa El Tunco**

Half day · 5 hours · Private, daily on request

FD_53 **Mizata Nawi Beach House, El Tunco and Bohemian Night**

Full day · 12 hours · Private, daily on request

WHERE IT IS



The destinations of this area on the real outline of the country. **Tamanique, Mizata, El Tunco, Surf City**.

FD_31 · FULLDAY

Surf City — El Puerto, El Tunco and Bohemian Night

SCHEDULED

SAT



DURATION	AREA	ROUTE	MINIMUM	DEPARTURES	LANGUAGE
12 hours	La Libertad	90 km approx.	Private: from 1 passenger	Scheduled: Sat	Spanish / English

The El Tunco break at night, with the town awake behind it.

ROUTE

Surf City La Libertad · El Puerto · El Sunzal · El Tunco

THE DAY

Surf City La Libertad end to end. El Puerto de La Libertad with its tourist pier and the Mercado del Mar, where fish is bought straight off the boat. El Sunzal, the most consistent wave in the country. The afternoon is a choice: a day pass at Los Farallones, with access to the natural pools, poolside service and a three-course lunch facing the sea; or a ninety-minute surf lesson with instructor and equipment, beginner level, and the rest of the afternoon free. It closes at Playa El Tunco with the sunset behind the rock that gives it its name and the bohemian night in its streets.

OPERATING NOTES

The afternoon is a choice between the Los Farallones day pass and a surf lesson. Only the day pass includes lunch.

The day pass is the Surf & Relax Pass: a welcome drink, one starter, one main course and one drink, all chosen from the menu. Moving to the Sea Food Pass carries a supplement of US$20 per person. Children aged 5 to 13 take the Kids Escape package.

The day pass runs from 9:00 to 18:00, with towels included. The 10% service is not included.

The surf lesson is ninety minutes, with instructor and equipment, beginner level. Extending it to two hours carries a supplement of US$10 per person. This service type does not include lunch.

The sunset and the evening in El Tunco are free time, with no meals or drinks included.

ADMISSIONS AND ACTIVITIES INCLUDED

- Los Farallones day pass with lunch, or a 90-minute surf lesson

ALSO INCLUDES

- Private air-conditioned transport, exclusive to the group
- Tour leader in Spanish or English, according to the group
- Hotel pick-up and drop-off, no meeting point
- Bottled water and 24/7 telephone assistance during the service
- Taxes and VAT

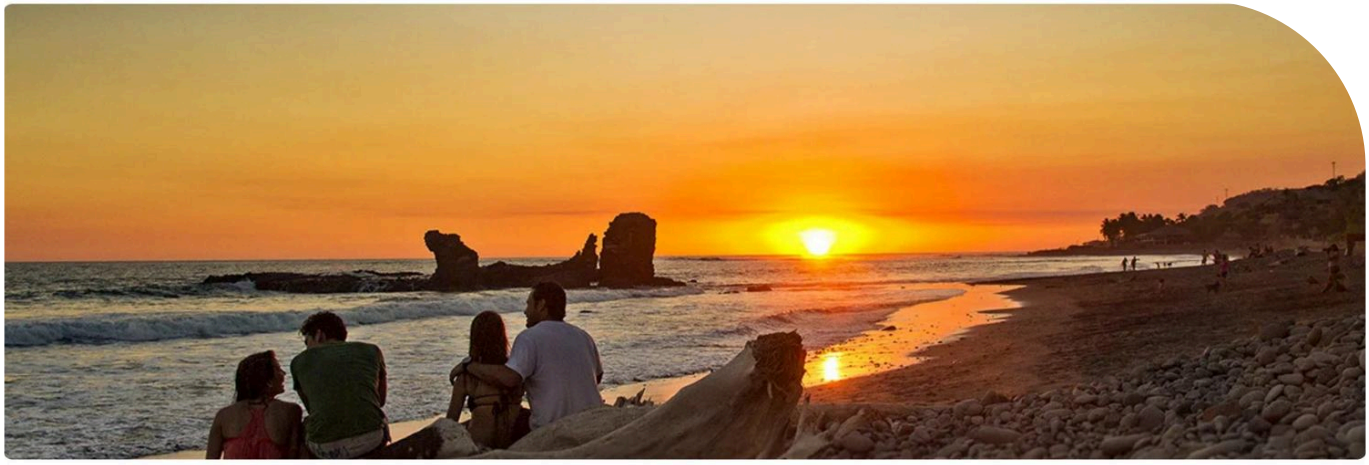
NOT INCLUDED

- Air tickets, airport fees and taxes
- Meals and drinks not specified in the itinerary
- Tips for guides and drivers
- Travel assistance insurance, available at a supplement
- Personal expenses and any service not specified

HD_43 · HALFDAY

PRIVATE ONLY

Sunset at Playa El Tunco



DURATION	AREA	ROUTE	MINIMUM	DEPARTURES	LANGUAGE
5 hours	La Libertad	90 km approx.	Private: from 1 passenger	Private: daily, on request	Spanish / English

The sun entering the sea behind the rock that names the town.

ROUTE

El Tunco · Bálsamo coast

THE DAY

Half a day at the best known beach on the Bálsamo coast. Free time facing the sea and sunset behind the rock that names the town, with the tide breaking. The day allows a surf lesson with a local instructor at El Tunco or El Sunzal, the most consistent wave in the country.

OPERATING NOTES

The surf lesson is optional and paid locally.

Timings adjust to the sunset hour of each season.

ADMISSIONS AND ACTIVITIES INCLUDED

- No paid admissions in the itinerary

ALSO INCLUDES

- Private air-conditioned transport, exclusive to the group
- Tour leader in Spanish or English, according to the group
- Hotel pick-up and drop-off, no meeting point
- Bottled water and 24/7 telephone assistance during the service
- Taxes and VAT

NOT INCLUDED

- Air tickets, airport fees and taxes
- Meals and drinks not specified in the itinerary
- Tips for guides and drivers
- Travel assistance insurance, available at a supplement
- Personal expenses and any service not specified

DID YOU KNOW

This stretch is called the **Costa del Bálsamo** for the balsam tree that grows on its slopes, whose resin Europe bought for centuries.

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Tamanique Waterfalls and the El Bálsamo range



DURATION	AREA	ROUTE	MINIMUM	DEPARTURES	LANGUAGE
9 hours	La Libertad	120 km approx.	Private: from 1 passenger	Private: daily, on request	Spanish / English

Three cold-water falls in the sierra, forty minutes from the beach.

ROUTE

Tamanique Waterfalls · Cordillera El Bálsamo, Comasagua area

THE DAY

Descent to the Tamanique waterfalls with a local guide: three cold-water falls set into the Bálsamo range, forty minutes from the beach. The route combines rural track, stretches of trail and assisted descent over rock. On the way back, lunch at a mountain restaurant in the Cordillera El Bálsamo, surrounded by forest, with cool weather and panoramic views: a main course chosen between signature cuisine and charcoal grill, with quesadilla and criollo chocolate for dessert.

OPERATING NOTES

The mountain restaurant opens Thursday to Sunday; the tour operates those days.

Lunch includes a main course and dessert. Starters, drinks and service are not included.

Visiting the restaurant supports the 85-manzana La Giralda private nature reserve and the creation of the Jayaque Volcano Biological and Cultural Corridor.

Requires average fitness and footwear with grip.

Flow varies with the season. In the dry season the falls drop in volume.

ADMISSIONS AND ACTIVITIES INCLUDED

- Tamanique Waterfalls — admission and local guide
- Lunch at a mountain restaurant, main course and dessert

ALSO INCLUDES

- Private air-conditioned transport, exclusive to the group
- Tour leader in Spanish or English, according to the group
- Hotel pick-up and drop-off, no meeting point
- Bottled water and 24/7 telephone assistance during the service
- Taxes and VAT

NOT INCLUDED

- Air tickets, airport fees and taxes
- Meals and drinks not specified in the itinerary
- Tips for guides and drivers
- Travel assistance insurance, available at a supplement
- Personal expenses and any service not specified

FD_53 · FULLDAY

PRIVATE ONLY

Mizata Nawi Beach House, El Tunco and Bohemian Night



DURATION	AREA	ROUTE	MINIMUM	DEPARTURES	LANGUAGE
12 hours	La Libertad	200 km approx.	Private: from 1 passenger	Private: daily, on request	Spanish / English

A closed bay, the long wave and nothing else around.

ROUTE

Mizata · Nawi Beach House · Playa El Tunco

THE DAY

A day at the western end of the Bálsamo coast, forty-five kilometres from El Sunzal along the coastal road, where the bay closes in, the wave is long and there is nothing around. Day pass at Nawi Beach House: infinity pool over the Pacific, a net suspended over the water, bar and restaurant, with a welcome drink and a towel per passenger. On the way back, Playa El Tunco for the sunset behind the rock and the bohemian night in its streets.

OPERATING NOTES

ADULTS ONLY, OVER 18: the property does not admit minors. This is not a family product.

The day pass is not redeemable against consumption: only the welcome drink is included. Food and other drinks are paid locally.

The towel is for temporary use and is returned when the bill is settled; loss or damage is charged locally.

The Mizata wave is intermediate to advanced level. The surf lesson is optional and paid locally.

The sunset and the evening in El Tunco are free time, with no meals or drinks included.

ADMISSIONS AND ACTIVITIES INCLUDED

- Day pass at Nawi Beach House — Mizata

ALSO INCLUDES

- Private air-conditioned transport, exclusive to the group
- Tour leader in Spanish or English, according to the group
- Hotel pick-up and drop-off, no meeting point
- Bottled water and 24/7 telephone assistance during the service
- Taxes and VAT

NOT INCLUDED

- Air tickets, airport fees and taxes
- Meals and drinks not specified in the itinerary
- Tips for guides and drivers
- Travel assistance insurance, available at a supplement
- Personal expenses and any service not specified

DAY TOURS, HALF DAY AND LAYOVER

Open beach and reef

Area: **La Paz · Sonsonate**

The two excursions in this area

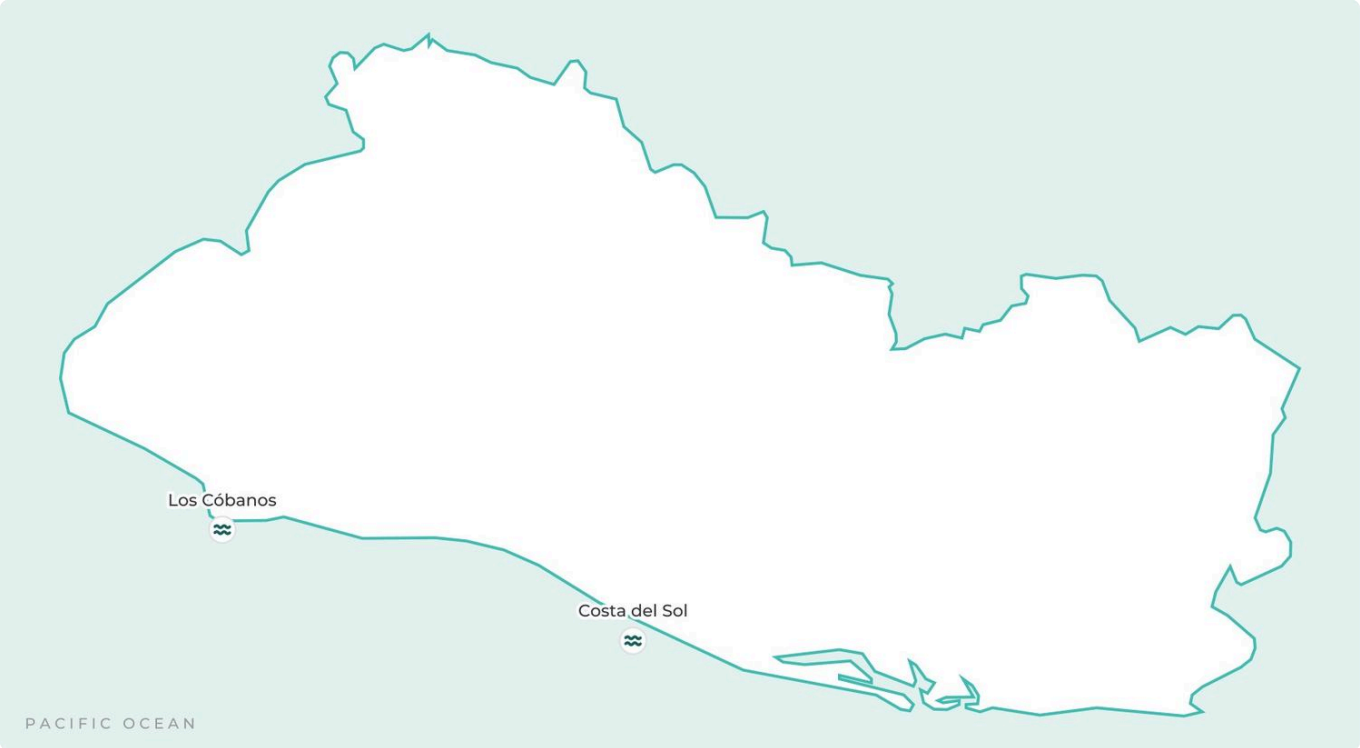
FD_28 **Costa del Sol — Beach day pass**

Full day · 10 hours · Private, daily on request

FD_35 **Playa Los Cóbanos — reefs and marine wildlife**

Full day · 12 hours · Private, daily on request

WHERE IT IS



The destinations of this area on the real outline of the country. **Los Cóbanos, Costa del Sol**.

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PRIVATE ONLY

Costa del Sol — Beach day pass



DURATION	AREA	ROUTE	MINIMUM	DEPARTURES	LANGUAGE
10 hours	La Paz	120 km approx.	Private: from 1 passenger	Private: daily, on request	Spanish / English

The estuary from inside and the open beach outside, in the same day.

ROUTE

Costa del Sol · Estero de Jaltepeque · beach club

THE DAY

The estuary from inside and the open beach outside, in the same day. Boat trip on the Estero de Jaltepeque among mangroves and islands, with bird watching. Access to a beach club in Costa del Sol with pool, loungers and service. Lunch facing the sea.

OPERATING NOTES

The base day pass is a beach club with US$25 in food and drink, use of the facilities, beach, loungers and tables. Placing is first come, first served, with no reserved area.

At a supplement the day pass can move to an all-inclusive hotel — unlimited drinks, lunch and snack — or to a third option with extended consumption. Ask for the current supplement.

The two-hour Estero de Jaltepeque trip is included in all service types.

The rate applies in regular season. It does not apply at Easter Week, the August holidays, Christmas, New Year's Eve or New Year: on those dates price and availability on request.

ADMISSIONS AND ACTIVITIES INCLUDED

- Beach club day pass — US$25 in consumption
- Estero de Jaltepeque trip, 2 hours

ALSO INCLUDES

- Private air-conditioned transport, exclusive to the group
- Tour leader in Spanish or English, according to the group
- Hotel pick-up and drop-off, no meeting point
- Bottled water and 24/7 telephone assistance during the service
- Taxes and VAT

NOT INCLUDED

- Air tickets, airport fees and taxes
- Meals and drinks not specified in the itinerary
- Tips for guides and drivers
- Travel assistance insurance, available at a supplement
- Personal expenses and any service not specified

DID YOU KNOW

The **Costa del Sol** is a sandbar more than fifteen kilometres long: the Pacific on one side, the Jaltepeque estuary on the other.

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Playa Los Cóbanos — reefs and marine wildlife



DURATION	AREA	ROUTE	MINIMUM	DEPARTURES	LANGUAGE
12 hours	Sonsonate & La Libertad	220 km approx.	Private: from 1 passenger	Private: daily, on request	Spanish / English

The largest coral reef in the Central American Pacific.

ROUTE

Playa Los Cóbanos · Acajutla reef

THE DAY

A day at the only coral reef on the Central American Pacific coast. Private boat trip over the Los Cóbanos reef for marine wildlife watching — fish, turtles and dolphins, and whales between December and April — and a day pass at a beach resort with pool, sea access and à la carte consumption included.

OPERATING NOTES

Whale watching is seasonal, from December to April, and cannot be guaranteed.

The day pass includes US$15 in à la carte consumption, pool use and beach access.

At a supplement, snorkelling on the reef can be added; it is reached on foot from the beach.

The rate applies in regular season. It does not apply at Easter Week, the August holidays, Christmas, New Year's Eve or New Year: on those dates price and availability on request.

Time is allowed for lunch; it is not included in the price.

ADMISSIONS AND ACTIVITIES INCLUDED

- Private boat trip over the reef — marine wildlife
- Beach resort day pass — US$15 in consumption

ALSO INCLUDES

- Private air-conditioned transport, exclusive to the group
- Tour leader in Spanish or English, according to the group
- Hotel pick-up and drop-off, no meeting point
- Bottled water and 24/7 telephone assistance during the service
- Taxes and VAT

NOT INCLUDED

- Air tickets, airport fees and taxes
- Meals and drinks not specified in the itinerary
- Tips for guides and drivers
- Travel assistance insurance, available at a supplement
- Personal expenses and any service not specified

DID YOU KNOW

Los Cóbanos is the only rocky-coral reef in the eastern Pacific between Mexico and Costa Rica: the only part of the Salvadoran coast where one dives among corals.

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DAY TOURS, HALF DAY AND LAYOVER

Mangroves and natural areas

Area: **Usulután · Ahuachapán · Cabañas**

The four excursions in this area

FD_36 **Jiquilisco Bay in full — mangroves, sandbanks, spider monkeys and cacao**

Full day · 12 hours · Private, daily on request

FD_38 **Barra de Santiago — mangroves, crocodiles and Bocana El Zapote**

Full day · 12 hours · Private, daily on request

FD_39 **Hiking the trails of El Imposible National Park**

Full day · 12 hours · Private, daily on request

FD_48 **Cinquera, Suchitoto and Lake Suchitlán — nature, town, memory and community**

Full day · 10 hours · Private, daily on request

WHERE IT IS



The destinations of this area on the real outline of the country. **Cinquera, El Imposible, Barra de Santiago, Jiquilisco**.

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PRIVATE ONLY

Jiquilisco Bay in full — mangroves, sandbanks, spider monkeys and cacao



DURATION	AREA	ROUTE	MINIMUM	DEPARTURES	LANGUAGE
12 hours	Usulután	240 km approx.	Private: from 1 passenger	Private: daily, on request	Spanish / English

The channels between roots, the opened cacao and spider monkeys in the canopy.

ROUTE

Puerto Barillas · Jiquilisco Bay · Bocana La Chepona

THE DAY

An early start for Puerto Barillas, in Jiquilisco Bay, a biosphere reserve. There one of two experiences is chosen: the spider monkey sanctuary or the cacao experience, where the pulp and the bean are tasted. Then the full bay route by boat: Puerto El Triunfo, isla Tortuga, Corral de Mulas, Punta San Juan, isla Pajarito, isla La Pirraya and the bocana La Chepona, with time to swim at the sandbanks.

OPERATING NOTES

The cacao experience runs only from 9:00 to 10:00. The pulp and the bean are tasted; there is no chocolate production because the product is exported raw.

One of the two Puerto Barillas experiences is chosen, not both.

Time is allowed for lunch; it is not included in the price.

ADMISSIONS AND ACTIVITIES INCLUDED

- Spider monkey sanctuary or cacao experience, to choose
- Full bay route by boat

ALSO INCLUDES

- Private air-conditioned transport, exclusive to the group
- Tour leader in Spanish or English, according to the group
- Hotel pick-up and drop-off, no meeting point
- Bottled water and 24/7 telephone assistance during the service
- Taxes and VAT

NOT INCLUDED

- Air tickets, airport fees and taxes
- Meals and drinks not specified in the itinerary
- Tips for guides and drivers
- Travel assistance insurance, available at a supplement
- Personal expenses and any service not specified

DID YOU KNOW

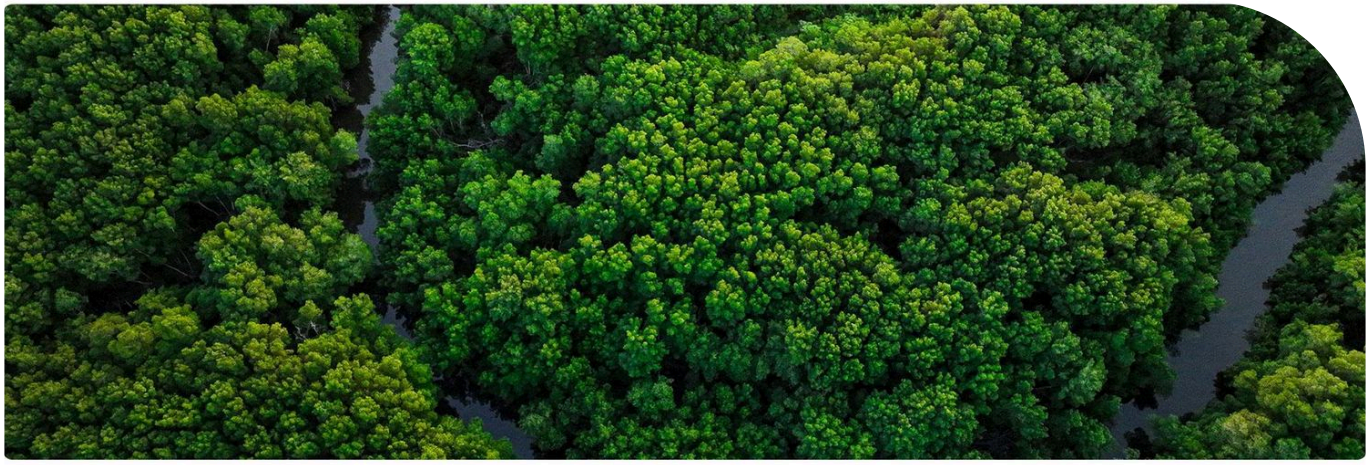
Jiquilisco Bay is a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve and a Ramsar site: the country's largest mangrove, and close to **40%** of the eastern Pacific hawksbill turtle nests here.

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PRIVATE ONLY

Barra de Santiago — mangroves, crocodiles and Bocana El Zapote



DURATION	AREA	ROUTE	MINIMUM	DEPARTURES	LANGUAGE
12 hours	Ahuachapán	240 km approx.	Private: from 1 passenger	Private: daily, on request	Spanish / English

The mouth where the mangrove opens to the sea, in the country's quietest corner.

ROUTE

Barra de Santiago · Bocana El Zapote

THE DAY

Navigation through the Barra de Santiago mangrove system, among root tunnels where the water turns to mirror. Entry to the Canal Zapatero, a protected area of the refuge, for crocodile watching, and out to the Bocana El Zapote, where the estuary meets the Pacific.

OPERATING NOTES

Lunch is taken locally, at a restaurant booked in advance.

In season there is the option of taking part in a turtle release, at an additional price. Availability on request.

Time is allowed for lunch; it is not included in the price.

ADMISSIONS AND ACTIVITIES INCLUDED

- Entry to the Canal Zapatero, protected area of the refuge, for crocodile watching
- Boat trip through the mangroves and the Bocana El Zapote

ALSO INCLUDES

- Private air-conditioned transport, exclusive to the group
- Tour leader in Spanish or English, according to the group
- Hotel pick-up and drop-off, no meeting point
- Bottled water and 24/7 telephone assistance during the service
- Taxes and VAT

NOT INCLUDED

- Air tickets, airport fees and taxes
- Meals and drinks not specified in the itinerary
- Tips for guides and drivers
- Travel assistance insurance, available at a supplement
- Personal expenses and any service not specified

DID YOU KNOW

Barra de Santiago is a spit of sand and mangrove declared a **Ramsar site in 2014**: more than eleven thousand hectares of wetland.

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Hiking the trails of El Imposible National Park



DURATION	AREA	ROUTE	MINIMUM	DEPARTURES	LANGUAGE
12 hours	Ahuachapán	240 km approx.	Private: from 1 passenger	Private: daily, on request	Spanish / English

Four hundred tree species and the viewpoint over the Ixcanal river canyon.

ROUTE

El Imposible National Park · sierra de Apaneca

THE DAY

A hike along the trails of El Imposible National Park, the largest protected area in the country and the last remnant of tropical dry forest on the Central American Pacific slope, in the company of community local guides. The name comes from the pass that cost muleteers their lives before the bridge was built.

OPERATING NOTES

The hike runs with community local guides: not accredited nature guides, but people who know the area with wide experience to lead it safely.

Single-use plastics are not allowed into the park. The water bottle provided by Sophia Tours is for the journey, not for inside.

Cash is recommended for paying local services.

Bring comfortable footwear, a reusable bottle, repellent, a cap, a change of clothes, a small backpack and a snack to share with the community guide.

Time is allowed for lunch; it is not included in the price.

ADMISSIONS AND ACTIVITIES INCLUDED

- El Imposible National Park — admission
- Community local guides for the hike

ALSO INCLUDES

- Private air-conditioned transport, exclusive to the group
- Tour leader in Spanish or English, according to the group
- Hotel pick-up and drop-off, no meeting point
- Bottled water and 24/7 telephone assistance during the service
- Taxes and VAT

NOT INCLUDED

- Air tickets, airport fees and taxes
- Meals and drinks not specified in the itinerary
- Tips for guides and drivers
- Travel assistance insurance, available at a supplement
- Personal expenses and any service not specified

DID YOU KNOW

El Imposible was named for a mountain pass where the mules carrying coffee down to Acajutla fell to their deaths. It protects subtropical moist forest between 250 and **1,425 metres**.

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PRIVATE ONLY

Cinquera, Suchitoto and Lake Suchitlán — nature, town, memory and community



DURATION	AREA	ROUTE	MINIMUM	DEPARTURES	LANGUAGE
10 hours	Cabañas	160 km approx.	Private: from 1 passenger	Private: daily, on request	Spanish / English

The forest grew back over what was a war front, and the community tells it.

ROUTE

Cinquera · Suchitoto · Lake Suchitlán

THE DAY

A morning hike in the Parque Ecológico Bosque de Cinquera with community local guides: the forest that grew back over a town razed by the war, with its pools and the downed helicopter left where it fell. In the afternoon, Suchitoto: a walking route through the best preserved colonial town in the country and the viewpoint over Lake Suchitlán.

OPERATING NOTES

The hike runs with community local guides: not accredited nature guides, but people who know the area with wide experience to lead it safely.

The Cinquera hike lasts between an hour and a half and three hours.

Time is allowed for lunch; it is not included in the price.

ADMISSIONS AND ACTIVITIES INCLUDED

- Parque Ecológico Bosque de Cinquera — admission and community guides
- Walking route through Suchitoto

ALSO INCLUDES

- Private air-conditioned transport, exclusive to the group
- Tour leader in Spanish or English, according to the group
- Hotel pick-up and drop-off, no meeting point
- Bottled water and 24/7 telephone assistance during the service
- Taxes and VAT

NOT INCLUDED

- Air tickets, airport fees and taxes
- Meals and drinks not specified in the itinerary
- Tips for guides and drivers
- Travel assistance insurance, available at a supplement
- Personal expenses and any service not specified

DID YOU KNOW

The **Cinquera** forest is a forest that came back: razed during the conflict, the community that returned let it regenerate and today manages it itself.

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DAY TOURS, HALF DAY AND LAYOVER

Crafts, memory and layovers

Area: **San Vicente · Cabañas · Cuscatlán · Chalatenango · San Salvador**

The four excursions in this area

RA_01 **Craft Route: San Vicente, San Sebastián and Ilobasco — from sugar to looms and clay**

Full day · 10 hours · Private, Wednesday to Saturday

RA_02 **Craft and Nature Route: El Pital, La Palma and San Ignacio — from Peña Rajada to the copinol**

Full day · 11 hours · Private, daily on request

LV_55 **Airport layover — city express**

Layover · 6 hours · Private, daily on request

LV_57 **Airport layover — Surf City**

Layover · 5 hours · Private, daily on request

WHERE IT IS



The destinations of this area on the real outline of the country. **Ilobasco, San Sebastián, Aeropuerto SAL**.

RA_01 · FULLDAY

PRIVATE ONLY

Craft Route: San Vicente, San Sebastián and Ilobasco — from sugar to looms and clay



DURATION	AREA	ROUTE	MINIMUM	DEPARTURES	LANGUAGE
10 hours	San Vicente, Cabañas & Cuscatlán	180 km approx.	Private: from 1 passenger	Private: Wed to Sat	Spanish / English

The pedal loom sounds like a footstep, not a machine.

ROUTE

San Vicente · San Sebastián · San Rafael Cedros · Ilobasco · Cojutepeque

THE DAY

Hotel pick-up and the Panamericana highway towards San Vicente. In the cane harvest, from November to April, a stop at a molienda to see the milling and the setting point of the panela; then a traditional sweet shop, the Iglesia de Nuestra Señora del Pilar of 1732 and the Torre Vicentina. On to San Sebastián, starting at the Terminal Turística, where the town's history is told and the pedal looms work live; then a family loom workshop, with time to buy: hammocks, quilts, bedspreads and tablecloths from the same loom. Time for lunch in San Rafael Cedros, not included. In the afternoon, Ilobasco, capital of clay, with an association of young artisans: a route through the kilns and the workshop, the wheel and the painting of one's own piece, and the shop. The day closes in Cojutepeque, at a traditional house of artisan cured meats, before the return.

OPERATING NOTES

Operates Wednesday to Saturday: the San Sebastián Terminal Turística opens Wednesday to Sunday, and the loom and clay workshops rest on Sundays.

The clay workshop requires advance notice; groups of more than twelve passengers are split into two shifts. The piece the passenger paints is theirs to keep.

Outside the harvest the molienda is replaced by the artisan sweet shop, with no change in rate. Cash is advisable: several craft shops do not accept cards.

ADMISSIONS AND ACTIVITIES INCLUDED

- Artisan cane molienda — San Vicente (in harvest)
- Terminal Turística de San Sebastián — pedal loom live
- Family loom workshop — San Sebastián, with time to buy
- Clay workshop in Ilobasco: kilns, wheel and painting, 1 h 30

ALSO INCLUDES

- Private air-conditioned transport, exclusive to the group
- Tour leader in Spanish or English, according to the group
- Hotel pick-up and drop-off, no meeting point
- Bottled water and 24/7 telephone assistance during the service
- Taxes and VAT

NOT INCLUDED

- Air tickets, airport fees and taxes
- Meals and drinks not specified in the itinerary
- Tips for guides and drivers
- Travel assistance insurance, available at a supplement
- Personal expenses and any service not specified

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RA_02 · FULLDAY

PRIVATE ONLY

Craft and Nature Route: El Pital, La Palma and San Ignacio — from Peña Rajada to the copinol



DURATION	AREA	ROUTE	MINIMUM	DEPARTURES	LANGUAGE
11 hours	Chalatenango	200 km approx.	Private: from 1 passenger	Private: daily, on request	Spanish / English

One man taught a whole town to paint, and the whole town still paints.

ROUTE

San Ignacio · Río Chiquito · El Pital · La Palma

THE DAY

Hotel pick-up and the road north to El Pital, passing through San Ignacio. At the Río Chiquito turn-off the transfer changes to a 4x4 pick-up and the climb to the highest point in the country begins, standing at the rail. Entry and a walk of some forty minutes to the Peña Rajada, the rock formation split in two. On the way back, the Casa de la Fresa, with a menu where everything tastes of strawberry: chilli, atol and even pupusas. Time for lunch in the area. The day closes in La Palma, the craft cradle of Chalatenango: the Museo Fernando Llort and a workshop where the master artisan guides the drawing of the little coloured houses and the combination of tones, with materials included and the wooden piece to take away.

OPERATING NOTES

Operates Tuesday to Saturday, on a private basis.

The walk to the Peña Rajada takes about forty minutes and is NOT suitable for people with heart conditions or hypertension.

The final climb is made in a 4x4 pick-up, standing at the rail.

The wooden piece the passenger paints in the workshop is theirs to keep, materials included.

Time is allowed for lunch; it is not included in the price.

ADMISSIONS AND ACTIVITIES INCLUDED

- El Pital — admission and 4x4 pick-up ascent
- Walk to the Peña Rajada
- Museo Fernando Llort — La Palma
- Wood craft workshop with a piece to take away — La Palma

ALSO INCLUDES

- Private air-conditioned transport, exclusive to the group
- Tour leader in Spanish or English, according to the group
- Hotel pick-up and drop-off, no meeting point
- Bottled water and 24/7 telephone assistance during the service
- Taxes and VAT

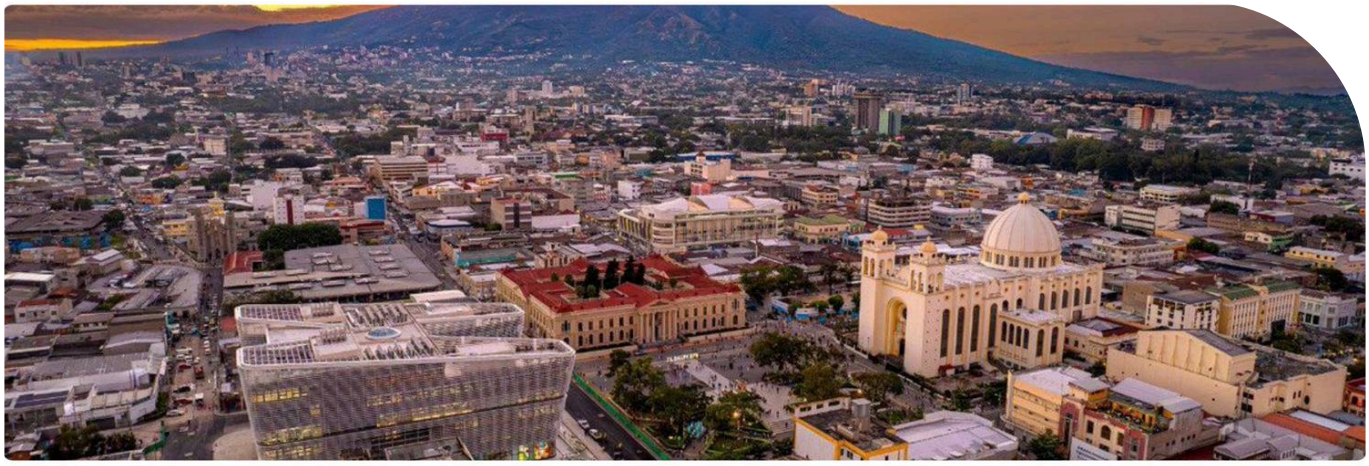
NOT INCLUDED

- Air tickets, airport fees and taxes
- Meals and drinks not specified in the itinerary
- Tips for guides and drivers
- Travel assistance insurance, available at a supplement
- Personal expenses and any service not

LV_55 · LAYOVER

PRIVATE ONLY

Airport layover — city express



DURATION	AREA	ROUTE	MINIMUM	DEPARTURES	LANGUAGE
6 hours	San Salvador	105 km approx.	Private: from 1 passenger	Private: daily, on request	Spanish / English

The essentials of the capital within the margin of a layover.

ROUTE

Airport · El Boquerón · historic centre · Airport

THE DAY

A six-hour layover resolved without leaving the clock of the flight. Airport pick-up and an hour's climb to El Boquerón, at eighteen hundred metres, with forty-five minutes at the crater and the viewpoint over the city. Down to the historic centre and an hour and a half on foot between the Metropolitan Cathedral, the Palacio Nacional and the Teatro Nacional around Plaza Libertad. Return to the airport.

OPERATING NOTES

Operates daily. Luggage stays in the driver's custody.

The minimum layover between flights must be eight hours: El Boquerón is a long hour from the airport.

The start time is coordinated with the flight arrival and the opening hours of the sites.

The route allows no stop to eat. It can be extended half an hour as a courtesy; each additional hour requested costs US$20.

Lunch not included.

ADMISSIONS AND ACTIVITIES INCLUDED

- El Boquerón National Park

ALSO INCLUDES

- Private air-conditioned transport, exclusive to the group
- Tour leader in Spanish or English, according to the group
- Hotel pick-up and drop-off, no meeting point
- Bottled water and 24/7 telephone assistance during the service
- Taxes and VAT

NOT INCLUDED

- Air tickets, airport fees and taxes
- Meals and drinks not specified in the itinerary
- Tips for guides and drivers
- Travel assistance insurance, available at a supplement
- Personal expenses and any service not specified

DID YOU KNOW

El Boquerón, the crater that in **1917** boiled until it lost its own lagoon, is **a little over an hour** from the airport: it fits a long layover, not a short one.

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LV_57 · LAYOVER

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Airport layover — Surf City



DURATION	AREA	ROUTE	MINIMUM	DEPARTURES	LANGUAGE
5 hours	La Libertad	70 km approx.	Private: from 1 passenger	Private: daily, on request	Spanish / English

From plane to Pacific in forty minutes.

ROUTE

SAL Airport · Surf City · Mercado del Mar · Muelle Turístico · Punta Roca · Playa El Tunco · SAL Airport

THE DAY

A connection service, not an excursion: the passenger is collected at the airport and goes straight to the coast, thirty minutes away. An hour of panoramic route through Surf City, with the Mercado del Mar, the Muelle Turístico de La Libertad, Punta Roca and Playa El Tunco. After that there is time available depending on the hour of return: for lunch facing the sea, for getting into the water or for staying for the sunset. Return to the airport in forty minutes, with check-in assistance and farewell in the departures lobby.

OPERATING NOTES

- Operates daily. Luggage stays in the driver's custody.
- The minimum layover between flights must be seven hours.
- The sunset at El Tunco depends on the tour start time and the duration contracted.
- Each additional hour requested costs US$20.
- Lunch not included.

ADMISSIONS AND ACTIVITIES INCLUDED

- No paid admissions in the itinerary

ALSO INCLUDES

- Private air-conditioned transport, exclusive to the group
- Tour leader in Spanish or English, according to the group
- Hotel pick-up and drop-off, no meeting point
- Bottled water and 24/7 telephone assistance during the service
- Taxes and VAT

NOT INCLUDED

- Air tickets, airport fees and taxes
- Meals and drinks not specified in the itinerary
- Tips for guides and drivers
- Travel assistance insurance, available at a supplement
- Personal expenses and any service not specified

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The suitcase is unpacked once and the country comes to the hotel. Four circuits of four to seven days in which the passenger always sleeps in the same room and sets out each day on a different excursion. It is the service type that works best with larger groups, families with children and incentive programmes.

Guaranteed departures in scheduled shared service. Also available private.

CT_01 · CIRCUITO CON BASE EN SAN SALVADOR

El Salvador Basic



DURATION
4 days / 3 nights

SERVICE TYPE
Private, fixed base

ROUTE
340 km approx.

MINIMUM
Private: from 1 passenger Scheduled: from 2 passengers

DEPARTURES
Scheduled: every Tuesday Private: daily, on request

LANGUAGE
Spanish / English

CIRCUIT MAP



The yellow circle marks where the group sleeps and how many nights. **San Salvador**.

ADMISSIONS AND ACTIVITIES INCLUDED

- MUNA — National Museum of Anthropology
- El Boquerón National Park
- Fernando Llort Tour — El Árbol de Dios
- Los Volcanes National Park — Cerro Verde
- San Blas sector — access to the hike
- Private local guide for the ascent
- Boat ride on Lake Coatepeque, 30 minutes

ALSO INCLUDES

- Accommodation with daily breakfast in the category booked, always in the same room
- Private transport exclusive to the group and tour leader in Spanish or English
- Arrival and departure transfers, with hotel pick-up
- 24/7 telephone assistance, hotel taxes and VAT

CAN BE EXTENDED WITH

- Any of the seven modular MC_ extensions. Each adds its nights away plus a closing night in San Salvador, and moves the departure transfer to the following day

DAY BY DAY

DÍA DAY 01 **Arrival in San Salvador**

Meet and greet at San Óscar Arnulfo Romero International Airport and transfer to the hotel. Afternoon free.

DÍA DAY 02 **Full Day CITY TOUR SAN SALVADOR · MUNA, EL BOQUERÓN, ÁRBOL DE DIOS and HISTORIC CENTRE, with lunch**

The capital from top to bottom: from the crater at eighteen hundred metres to the restored historic centre. Lunch en route included.

DÍA DAY 03 **Full Day HIKE TO SANTA ANA VOLCANO, CERRO VERDE and LAKE COATEPEQUE**

Ascent to the crater with a private local guide and descent to the lake in the caldera, with a boat ride. Anyone preferring less intensity takes the inner Cerro Verde circuit, at no difference in rate.

DÍA DAY 04 **Departure**

Transfer to the airport per flight schedule.

DID YOU KNOW

The crater of **Santa Ana** holds a turquoise lagoon, acidic from the volcano's sulphur gases. At **2,381 metres** it is the highest volcano in the country; its last eruption was in 2005.

CT_02 · CIRCUITO CON BASE EN SAN SALVADOR

El Salvador Essential



DURATION
5 days / 4 nights

SERVICE TYPE
Private, fixed base

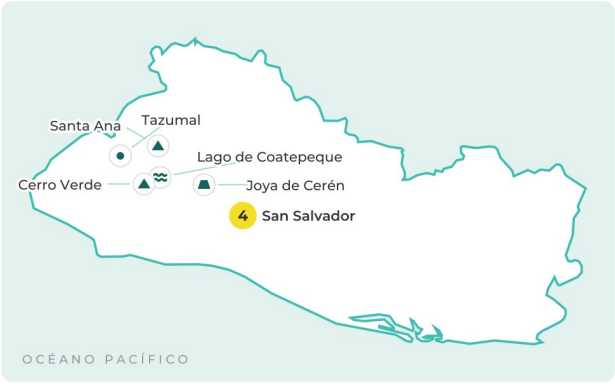
ROUTE
520 km approx.

MINIMUM
Private: from 1 passenger Scheduled: from 2 passengers

DEPARTURES
Scheduled: every Tuesday Private: daily, on request

LANGUAGE
Spanish / English

CIRCUIT MAP



The yellow circle marks where the group sleeps and how many nights. **San Salvador**.

ALSO INCLUDES

- Accommodation with daily breakfast in the category booked, always in the same room
- Private transport exclusive to the group and tour leader in Spanish or English
- Arrival and departure transfers, with hotel pick-up
- 24/7 telephone assistance, hotel taxes and VAT

ADMISSIONS AND ACTIVITIES INCLUDED

- MUNA — National Museum of Anthropology
- El Boquerón National Park
- Fernando Llort Tour — El Árbol de Dios
- Los Volcanes National Park — Cerro Verde
- San Blas sector — access to the hike
- Private local guide for the ascent
- Boat ride on Lake Coatepeque, 30 minutes
- Joya de Cerén
- San Andrés
- Tazumal
- Casa Blanca — Chalchuapa
- Indigo demonstration at Casa

CAN BE EXTENDED WITH

- Any of the seven modular MC_ extensions. Each adds its nights away plus a closing night in San Salvador, and moves the departure transfer to the following day

DID YOU KNOW

Ash from **Loma Caldera** sealed **Joya de Cerén** around the year **600**. It is the only Maya site where the daily life of the village is preserved, not that of kings.

DAY BY DAY

DÍA DAY 01 **Arrival in San Salvador**

Meet and greet at San Óscar Arnulfo Romero International Airport and transfer to the hotel. Afternoon free.

DÍA DAY 02 **Full Day CITY TOUR SAN SALVADOR · MUNA, EL BOQUERÓN, ÁRBOL DE DIOS and HISTORIC CENTRE, with lunch**

The capital from top to bottom: from the crater at eighteen hundred metres to the restored historic centre. Lunch en route included.

DÍA DAY 03 **Full Day HIKE TO SANTA ANA VOLCANO, CERRO VERDE and LAKE COATEPEQUE**

Ascent to the crater with a private local guide and descent to the lake in the caldera, with a boat ride. Anyone preferring less intensity takes the inner Cerro Verde circuit, at no difference in rate.

DÍA DAY 04 **Full Day ARCHAEOLOGICAL ROUTE and SANTA ANA · JOYA DE CERÉN, SAN ANDRÉS, TAZUMAL and CASA BLANCA**

The Maya village sealed by ash fourteen hundred years ago, two more sites and the indigo demonstration with a scarf the passenger takes away dyed.

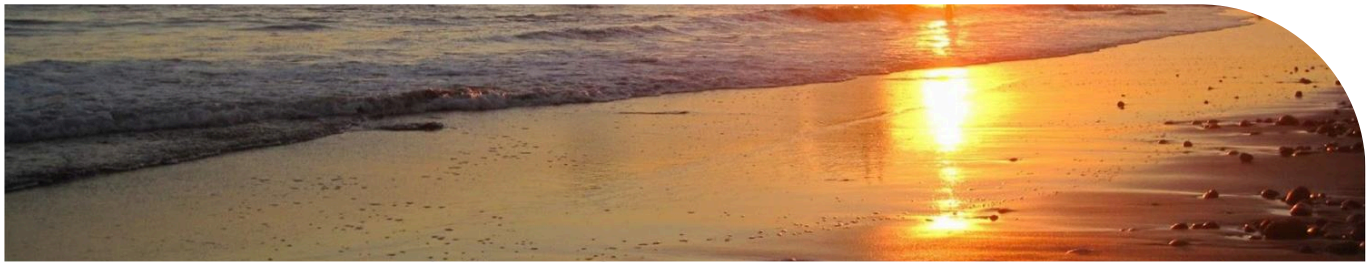
DÍA DAY 05 **Departure**

Transfer to the airport per flight schedule.

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CT_03 · CIRCUITO CON BASE EN SAN SALVADOR

El Salvador Authentic



DURATION
6 days / 5 nights

SERVICE TYPE
Private, fixed base

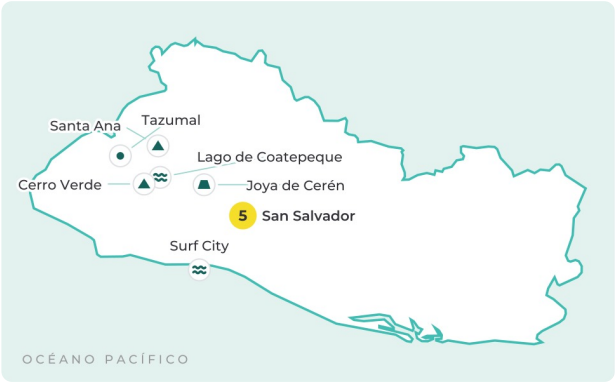
ROUTE
610 km approx.

MINIMUM
Private: from 1 passenger Scheduled: from 2 passengers

DEPARTURES
Scheduled: every Tuesday Private: daily, on request

LANGUAGE
Spanish / English

CIRCUIT MAP



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ALSO INCLUDES

- Accommodation with daily breakfast in the category booked, always in the same room
- Private transport exclusive to the group and tour leader in Spanish or English
- Arrival and departure transfers, with hotel pick-up
- 24/7 telephone assistance, hotel taxes and VAT

ADMISSIONS AND ACTIVITIES INCLUDED

- MUNA — National Museum of Anthropology
- El Boquerón National Park
- Fernando Llort Tour — El Árbol de Dios
- Los Volcanes National Park — Cerro Verde
- San Blas sector — access to the hike
- Private local guide for the ascent
- Boat ride on Lake Coatepeque, 30 minutes
- Joya de Cerén
- San Andrés
- Tazumal
- Casa Blanca — Chalchuapa
- Indigo demonstration at Casa Blanca, with scarf
- Day pass at Los Farallones with lunch, or a 90-minute surf lesson

CAN BE EXTENDED WITH

- Any of the seven modular MC_ extensions. Each adds its nights away plus a closing night in San Salvador, and moves the departure transfer to the following day

DID YOU KNOW

The **Punta Roca** wave, in La Libertad, is a rock-bottom right considered one of the most consistent in the American Pacific.

DAY BY DAY

DÍA DAY 01 **Arrival in San Salvador**

Meet and greet at San Óscar Arnulfo Romero International Airport and transfer to the hotel. Afternoon free.

DÍA DAY 02 **Full Day CITY TOUR SAN SALVADOR · MUNA, EL BOQUERÓN, ÁRBOL DE DIOS and HISTORIC CENTRE, with lunch**

The capital from top to bottom: from the crater at eighteen hundred metres to the restored historic centre. Lunch en route included.

DÍA DAY 03 **Full Day HIKE TO SANTA ANA VOLCANO, CERRO VERDE and LAKE COATEPEQUE**

Ascent to the crater with a private local guide and descent to the lake in the caldera, with a boat ride. Anyone preferring less intensity takes the inner Cerro Verde circuit, at no difference in rate.

DÍA DAY 04 **Full Day ARCHAEOLOGICAL ROUTE and SANTA ANA · JOYA DE CERÉN, SAN ANDRÉS, TAZUMAL and CASA BLANCA**

The Maya village sealed by ash fourteen hundred years ago, two more sites and the indigo demonstration with a scarf the passenger takes away dyed.

DÍA DAY 05 **Full Day SURF CITY · EL PUERTO, EL SUNZAL, EL TUNCO and BOHEMIAN NIGHT**

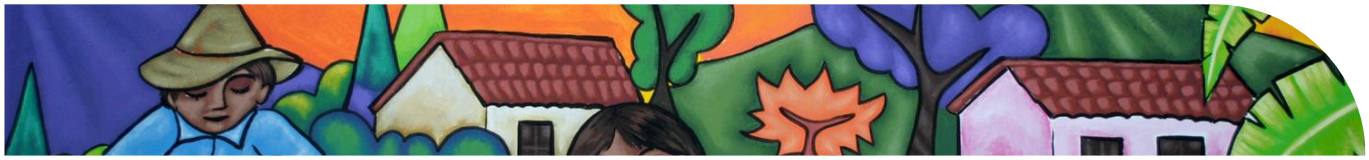
Mercado del Mar, the tourist pier and the country's most consistent wave. Afternoon of choice: a day pass with lunch or a surf lesson, and a bohemian night in El Tunco.

DÍA DAY 06 **Departure**

Transfer to the airport per flight schedule.

CT_04 · CIRCUITO CON BASE EN SAN SALVADOR

El Salvador Magical



DURATION
7 days / 6 nights

SERVICE TYPE
Private, fixed base

ROUTE
810 km approx.

MINIMUM
Private: from 1 passenger Scheduled: from 2 passengers

DEPARTURES
Scheduled: every Tuesday Private: daily, on request

LANGUAGE
Spanish / English

CIRCUIT MAP



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ALSO INCLUDES

- Accommodation with daily breakfast in the category booked, always in the same room
- Private transport exclusive to the group and tour leader in Spanish or English
- Arrival and departure transfers, with hotel pick-up
- 24/7 telephone assistance, hotel taxes and VAT

ADMISSIONS AND ACTIVITIES INCLUDED

- MUNA — National Museum of Anthropology
- El Boquerón National Park
- Fernando Llort Tour — El Árbol de Dios
- Los Volcanes National Park — Cerro Verde
- San Blas sector — access to the hike
- Private local guide for the ascent
- Boat ride on the Lake of
- Joya de Cerén
- San Andrés
- Tazumal
- Casa Blanca — Chalchuapa
- Indigo demonstration at Casa Blanca, with scarf
- Day pass at Los Farallones with lunch, or a 90-minute surf lesson
- El Carmen Estate coffee farm — traditional tour

CAN BE EXTENDED WITH

- Any of the seven modular MC_ extensions. Each adds its nights away plus a closing night in San Salvador, and moves the departure transfer to the following day

DID YOU KNOW

The murals of **Concepción de Ataco** began in the early 2000s, when an artisan from the town painted the front of her shop. Today they cover much of the centre and keep being added.

DAY BY DAY

DÍA DAY 01 **Arrival in San Salvador**

Meet and greet at San Óscar Arnulfo Romero International Airport and transfer to the hotel. Afternoon free.

DÍA DAY 02 **Full Day CITY TOUR SAN SALVADOR · MUNA, EL BOQUERÓN, ÁRBOL DE DIOS and HISTORIC CENTRE, with lunch**

The capital from top to bottom: from the crater at eighteen hundred metres to the restored historic centre. Lunch en route included.

DÍA DAY 03 **Full Day HIKE TO SANTA ANA VOLCANO, CERRO VERDE and LAKE COATEPEQUE**

Ascent to the crater with a private local guide and descent to the lake in the caldera, with a boat ride. Anyone preferring less intensity takes the inner Cerro Verde circuit, at no difference in rate.

DÍA DAY 04 **Full Day ARCHAEOLOGICAL ROUTE and SANTA ANA · JOYA DE CERÉN, SAN ANDRÉS, TAZUMAL and CASA BLANCA**

The Maya village sealed by ash fourteen hundred years ago, two more sites and the indigo demonstration with a scarf the passenger takes away dyed.

DÍA DAY 05 **Full Day SURF CITY · EL PUERTO, EL SUNZAL, EL TUNCO and BOHEMIAN NIGHT**

Mercado del Mar, the tourist pier and the country's most consistent wave. Afternoon of choice: a day pass with lunch or a surf lesson, and a bohemian night in El Tunco.

DÍA DAY 06 **Full Day RUTA DE LAS FLORES · NAHUIZALCO, JUAYÚA, APANECA and CONCEPCIÓN DE ATACO, with coffee and hot springs**

The four living towns of the cordillera, the coffee mill with a tasting brewed in a chorreador and a bathe in the hot springs.

DÍA DAY 07 **Departure**

Transfer to the airport per flight schedule.

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PRODUCTS

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Circuit extensions based in San Salvador

Seven mini-circuits that attach to the end of a fixed-base circuit, with vehicle and guide dedicated to the group. They are not sold separately: the extension takes the place of one day of the circuit and improves on it. A five-day programme that swaps a one-day excursion for a module with a night away is better put together commercially, operationally and in what the passenger takes home. Each extension adds its nights outside the capital PLUS a closing night in San Salvador, so that the departure transfer to the airport —already included in the base circuit— simply moves to the following day. Two more days and the country changes face: from mangrove to cloud forest, from gulf to sierra.

MC_01 · EXTENSIÓN DE CIRCUITO

El Imposible and Barra de Santiago Extension



DURATION
2 days / 1 night + 1 final connecting night in San Salvador

OVERNIGHT
Concepción de Ataco and San Salvador

ROUTE
323 km approx.

MINIMUM
Private: from 1 passenger

DEPARTURES
Private: daily, on request

PAIRS WITH
Circuits based in San Salvador: Basic 4 days, Essential 5, Authentic 6, Magical 7. Not sold separately

EXTENSION MAP



The yellow circle marks where the group sleeps and how many nights. **San Salvador, Concepción de Ataco**.

ROUTE

San Salvador → El Imposible National Park → Concepción de Ataco → Barra de Santiago → San Salvador

ADMISSIONS AND ACTIVITIES INCLUDED

- El Imposible National Park
- **Community guide** for El Imposible Park
- Boat through the Barra de Santiago mangroves and river mouth
- Crocodile sighting permit — Barra de Santiago

ALSO INCLUDES

- Accommodation with breakfast in the category booked
- Closing night in San Salvador, for the departure transfer the following day
- Private transport exclusive to the group and tour leader
- 24/7 assistance, hotel taxes and VAT

DID YOU KNOW

El Imposible owes its name to a gorge where the mules carrying coffee down to the port of Acajutla were lost.

DAY BY DAY

DÍA DAY 01 **San Salvador, El Imposible and Ataco**

Very early, meeting with the tour leader and pick-up at the hotel. Transfer to El Imposible National Park, the largest and most biodiverse protected area in the country, and a walk along interpretive trails with a local community guide. At the end of the day, transfer to Concepción de Ataco and accommodation.

DÍA DAY 02 **Ataco, Barra de Santiago and San Salvador**

After breakfast, transfer to Barra de Santiago to board the boat and take in the flora and fauna of the mangrove. Entry to the Canal Zapatero for crocodile sighting and navigation to the river mouth, where the filling effect of the high tide can be seen. Time to bathe and to have lunch at a typical restaurant, not included. In the afternoon, return to San Salvador and accommodation.

DÍA DAY 03 **Departure**

Breakfast and, at the agreed time, transfer to the airport.

OPERATING NOTES

Access to El Imposible is subject to a quota and prior MARN authorisation: booking well ahead is advisable.

The walk follows natural trails and calls for shoes with grip and average fitness.

The departure time on the second day is set by the tide, which is what fills the river mouth.

The night is spent in Concepción de Ataco: Barra de Santiago has no hotels of the catalogue standard.

The community guide's fee stays in full with the community that cares for the site.

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MC_02 · EXTENSIÓN DE CIRCUITO

Ruta de Paz Extension: Perquín, Arambala and El Mozote



DURATION
2 days / 1 night + 1 final connecting night in San Salvador

OVERNIGHT
Perquín and San Salvador

ROUTE
420 km approx.

MINIMUM
Private: from 1 passenger

DEPARTURES
Private: daily, on request

PAIRS WITH
Circuits based in San Salvador: Basic 4 days, Essential 5, Authentic 6, Magical 7. Not sold separately

EXTENSION MAP



The yellow circle marks where the group sleeps and how many nights.
Perquín, San Salvador.

ROUTE

San Salvador → Perquín → El Mozote → San Salvador

ADMISSIONS AND ACTIVITIES INCLUDED

- Perquín Museum of the Revolution
- Cerro de Perquín — admission
- El Mozote Memorial — community contribution
- **Community guide** from Morazán, both days

ALSO INCLUDES

- Accommodation with breakfast in the category booked
- Closing night in San Salvador, for the departure transfer the following day
- Private transport exclusive to the group and tour leader
- 24/7 assistance, hotel taxes and VAT

DID YOU KNOW

The **Museum of the Revolution** in Perquín was set up by former combatants, and the **Radio Venceremos** station broadcast from these hills.

DAY BY DAY

DÍA DAY 01 **San Salvador and Perquín**

Very early, meeting with the tour leader and pick-up at the hotel. Transfer to Perquín, in the department of Morazán, where a community guide receives the group to tour this historic destination, witness to the clashes of the civil war. Visit to the Museum of the Revolution, founded in 1992 by former guerrilla combatants from Morazán, and to the Cerro de Perquín, a natural viewpoint fifteen minutes from the museum with views of the Sierra de Nahuaterique. Accommodation.

DÍA DAY 02 **Perquín, El Mozote and San Salvador**

After breakfast, the El Mozote Historic Site, with the Monument to the Victims, the Garden of the Innocent Children and the Monument to Peace and Reconciliation, for a moment of reflection. Then the Cueva de las Pasiones, in the La Guacamaya canton, a refuge and clandestine transmission site for Radio Venceremos during the armed conflict of the eighties. In the afternoon, return to San Salvador and accommodation.

DÍA DAY 03 **Departure**

At the agreed time, transfer to the airport. End of services.

OPERATING NOTES

El Mozote is visited in silence: the monument and the Garden of the Innocent Children are a place of mourning, not a viewpoint.

The Cueva de las Pasiones requires walking on uneven ground and shoes with grip.

The night is spent in Perquín, at a thousand metres above sea level: a light coat is advisable.

The community guide's fee stays in full with the community that cares for the site.

OPTIONAL: the Torogoces de Morazán —the historic group our guide belongs to— can play an hour and a half of their repertoire at the hotel on the first night. Booked in advance and quoted separately.

MC_03 · EXTENSIÓN DE CIRCUITO

Montecristo, Metapán and Lake Güija Extension



DURATION
2 days / 1 night + 1 final connecting night in San Salvador

OVERNIGHT
Santa Ana and San Salvador

ROUTE
420 km approx.

MINIMUM
Private: from 1 passenger

DEPARTURES
Private: daily, on request

PAIRS WITH
Circuits based in San Salvador: Basic 4 days, Essential 5, Authentic 6, Magical 7. Not sold separately

EXTENSION MAP



The yellow circle marks where the group sleeps and how many nights. **San Salvador, Santa Ana**.

ROUTE

San Salvador → Montecristo National Park → Metapán → Lake Güija → San Salvador

ADMISSIONS AND ACTIVITIES INCLUDED

- Montecristo National Park — admission and **community guide**
- 4x4 vehicle for the ascent from Metapán
- Tour de la Cal — artisanal lime kilns of Metapán
- Tour de la Leche by tractor — El Paraíso farm, with cheese tasting
- Boat on Lake Güija to Igualtepeque

ALSO INCLUDES

- Accommodation with breakfast in the category booked
- Closing night in San Salvador, for the departure transfer the following day
- Private transport exclusive to the group and tour leader
- 24/7 assistance, hotel taxes and VAT

DID YOU KNOW

At **Igualtepeque**, inside Lake Güija, there are more than **two hundred** carved stones: the largest known concentration of petroglyphs in Central America.

DAY BY DAY

DÍA DAY 01 **San Salvador, Montecristo and Santa Ana**

Very early departure for Metapán. Change to 4x4 and ascent to Montecristo National Park, the country's first protected area and part of the Trifinio Transboundary Biosphere Reserve. At the top, the cloud forest: thirty-metre trees covered in moss. Route with a community guide along the trails, the Jardín de los 100 Años —seventy species of orchid—, the 1783 colonial quarter and the museum. Descent to Metapán and accommodation in Santa Ana.

DÍA DAY 02 **Santa Ana, Metapán, Lake Güija and San Salvador**

Transfer to Metapán for the Tour de la Cal: the artisanal lime kilns and how that industry shaped the area's economy. Then the Tour de la Leche, by tractor to the El Paraíso farm, with a tasting of artisanal cheeses. In the afternoon, boat on Lake Güija to Igualtepeque, with close to two hundred stones carved between the years 900 and 1200: the largest concentration of petroglyphs in Central America. Return to San Salvador.

DÍA DAY 03 **Departure**

At the agreed time, transfer to the airport. End of services.

OPERATING NOTES

SEASONALITY: operates from November to April. From May to October MARN restricts the ascent to Trifinio and the petroglyphs lie under water.

The walk to Punto Trifinio is four hours up and down, is optional with a supplement and leaves punctually at 9:00. Anyone not doing it has the day for the trails and the Jardín de los 100 Años.

Park entry is from 7:30 to 9:00, with prior MARN authorisation and a quota of one hundred visitors a day.

Inside the park there is no dining room and no signal, and single-use plastics and pets are prohibited. Montecristo passes two thousand metres: a coat and shoes with grip.

The community guide is included in the park admission; Sophia Tours also adds a contribution that stays in full with the association that runs it.

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MC_04 · EXTENSIÓN DE CIRCUITO

Jiquilisco Bay and El Cuco Extension



DURATION
2 days / 1 night + 1 final connecting night in San Salvador

OVERNIGHT
Usulután or El Cuco, and San Salvador

ROUTE
380 km approx.

MINIMUM
Private: from 1 passenger

DEPARTURES
Private: daily, on request

PAIRS WITH
Circuits based in San Salvador: Basic 4 days, Essential 5, Authentic 6, Magical 7. Not sold separately

EXTENSION MAP



The yellow circle marks where the group sleeps and how many nights. **San Salvador, El Cuco**.

ROUTE

San Salvador → Jiquilisco Bay → El Cuco → San Salvador

ADMISSIONS AND ACTIVITIES INCLUDED

- Spider monkey sanctuary or cacao experience, to choose
- Full tour of the bay by boat
- Bioluminescence boat or sunset at El Cuco, by lunar calendar

ALSO INCLUDES

- Accommodation with breakfast in the category booked
- Closing night in San Salvador, for the departure transfer the following day
- Private transport exclusive to the group and tour leader
- 24/7 assistance, hotel taxes and VAT

DID YOU KNOW

Jiquilisco Bay is a **UNESCO Biosphere Reserve** and holds close to **40%** of the **hawksbill turtle** nesting of the entire eastern Pacific.

DAY BY DAY

DÍA DAY 01 **San Salvador, Jiquilisco Bay and Usulután or El Cuco**

First thing, meeting with the guide at hotel reception and departure for Jiquilisco Bay, a biosphere reserve. At Puerto Barillas one of two experiences is chosen: the spider monkey sanctuary or the cacao one, the latter only from 9:00 to 10:00, where the pulp and the bean are tasted. Then the full tour of the bay by boat: Puerto El Triunfo, isla Tortuga, Corral de Mulas, Punta San Juan, isla Pajarito, isla La Pirraya and the La Chepona river mouth, with time to bathe on the sandbanks. At dusk, according to the lunar calendar, a bioluminescence boat from Puerto El Triunfo and a night in Usulután, or sunset at Playa El Cuco and a night facing the sea.

DÍA DAY 02 **El Cuco and San Salvador**

Free day for the sea, the sand and the sun on one of the best beaches in the east of the country. In the afternoon, return to San Salvador and accommodation.

DÍA DAY 03 **Departure**

At the agreed time, transfer to the airport. End of services.

OPERATING NOTES

LUNAR CALENDAR: on a waning and new moon the extension operates with a bioluminescence boat and a night in Usulután. On a waxing and full moon it is replaced by sunset at Playa El Cuco, with a night facing the sea. The service type is confirmed on booking and the rate is the same for both.

The bioluminescence leaves Puerto El Triunfo around 18:30 and lasts about three hours; the timing is set by the boatmen according to the moon and the tide.

The cacao experience runs only from 9:00 to 10:00 and one of the two at Puerto Barillas is chosen, not both.

MC_05 · EXTENSIÓN DE CIRCUITO

Jiquilisco Bay, Conchagua and Gulf of Fonseca Extension



DURATION
2 days / 1 night + 1 final connecting night in San Salvador

OVERNIGHT
La Unión and San Salvador

ROUTE
480 km approx.

MINIMUM
Private: from 1 passenger

DEPARTURES
Private: daily, on request

PAIRS WITH
Circuits based in San Salvador: Basic 4 days, Essential 5, Authentic 6, Magical 7. Not sold separately

EXTENSION MAP



The yellow circle marks where the group sleeps and how many nights. **San Salvador, La Unión**.

ROUTE

San Salvador → Jiquilisco Bay → La Unión → Conchagua → San Salvador

ADMISSIONS AND ACTIVITIES INCLUDED

- Full tour of Jiquilisco Bay by boat
- 4x4 ascent of the Conchagua volcano — Mirador Espíritu de la Montaña
- Navigation of the Gulf of Fonseca with a visit to isla Zacatillo

ALSO INCLUDES

- Accommodation with breakfast in the category booked
- Closing night in San Salvador, for the departure transfer the following day
- Private transport exclusive to the group and tour leader
- 24/7 assistance, hotel taxes and VAT

DID YOU KNOW

The **Gulf of Fonseca** is shared by three countries —El Salvador, Honduras and Nicaragua— and from Conchagua all three are seen on one horizon.

DAY BY DAY

DÍA DAY 01 **San Salvador, Jiquilisco Bay and La Unión**

First thing, meeting with the guide at hotel reception and departure for Jiquilisco Bay, a biosphere reserve. Full tour of the bay by boat: Puerto El Triunfo, isla Tortuga, Corral de Mulas, Punta San Juan, isla Pajarito, isla La Pirraya and the La Chepona river mouth, with time to bathe on the sandbanks and to have lunch, not included. In the afternoon, transfer to the department of La Unión and accommodation.

DÍA DAY 02 **La Unión, sunrise on the Conchagua volcano, Gulf of Fonseca and San Salvador**

Before dawn, ascent by 4x4 to the Conchagua volcano to see sunrise from the Mirador Espíritu de la Montaña: the Gulf of Fonseca opens up with the islands cut out against the sun and, behind them, Honduras and Nicaragua. Descent and breakfast included. Then navigation of the gulf with a visit to isla Zacatillo, with time to bathe and to have lunch, not included. Return to San Salvador and accommodation.

DÍA DAY 03 **Departure**

At the agreed time, transfer to the airport. End of services.

OPERATING NOTES

The ascent of Conchagua is made in a 4x4 vehicle and leaves before dawn: sunrise does not wait.

MC_06 · EXTENSIÓN DE CIRCUITO

Berlín, Alegría, Conchagua and Gulf of Fonseca Extension



DURATION
2 days / 1 night + 1 final connecting night in San Salvador

OVERNIGHT
La Unión and San Salvador

ROUTE
520 km approx.

MINIMUM
Private: from 1 passenger

DEPARTURES
Private: daily, on request

PAIRS WITH
Circuits based in San Salvador: Basic 4 days, Essential 5, Authentic 6, Magical 7. Not sold separately

DAY BY DAY

DÍA DAY 01 **San Salvador, Berlín, Alegría and La Unión**

First thing, meeting with the guide at hotel reception and departure for Usulután. First stop in the historic centre of Berlín: the San José parish church of 1897, with its old clock and its original altarpiece, and the central park of the town of the cool coffee farms. Then Los Pirineos Coffee Farm, a century-old farm above fourteen hundred metres, for the golden bean experience: from crop to cup, with a tasting included. From there, ascent of the Tecapa volcano to the Laguna de Alegría, a crater of green water ringed by pines and mist. The afternoon closes at the Mirador de las Cien Gradas and at Finca Rauda, with its glass viewpoint. Transfer to La Unión and accommodation.

DÍA DAY 02 **La Unión, sunrise on the Conchagua volcano, Gulf of Fonseca and San Salvador**

Before dawn, ascent by 4x4 to the Conchagua volcano to see sunrise from the Mirador Espíritu de la Montaña: the Gulf of Fonseca opens up with the islands cut out against the sun and, behind them, Honduras and Nicaragua. Descent and breakfast included. Then navigation of the gulf with a visit to isla Zacatillo, with time to bathe and to have lunch, not included. Return to San Salvador and accommodation.

DÍA DAY 03 **Departure**

At the agreed time, transfer to the airport. End of services.

DID YOU KNOW

The **Laguna de Alegría**, in the crater of **Tecapa**, takes its emerald tone from the sulphur and minerals of the crater.

EXTENSION MAP



The yellow circle marks where the group sleeps and how many nights. **San Salvador, La Unión**.

ROUTE

San Salvador → Berlín → Alegría → La Unión → Conchagua → San Salvador

ALSO INCLUDES

- Accommodation with breakfast in the category booked
- Closing night in San Salvador, for the departure transfer the following day
- Private transport exclusive to the group and tour leader
- 24/7 assistance, hotel taxes and VAT

ADMISSIONS AND ACTIVITIES INCLUDED

- Los Pirineos Coffee Farm — coffee tour with tasting
- Laguna de Alegría — admission
- Finca Rauda and Mirador de Cristal — admission
- 4x4 ascent of the Conchagua volcano — Mirador Espíritu de la Montaña
- Navigation of the Gulf of Fonseca with a visit to isla Zacatillo

OPERATING NOTES

The ascent of Conchagua is made in a 4x4 vehicle and leaves before dawn: sunrise does not wait.

The Laguna de Alegría is a crater of sulphurous water: the colour changes with the season and the volcano's activity.

MC_07 · EXTENSIÓN DE CIRCUITO

Ruta de Paz, Eastern Pacific, Conchagua and Gulf Extension

DURATION
3 days / 2 nights + 1 final connecting night in San Salvador

OVERNIGHT
Perquín, La Unión and San Salvador

ROUTE
610 km approx.

MINIMUM
Private: from 1 passenger

DEPARTURES
Private: daily, on request

PAIRS WITH
Circuits based in San Salvador: Basic 4 days, Essential 5, Authentic 6, Magical 7. Not sold separately

EXTENSION MAP



The yellow circle marks where the group sleeps and how many nights.
Perquín, San Salvador, La Unión.

ROUTE

San Salvador → Perquín → El Mozote → El Cuco → La Unión → Conchagua → San Salvador

ADMISSIONS AND ACTIVITIES INCLUDED

- Perquín Museum of the Revolution
- Cerro de Perquín
- El Mozote Memorial — community contribution
- **Community guide** from Morazán
- Day pass at a Playa El Cuco resort, with credit
- 4x4 ascent of the Conchagua volcano — Mirador Espíritu de la Montaña
- Navigation of the Gulf of Fonseca with a visit to isla Zacatillo

ALSO INCLUDES

- Accommodation with breakfast in the category booked
- Closing night in San Salvador, for the departure transfer the following day
- Private transport exclusive to the group and tour leader
- 24/7 assistance, hotel taxes and VAT

DID YOU KNOW

Conchagua looks out over the gulf from **1,225 metres**, at its Cerro Ocotal summit: the viewpoint from which sunrise is seen over three countries at once.

DAY BY DAY

DÍA DAY 01 **San Salvador and Perquín**

Very early, meeting with the tour leader and pick-up at the hotel. Transfer to Perquín, in Morazán, where a community guide receives the group to tour this historic destination, witness to the clashes of the civil war. Visit to the Museum of the Revolution, founded in 1992 by former guerrilla combatants from Morazán, and to the Cerro de Perquín, a natural viewpoint fifteen minutes from the museum with views of the Sierra de Nahuaterique. Accommodation.

DÍA DAY 02 **Perquín, El Mozote, El Cuco and La Unión**

After breakfast, the El Mozote Historic Site, with the Monument to the Victims, the Garden of the Innocent Children and the Monument to Peace and Reconciliation, for a moment of reflection. Then transfer to Playa El Cuco, on the eastern Pacific, with a day pass included: an area with table, chairs and hammock, and credit at the resort. Afternoon free and time for the sunset. At night, transfer to La Unión and accommodation.

DÍA DAY 03 **La Unión, sunrise on the Conchagua volcano, Gulf of Fonseca and San Salvador**

Before dawn, ascent by 4x4 to the Conchagua volcano to see sunrise from the Mirador Espíritu de la Montaña: the Gulf of Fonseca opens up with the islands cut out against the sun and, behind them, Honduras and Nicaragua. Descent and breakfast included. Then navigation of the gulf with a visit to isla Zacatillo, with time to bathe and to have lunch, not included. Return to San Salvador and accommodation.

DÍA DAY 04 **Departure**

At the agreed time, transfer to the airport. End of services.

OPERATING NOTES

El Mozote is visited in silence: the monument and the Garden of the Innocent Children are a place of mourning, not a viewpoint.

The ascent of Conchagua is made in a 4x4 and leaves before dawn: sunrise does not wait.

At El Cuco there is an optional surf lesson with advance booking, US$20 an hour, and board hire at US$10 an hour or US$20 a day.

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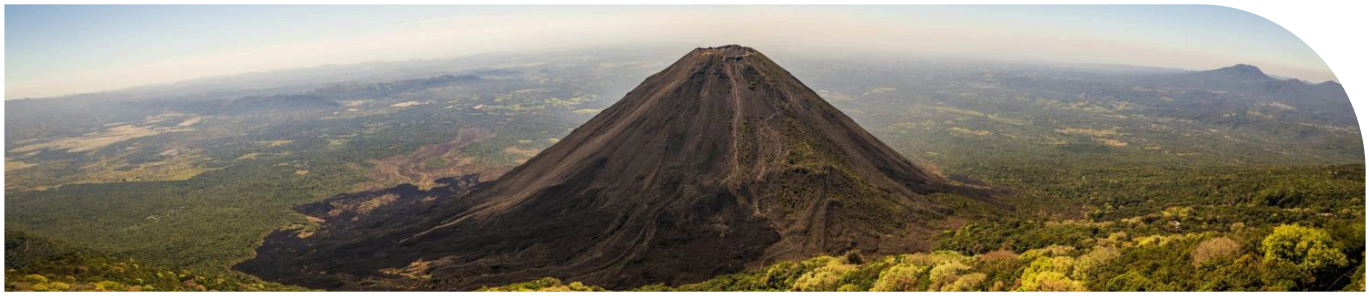
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Itinerant circuits

Entry at one end of the country and exit at the other, without repeating a single road. Vehicle and guide dedicated to the group for the whole programme, departures any day of the year from one passenger, pick-up at the hotel door and its own pace at each site.

CI_01 · PRIVATE ITINERANT CIRCUIT

El Salvador Impressive



DURATION 12 days / 11 nights	SERVICE TYPE Private itinerant
ACCOMMODATION 6 accommodation nodes	MINIMUM From 1 passenger
DEPARTURES Daily, on request	LANGUAGE Spanish / English

THE CIRCUIT

Twelve days of cultural sweep across the west and the north of the country, with the sites that cannot be left out and no road day of more than three hours. Volcano, Maya city, cloud forest, living towns, hot springs, protected area and Pacific, plus the artisan north. It is the programme for anyone who did not choose a circuit with a fixed base: the nights fall in six different nodes and it ends in the capital, ready to attach an extension to the east.

ROUTE

San Salvador → El Boquerón → Joya de Cerén → San Andrés → Cerro Verde National Park → Santa Ana Volcano (Ilamatepec) → Lake Coatepeque → Santa Ana → Tazumal → Termales de Santa Teresa → Concepción de Ataco → Apaneca → Juayúa → Nahuizalco → El Imposible National Park → Surf City and Playa El Tunco → El Puerto de La Libertad → Cihuatán → Suchitoto → Lake Suchitlán → La Palma → San Salvador

CIRCUIT MAP



The yellow circle marks where the group sleeps and how many nights. **San Salvador, Cerro Verde, Santa Ana, Concepción de Ataco, Surf City, Suchitoto**.

ACCOMMODATION BY NODE

San Salvador 5 · Cerro Verde 1 · Santa Ana 1 · Concepción de Ataco 2 · Surf City 1 · Suchitoto 1

DID YOU KNOW

Izalco erupted almost without pause between **1770 and 1958**, and the ships crossing the Pacific used it as a night reference: they called it the **Lighthouse of the Pacific**. In 1958 a mountain hotel opened at Cerro Verde to watch the spectacle from the stalls; the volcano had gone quiet two weeks earlier. It woke only once more, in 1966, and has slept ever since.

DAY BY DAY

DÍA DAY 01 **Arrival in San Salvador**

Welcome at San Óscar Arnulfo Romero International Airport and transfer to the hotel. The rest of the day is free to rest after the flight. The circuit coordinator comes to the hotel that same afternoon to hand over the detailed itinerary and confirm with the passenger the day 4 choice —summit or trails—, which determines the hand luggage for that day.

DÍA DAY 02 **Full City Tour San Salvador · MUNA, Mercado de Artesanías, El Boquerón and historic centre (B, L)**

The day begins high up. The climb to El Boquerón National Park, in the crater of the San Salvador volcano at eighteen hundred and ninety-three metres, where the viewpoint hands over the whole city below the crater rim and, on a clear day, the chain of volcanoes to the west. Lunch included in a restaurant overlooking the city. The descent goes to the National Museum of Anthropology, with an audio guide in Spanish, English and French, and to the Mercado Nacional de Artesanías, which works as an advance map of the circuit. In the afternoon, a panoramic route along Bulevar Monseñor Romero, Avenida Jerusalén and the Nuevo Estadio Nacional; the Fernando Llort workshop at El Árbol de Dios; and the recovered historic centre: Palacio Nacional, Plaza Libertad, the Iglesia El Rosario with its concrete vault and stained-glass light, and the Metropolitan Cathedral with the crypt of Monseñor Romero. The day closes at Planes de Renderos.

DÍA DAY 03 **Archaeological Route and Cerro Verde National Park · Joya de Cerén and San Andrés (B)**

Departure towards the Zapotitán valley. Joya de Cerén, the only World Heritage site in El Salvador, is the Maya village that the ash of Loma Caldera sealed fourteen hundred years ago with the pots served and the beds made: there are no pyramids and no kings, there is daily life intact. A few kilometres away, San Andrés shows the other face of the same world, that of the ceremonial centre which governed that valley. Time for lunch on the way, not included in the price. In the afternoon the road climbs to Los Volcanes National Park and check-in is on the mountain, with the afternoon free to walk the hotel's mist garden and watch the sun fall over Izalco from the terrace.

DÍA DAY 04 **Santa Ana Volcano and Lake Coatepeque · Santa Ana (B, L)**

A day of choice, decided the day before and at no difference in rate: the service is private, so the passenger decides. Whoever goes to the summit climbs Ilamatepec, the highest volcano in the country, up to the crater rim and its turquoise sulphur lagoon, with a local park guide. Whoever prefers the gentle version walks the Cerro Verde trails and the viewpoints over Izalco and Coatepeque, among cloud forest, orchids and hummingbirds. Descent to Lake Coatepeque, a volcanic caldera of blue water that changes tone with the season. Lunch included on the shore and a boat trip on the lake, with a stop for a bathe. At the end of the afternoon, transfer to Santa Ana and accommodation.

DÍA DAY 05 **Santa Ana, Tazumal and Termales de Santa Teresa · Concepción de Ataco (B)**

After breakfast, a walking route through the historic centre of Santa Ana, the country's second city: the Renaissance-style Teatro Nacional, the neo-Gothic Cathedral —the only one of its kind in Central America— and the square that faces them. Transfer to Chalchuapa, where the Tazumal archaeological complex raises the most monumental pyramid in western El Salvador in the middle of the town, surrounded by houses. Time for lunch, not included. In the afternoon, a bathe at the Termales de Santa Teresa, with its stepped pools of volcanic water at different temperatures among gardens. As evening falls, transfer to Concepción de Ataco and accommodation in the town of the murals.

DÍA DAY 06 **Ruta de las Flores · living towns, coffee farms and pure adrenaline (B)**

A morning of coffee at the El Carmen Estate mill: a guided route through the plant, a screening of the process that takes the cherry to fine gold and a tasting of a cup brewed in a chorreador. Then the centre of Apaneca, the highest town in the country, with a stop at its parish church. Optionally, at additional cost, the buggy route to Laguna Verde and Laguna de las Ninfas can be booked, or the canopy over the coffee farm. Time for lunch in Juayúa, where the Festival Gastronómico fills the square at weekends, and a route through the town and its Black Christ. In the afternoon, the immersive reed and wicker activity in Nahuizalco, where the fibre is soaked, split and woven in front of the passenger. Return to Ataco.

DÍA DAY 07 **El Imposible National Park and Surf City · sunset and bohemian night in El Tunco (B)**

After breakfast, departure for El Imposible National Park, the largest and most biodiverse protected area in the country, in the Apaneca range above the coast. A walk with a community guide along its trails, streams and waterfalls, with the viewpoints over the canyon and contact with the local flora and fauna: four hundred species of tree and more than five hundred of birds. Time for lunch, not included. In the afternoon, the descent by the coastal road, panoramic over the Pacific, to the Bálsamo coast. Arrival at Playa El Tunco, sunset behind the rock that gives it its name and a bohemian night in its streets.

DAY BY DAY · CONTINUED

DÍA DAY 08 **Surf City at its own pace · El Puerto, surf or rest by the sea (B)**

A day of choice. Visit to the Puerto de La Libertad with its Muelle Turístico and the Mercado del Mar, where the fish is bought straight off the boat, at no cost. Anyone who wishes can book, at additional cost, a surf lesson at El Sunzal —the most constant wave in the country— or the walk to the Tamanique waterfalls. And anyone who prefers has the day free at the seafront hotel: the room is handed back at eleven, but the facilities stay available. In the afternoon, transfer to San Salvador and accommodation.

DÍA DAY 09 **Cihuatán, Suchitoto and indigo (B)**

Departure to the north of the country and a visit to the archaeological site of Cihuatán, the largest pre-Hispanic city in El Salvador, abandoned and covered by forest for centuries; optionally, and at a supplement, it can be replaced by the rum distillery tour. On to Suchitoto, the best preserved colonial town in the country: a walking route through its stone streets, the Iglesia de Santa Lucía of 1853, the Plaza Centenario, the galleries and the Casa Museo de Alejandro Cotto, with admission included. Time for lunch, not included. In the afternoon, a demonstration indigo workshop with hands-on participation: the passenger prepares the bath, dips their own piece and takes it away dyed. Accommodation in Suchitoto.

DÍA DAY 10 **Lake Suchitlán, La Palma and San Salvador (B)**

In the morning, a boat trip on Lake Suchitlán among islands and water birds, while the water is still calm. Then a transfer north to La Palma, the craft cradle of Chalatenango. Visit to the Museo Fernando Llort and to a workshop where the master artisan guides the drawing of the traditional designs —the coloured houses, the animals, the coffee farms— and the combination of vivid tones, with materials included and the wooden piece to take away. Time for lunch, not included. In the afternoon, return to San Salvador and accommodation.

DÍA DAY 11 **San Salvador · free day (B)**

Free day in the capital. We suggest booking a day trip to the Costa del Sol with a boat trip on the Estero de Jaltepeque, the craft tour to San Vicente with the San Sebastián looms and the Ilobasco clay —which runs Wednesday to Saturday—, or else attaching a two or three day extension through the east of the country to visit Jiquilisco Bay, Berlín and Alegría, Perquín, El Cuco, Conchagua volcano and the Gulf of Fonseca.

DÍA DAY 12 **Departure transfer (B)**

Breakfast and, at the agreed time, transfer to El Salvador International Airport according to the flight schedule. End of our services.

OPERATING NOTES

(B) breakfast · (L) lunch included: eleven breakfasts and two lunches, the one on day 2 in a restaurant overlooking the city and the one on day 4 on the shore of Lake Coatepeque. The remaining lunches are not included.

Daily departures, on request, from one passenger. Private service: the vehicle and the guide belong to the group for the whole programme, with door-to-door hotel pick-up and drop-off and its own pace at each site.

On day 4 the passenger chooses between the Ilamatepec summit and the inner Cerro Verde circuit, at no difference in rate. The choice is confirmed at the briefing the day before.

Two days at free pace, 8 and 11, deliberate in a twelve-day programme. It pairs with extensions MC_02 to MC_07 to add the east; MC_01 does not apply, because El Imposible is already on day 7.

The archaeological sites and the MUNA close on Mondays. The order of the days is adjusted so that none depending on those sites falls on a Monday: the circuit delivers every service, in a different order.

Access to El Imposible National Park is subject to quota and prior authorisation. The stop at the Ataco treadle loom is always made; whether the workshop is weaving depends on its activity that day.

ADMISSIONS AND ACTIVITIES INCLUDED

- El Boquerón National Park
- MUNA — National Museum of Anthropology, with audio guide
- Fernando Llort Tour — El Árbol de Dios
- Joya de Cerén
- San Andrés
- Los Volcanes National Park — Cerro Verde
- San Blas sector and local guide for the Ilamatepec climb
- Boat trip on Lake Coatepeque
- Tazumal — Chalchuapa
- Teatro Nacional de Santa Ana
- Termales de Santa Teresa
- El Carmen Estate coffee farm — traditional tour
- Immersive reed and wicker activity — Nahuizalco
- El Imposible National Park — admission and community guide
- Cihuatán — archaeological park
- Casa Museo Alejandro Cotto — Suchitoto
- Indigo workshop with a piece dyed by the passenger
- Boat trip on Lake Suchitlán
- Museo Fernando Llort — La Palma
- Craft workshop with a wooden piece to take away

ALSO INCLUDES

- Accommodation with daily breakfast in the category and occupancy booked
- Private air-conditioned ground transport, exclusive to the group, for the whole circuit
- Tour leader in Spanish or English, and local guides in destination where indicated
- Arrival and departure transfers, with door-to-door hotel pick-up and drop-off
- Bottled water during the routes, 24/7 telephone assistance, hotel taxes and VAT

CI_02 · PRIVATE ITINERANT CIRCUIT

El Salvador Artisan and Colonial



DURATION 10 days / 9 nights	SERVICE TYPE Private itinerant
ACCOMMODATION 5 accommodation nodes	MINIMUM From 1 passenger
DEPARTURES Daily, on request	LANGUAGE Spanish / English

THE CIRCUIT

Ten days of living trades, from one end of the country to the other: the clay of Ilobasco, the treadle loom of San Sebastián, the indigo of Suchitoto, the painted wood of La Palma and the wicker of Nahuizalco. At each one the passenger does not watch the artisan work: they sit down with him and take away their own piece. Around that thread goes the rest —Cihuatán, Tazumal, the historic centre of Santa Ana, Coatepeque, Cerro Verde, the Ruta de las Flores and the El Tunco sunset—, in short days, without physical effort and with no road of more than three hours. It is the same product as the short version, two days longer: what those two days add is the full Ruta de las Flores and the Pacific.

ROUTE

San Salvador → El Árbol de Dios → Panchimalco → Planes de Renderos → San Vicente → San Sebastián → Ilobasco → Cihuatán → Suchitoto → Lake Suchitlán → La Palma → San Ignacio → Santa Ana → Tazumal → Lake Coatepeque → Cerro Verde National Park → Concepción de Ataco → Apaneca → Juayúa → Nahuizalco → Termales de Santa Teresa → Puerto de La Libertad → El Tunco → Airport

CIRCUIT MAP



The yellow circle marks where the group sleeps and how many nights. **San Salvador, Suchitoto, Santa Ana, Lago de Coatepeque, Concepción de Ataco**.

ACCOMMODATION BY NODE

San Salvador 4 · Suchitoto 1 · Santa Ana 1 · Lake Coatepeque 1 · Concepción de Ataco 2

DID YOU KNOW

Salvadoran **indigo** was for two centuries the most valuable product of the Captaincy General of Guatemala, and the blue of the uniforms and fabrics of half of Europe came from this land. Coffee displaced it from the eighteen-seventies and German synthetic dye finished it off from 1897; today a handful of workshops in **Suchitoto** produce it again, and the bath in which the passenger dips a piece is prepared just as it was three hundred years ago.

DAY BY DAY

DÍA DAY 01 **Arrival in San Salvador · hotel transfer and coordinator introduction**

Welcome at San Óscar Arnulfo Romero International Airport and transfer to the hotel. Free afternoon. The coordinator comes that same afternoon to hand over the itinerary and confirm with the group the programme's two choices: the day 4 visit, between the Cihuatán archaeological park and the rum distillery, and the day 3 cane molienda, which only runs in the harvest. Accommodation in San Salvador.

DÍA DAY 02 **City Tour San Salvador, Panchimalco and Planes de Renderos · MUNA, Mercado Nacional de Artesanías, El Árbol de Dios, historic centre, folk art workshop and typical dinner (B, D)**

Morning at the National Museum of Anthropology, with an audio guide in Spanish, English and French, to understand where the techniques that will be seen at work over the following days come from. It continues to the Mercado Nacional de Artesanías, which works as an advance index of the circuit: here appears for the first time, all together, what will later be seen coming off the wheel, the loom and the dye. Visit to the Fernando Llort workshop at El Árbol de Dios and a route through the recovered historic centre: Palacio Nacional, Plaza Libertad, the Iglesia El Rosario and the Metropolitan Cathedral. Time for lunch, not included. In the afternoon, Panchimalco, a town of Náhuat root twenty minutes from the capital: its church of Santa Cruz de Roma of 1725, the cofradías that still hold up the town's calendar and a folk art workshop with practice and materials included, where the trade is still a trade and not a souvenir. As evening falls the road climbs to Planes de Renderos, the balcony of the capital, for the included typical dinner: a tasting of pupusas —two revueltas and one of cheese with loroco— with coffee or hot chocolate, and the lit city below. Return to the hotel and accommodation in San Salvador.

DÍA DAY 03 **San Vicente, San Sebastián, Ilobasco and Cojutepeque · molienda in season, treadle looms and clay workshop (B)**

Departure on the Panamericana highway towards San Vicente. In the cane harvest, from November to April, a visit to an artisan cane molienda, with the milling, the setting point of the panela and a hot tasting; out of season, an artisan sweet workshop. Then a traditional sweet shop, the Iglesia de Nuestra Señora del Pilar and the San Vicente clock tower. It continues to San Sebastián, starting at the Terminal Turística, where the town's history is told and the wooden treadle looms still run as they did a century ago: the passenger enters the workshop while the weaving goes on, hears the rhythm of the pedal and the shuttle, and sees the bedspreads and hammocks that made the town's name come into being; then a family loom workshop, with time to buy. Time for lunch in San Rafael Cedros, not included. In the afternoon, Ilobasco, capital of Salvadoran clay, where a complete workshop is toured —wheel, modelling, kiln and painting— with an association that keeps the trade alive with the young people of the town: an already fired piece is painted to take away, the famous sorpresas ilobasquenses are met —village scenes miniaturised inside a ceramic shell the size of a walnut— and there is time in the artisan shop. The day closes in Cojutepeque, at a traditional house of artisan cured meats. Return to San Salvador and accommodation.

DÍA DAY 04 **Cihuatán, Suchitoto and Lake Suchitlán · indigo workshop with own piece and boat trip (B)**

Morning in Cihuatán, the largest pre-Hispanic city in the country, abandoned and swallowed by forest for centuries; whoever prefers swaps the archaeological park for the visit to the Cihuatán rum distillery, which opens Wednesday to Sunday, at a supplement. On the way back, the best preserved colonial town in El Salvador: the Iglesia de Santa Lucía of 1853, the Plaza Centenario, the stone streets and the Casa Museo de Alejandro Cotto. Time for lunch, not included. In the afternoon, an indigo workshop with hands-on participation —the passenger prepares the bath, dips their own piece and takes it away—, in the town that gave the dye which held up this country's economy for centuries. The day closes with a boat trip on Lake Suchitlán among islands and water birds. Accommodation in Suchitoto.

DÍA DAY 05 **La Palma and San Ignacio · Museo Fernando Llort, wood and copinol seed workshops and Casa de la Fresa (B)**

The climb to the north of Chalatenango. La Palma is the town where a single artist changed the whole economy of the population: in 1972 Fernando Llort settled here and taught the carving and painting of wood and copinol seed with that iconography of little houses, farmers and suns that the world now recognises as Salvadoran. Visit to the Museo Fernando Llort and a route through family workshops —the drawing, the flat colour, the varnishing—, with a hands-on La Palma style painting activity on a wooden piece the passenger takes away, and time to buy directly from the artisan. It continues to San Ignacio, with the cold air of the border range, and to the Casa de la Fresa, where high-altitude strawberries are grown and tasted. Time available for lunch, not included. Descent to the west and accommodation in Santa Ana.

DÍA DAY 06 **Tazumal, Santa Ana and Lake Coatepeque · Chalchuapa pyramid, Cathedral and Teatro Nacional (B)**

Morning at the Tazumal archaeological complex, in Chalchuapa, the most monumental pyramid in western El Salvador, raised in the middle of the town and surrounded by houses. It continues with the walking route through the historic centre of Santa Ana: the Renaissance-style Teatro Nacional, the neo-Gothic Cathedral —the only one of its kind in Central America— and the square that faces them, in the most complete architectural ensemble El Salvador preserves. Time for lunch, not included. In the afternoon, the descent to Lake Coatepeque, a volcanic caldera of blue water that changes colour with the season. Rest of the day free and accommodation in a hotel with a view of the lake.

DÍA DAY 07 **Lake Coatepeque, Cerro Verde National Park and Concepción de Ataco · viewpoints over Izalco and entry to the Ruta de las Flores (B, L)**

After breakfast, the climb by vehicle through the Complejo Los Volcanes National Park up to Cerro Verde, cloud forest of orchids and hummingbirds at two thousand metres. Free time to walk its viewpoints and entry to the park's hotel and restaurant area, from whose viewpoint the Izalco Volcano is seen whole, from base to crater. Lunch included. In the afternoon, departure for Concepción de Ataco, in the heart of the Ruta de las Flores: the town of the murals, where every wall of the centre is a canvas and the loom workshops remain open to the street. Accommodation in Ataco.

DÍA DAY 08 **Ruta de las Flores · coffee at Beneficio El Carmen, Apaneca, Juayúa, weaving in Nahuizalco and Termales de Santa Teresa (B)**

A morning of coffee at the Beneficio El Carmen, where the bean is still processed by the traditional method: the full path of the fruit is followed, from picking to roasting, and the cup is tasted at the end. It continues through the centre of Apaneca, the highest town in the country, and through Juayúa, with its Iglesia de Santa Lucía and the Black Christ, a seventeenth-century carving attributed to the same sculptor as the Cristo de Esquipulas. Departure for Nahuizalco for the wicker or reed weaving experience alongside a local artisan, where the fibre is soaked, split and woven in the passenger's hands. Time available for lunch in the area, not included. The day closes at the Termales de Santa Teresa, with a bathe in thermal waters at the foot of the range. Return to Ataco and accommodation.

DAY BY DAY · CONTINUED

DÍA DAY 09 **Surf City · Puerto de La Libertad, Mercado del Mar and bohemian night in El Tunco (B)**

After breakfast, departure for Surf City on the panoramic El Litoral road, with the Pacific in view almost the whole way. Visit to the Puerto de La Libertad, its tourist pier and the Mercado del Mar, where the catch is landed and sold on the pier itself. Time available for lunch, not included, in a restaurant with ocean views. In the afternoon, arrival at El Tunco beach for the sunset over the rock and the town's bohemian night. Later in the evening, return to San Salvador and accommodation.

DÍA DAY 10 **San Salvador · airport transfer (B)**

Breakfast at the hotel. At the agreed time, transfer to San Óscar Arnulfo Romero International Airport according to the flight schedule. End of our services. The stay can be extended to take in the east of the country —Ruta de Paz, Conchagua Volcano, El Cuco and the Gulf of Fonseca— with any of the seven modular extensions in the catalogue.

OPERATING NOTES

(B) breakfast · (L) lunch · (D) dinner included: nine breakfasts, the Cerro Verde lunch (day 7) and the typical dinner at Planes de Renderos (day 2). The remaining meals are not included and are marked in the itinerary.

Daily departures, on request, from one passenger, in private service: vehicle and guide for the group throughout the circuit, door-to-door hotel pick-up and entry to the workshops while the artisan works.

Circuit with no physically demanding activities: designed to be travelled calmly and enjoyed at any age.

On day 4 the passenger chooses between the Cihuatán archaeological park, included in the price, and the Cihuatán rum distillery, open Wednesday to Sunday, at a supplement of US$30 per person.

The day 3 cane molienda runs in the harvest, from November to April; out of season it is replaced by an artisan sweet workshop, at no change in rate.

The archaeological sites and the MUNA close on Mondays: the order of the days is adjusted without losing any service.

The day 3 craft day falls Wednesday to Saturday: the Terminal Turística in San Sebastián opens Wednesday to Sunday, and both the San Sebastián looms and the Ilobasco clay workshop rest on Sundays. The departure date is set so that this holds.

The artisan workshops —the clay of Ilobasco, the loom of San Sebastián, the indigo of Suchitoto and the wood of La Palma— are paid directly to the artisan family that gives them, and the passenger takes away the piece made with their own hands. Cash is advisable: several craft shops do not accept cards.

In Panchimalco, people and cofradía acts are not photographed without express consent.

Easter Week, the August holidays, 15 and 16 September and year end: on request, at a supplement.

The Termales de Santa Teresa on day 8 require swimwear and a towel; the water temperature is around 38 degrees.

ADMISSIONS AND ACTIVITIES INCLUDED

- MUNA — National Museum of Anthropology
- Fernando Llort workshop at El Árbol de Dios
- Folk art workshop in Panchimalco, with practice and materials
- Typical dinner at Planes de Renderos: pupusa tasting and a hot drink
- Fired clay piece painting workshop in Ilobasco
- Terminal Turística and treadle loom in San Sebastián, with time to buy
- Cihuatán — archaeological park
- Casa Museo de Alejandro Cotto, Suchitoto
- Indigo dyeing workshop, with own piece
- Boat trip on Lake Suchitlán
- La Palma style painting workshop on a wooden craft piece
- Tazumal — Chalchuapa archaeological park
- Cerro Verde National Park
- Lunch at Cerro Verde (day 7)
- Coffee tour at the Beneficio El Carmen, traditional process
- Wicker or reed weaving experience with a local artisan in Nahuizalco
- Termales de Santa Teresa

ALSO INCLUDES

- Accommodation with daily breakfast in the category and occupancy booked
- Private air-conditioned ground transport, exclusive to the group, for the whole circuit
- Tour leader in Spanish or English, and local guides in destination where indicated
- Arrival and departure transfers, with door-to-door hotel pick-up and drop-off
- Bottled water during the routes, 24/7 telephone assistance, hotel taxes and VAT

CAN BE EXTENDED WITH

MC_01 Ruta de las Flores and Los Cóbanos · **MC_02** Ruta de Paz: Perquín and El Mozote · **MC_03** Montecristo and Metapán · **MC_04** Jiquilisco Bay and El Cuco · **MC_05** Conchagua Volcano and Gulf of Fonseca · **MC_06** Eastern Pacific · **MC_07** Ruta de Paz, Volcano and Gulf

CI_02b · PRIVATE ITINERANT CIRCUIT

El Salvador Artisan and Colonial in Brief

DURATION 8 days / 7 nights	SERVICE TYPE Private itinerant
ACCOMMODATION 4 accommodation nodes	MINIMUM From 1 passenger
DEPARTURES Daily, on request	LANGUAGE Spanish / English

THE CIRCUIT

Eight days with the same craft thread as the full version —the clay of Ilobasco, the loom of San Sebastián, the indigo of Suchitoto and the painted wood of La Palma— and the same first six days, without the Ruta de las Flores or the coast. It is the route for anyone with a week who wants the colonial and artisan country complete: workshops with an own piece, two archaeological parks, the historic centre of Santa Ana, Coatepeque and Cerro Verde, with no physically demanding days and no long roads.

ROUTE

San Salvador → El Árbol de Dios → Panchimalco → Planes de Renderos → San Vicente → San Sebastián → Ilobasco → Cihuatán → Suchitoto → Lake Suchitlán → La Palma → San Ignacio → Santa Ana → Tazumal → Lake Coatepeque → Cerro Verde National Park → San Salvador → Airport

CIRCUIT MAP



The yellow circle marks where the group sleeps and how many nights. **San Salvador, Suchitoto, Santa Ana, Lago de Coatepeque**.

ACCOMMODATION BY NODE

San Salvador 4 · Suchitoto 1 · Santa Ana 1 · Lake Coatepeque 1

ALSO INCLUDES

- Accommodation with daily breakfast in the category and occupancy booked
- Private air-conditioned ground transport, exclusive to the group, for the whole circuit
- Tour leader in Spanish or English, and local guides in destination where indicated
- Arrival and departure transfers, with door-to-door hotel pick-up and drop-off
- Bottled water during the routes, 24/7 telephone assistance, hotel taxes and VAT

ADMISSIONS AND ACTIVITIES INCLUDED

- MUNA — National Museum of Anthropology
- Fernando Llort workshop at El Árbol de Dios
- Folk art workshop in Panchimalco, with practice and materials
- Typical dinner at Planes de Renderos: pupusa tasting and a hot drink
- Fired clay piece painting workshop in Ilobasco
- Terminal Turística and treadle loom in San Sebastián, with time to buy
- Cihuatán — archaeological park
- Casa Museo de Alejandro Cotto, Suchitoto
- Indigo dyeing workshop, with own piece
- Boat trip on Lake Suchitlán
- La Palma style painting workshop on a wooden craft piece
- Tazumal — Chalchuapa archaeological park
- Cerro Verde National Park
- Lunch at Cerro Verde (day 7)

CAN BE EXTENDED WITH

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DAY BY DAY

DÍA DAY 01 **Arrival in San Salvador · hotel transfer and coordinator introduction**

Welcome at San Óscar Arnulfo Romero International Airport and transfer to the hotel. Free afternoon. The coordinator comes that same afternoon to hand over the itinerary and confirm with the group the programme's two choices: the day 4 visit, between the Cihuatán archaeological park and the rum distillery, and the day 3 cane molienda, which only runs in the harvest. Accommodation in San Salvador.

DÍA DAY 02 **City Tour San Salvador, Panchimalco and Planes de Renderos · MUNA, Mercado Nacional de Artesanías, El Árbol de Dios, historic centre, folk art workshop and typical dinner (B, D)**

Morning at the National Museum of Anthropology, with an audio guide in Spanish, English and French, to understand where the techniques that will be seen at work over the following days come from. It continues to the Mercado Nacional de Artesanías, which works as an advance index of the circuit: here appears for the first time, all together, what will later be seen coming off the wheel, the loom and the dye. Visit to the Fernando Llort workshop at El Árbol de Dios and a route through the recovered historic centre: Palacio Nacional, Plaza Libertad, the Iglesia El Rosario and the Metropolitan Cathedral. Time for lunch, not included. In the afternoon, Panchimalco, a town of Náhuat root twenty minutes from the capital: its church of Santa Cruz de Roma of 1725, the cofradías that still hold up the town's calendar and a folk art workshop with practice and materials included, where the trade is still a trade and not a souvenir. As evening falls the road climbs to Planes de Renderos, the balcony of the capital, for the included typical dinner: a tasting of pupusas —two revueltas and one of cheese with loroco— with coffee or hot chocolate, and the lit city below. Return to the hotel and accommodation in San Salvador.

DÍA DAY 03 **San Vicente, San Sebastián, Ilobasco and Cojutepeque · molienda in season, treadle looms and clay workshop (B)**

Departure on the Panamericana highway towards San Vicente. In the cane harvest, from November to April, a visit to an artisan cane molienda, with the milling, the setting point of the panela and a hot tasting; out of season, an artisan sweet workshop. Then a traditional sweet shop, the Iglesia de Nuestra Señora del Pilar and the San Vicente clock tower. It continues to San Sebastián, starting at the Terminal Turística, where the town's history is told and the wooden treadle looms still run as they did a century ago: the passenger enters the workshop while the weaving goes on, hears the rhythm of the pedal and the shuttle, and sees the bedspreads and hammocks that made the town's name come into being; then a family loom workshop, with time to buy. Time for lunch in San Rafael Cedros, not included. In the afternoon, Ilobasco, capital of Salvadoran clay, where a complete workshop is toured —wheel, modelling, kiln and painting— with an association that keeps the trade alive with the young people of the town: an already fired piece is painted to take away, the famous sorpresas ilobasquenses are met —village scenes miniaturised inside a ceramic shell the size of a walnut— and there is time in the artisan shop. The day closes in Cojutepeque, at a traditional house of artisan cured meats. Return to San Salvador and accommodation.

DÍA DAY 04 **Cihuatán, Suchitoto and Lake Suchitlán · indigo workshop with own piece and boat trip (B)**

Morning in Cihuatán, the largest pre-Hispanic city in the country, abandoned and swallowed by forest for centuries; whoever prefers swaps the archaeological park for the visit to the Cihuatán rum distillery, which opens Wednesday to Sunday, at a supplement. On the way back, the best preserved colonial town in El Salvador: the Iglesia de Santa Lucía of 1853, the Plaza Centenario, the stone streets and the Casa Museo de Alejandro Cotto. Time for lunch, not included. In the afternoon, an indigo workshop with hands-on participation —the passenger prepares the bath, dips their own piece and takes it away—, in the town that gave the dye which held up this country's economy for centuries. The day closes with a boat trip on Lake Suchitlán among islands and water birds. Accommodation in Suchitoto.

DÍA DAY 05 **La Palma and San Ignacio · Museo Fernando Llort, wood and copinol seed workshops and Casa de la Fresa (B)**

The climb to the north of Chalatenango. La Palma is the town where a single artist changed the whole economy of the population: in 1972 Fernando Llort settled here and taught the carving and painting of wood and copinol seed with that iconography of little houses, farmers and suns that the world now recognises as Salvadoran. Visit to the Museo Fernando Llort and a route through family workshops —the drawing, the flat colour, the varnishing—, with a hands-on La Palma style painting activity on a wooden piece the passenger takes away, and time to buy directly from the artisan. It continues to San Ignacio, with the cold air of the border range, and to the Casa de la Fresa, where high-altitude strawberries are grown and tasted. Time available for lunch, not included. Descent to the west and accommodation in Santa Ana.

DÍA DAY 06 **Tazumal, Santa Ana and Lake Coatepeque · Chalchuapa pyramid, Cathedral and Teatro Nacional (B)**

Morning at the Tazumal archaeological complex, in Chalchuapa, the most monumental pyramid in western El Salvador, raised in the middle of the town and surrounded by houses. It continues with the walking route through the historic centre of Santa Ana: the Renaissance-style Teatro Nacional, the neo-Gothic Cathedral —the only one of its kind in Central America— and the square that faces them, in the most complete architectural ensemble El Salvador preserves. Time for lunch, not included. In the afternoon, the descent to Lake Coatepeque, a volcanic caldera of blue water that changes colour with the season. Rest of the day free and accommodation in a hotel with a view of the lake.

DÍA DAY 07 **Lake Coatepeque and Cerro Verde National Park · viewpoints over Izalco and return to the capital (B, L)**

After breakfast, the climb by vehicle through the Complejo Los Volcanes National Park up to Cerro Verde, cloud forest of orchids and hummingbirds at two thousand metres. Free time to walk its viewpoints and entry to the park's hotel and restaurant area, from whose viewpoint the Izalco Volcano is seen whole, from base to crater. Lunch included. In the afternoon, return to San Salvador and accommodation.

DÍA DAY 08 **San Salvador · airport transfer (B)**

Breakfast at the hotel. At the agreed time, transfer to San Óscar Arnulfo Romero International Airport according to the flight schedule. End of our services. The stay can be extended to take in the east of the country —Ruta de Paz, Conchagua Volcano, El Cuco and the Gulf of Fonseca— with any of the seven modular extensions in the catalogue.

OPERATING NOTES

(B) breakfast · (L) lunch · (D) dinner included: seven breakfasts, the Cerro Verde lunch (day 7) and the typical dinner at Planes de Renderos (day 2). The remaining meals are not included and are marked in the itinerary.

Daily departures, on request, from one passenger, in private service: vehicle and guide for the group throughout the circuit, door-to-door hotel pick-up and entry to the workshops while the artisan works.

Circuit with no physically demanding activities: designed to be travelled calmly and enjoyed at any age.

On day 4 the passenger chooses between the Cihuatán archaeological park, included in the price, and the Cihuatán rum distillery, open Wednesday to Sunday, at a supplement of US$30 per person.

The day 3 cane molienda runs in the harvest, from November to April; out of season it is replaced by an artisan sweet workshop, at no change in rate.

The archaeological sites and the MUNA close on Mondays: the order of the days is adjusted without losing any service.

The day 3 craft day falls Wednesday to Saturday: the Terminal Turística in San Sebastián opens Wednesday to Sunday, and both the San Sebastián looms and the Ilobasco clay workshop rest on Sundays. The departure date is set so that this holds.

The artisan workshops —the clay of Ilobasco, the loom of San Sebastián, the indigo of Suchitoto and the wood of La Palma— are paid directly to the artisan family that gives them, and the passenger takes away the piece made with their own hands. Cash is advisable: several craft shops do not accept cards.

In Panchimalco, people and cofradía acts are not photographed without express consent.

Easter Week, the August holidays, 15 and 16 September and year end: on request, at a supplement.

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PRODUCTS

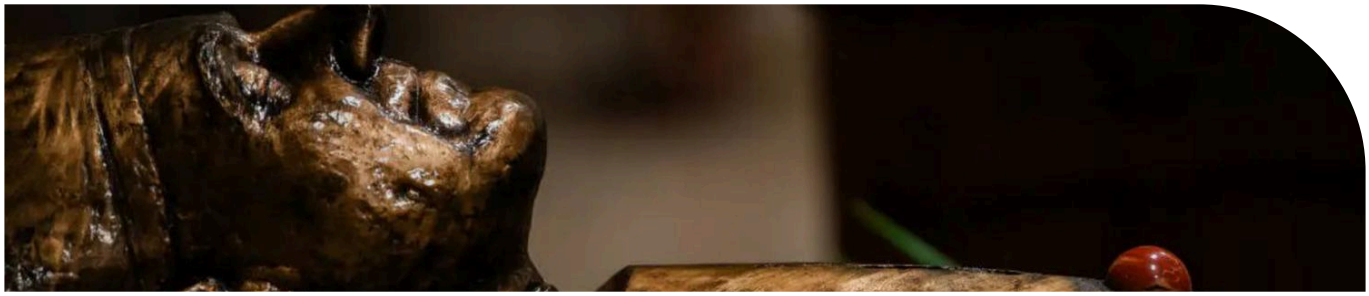
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Pilgrimages

The sites are visited by praying in them, not by looking at them from outside. Two programmes of twelve and sixteen days, from twenty passengers, with scheduled Masses, a Sophia Tours priest as spiritual guide and a group coordinator. Coordination with each parish along the way is done before the group arrives.

PG_01 · PILGRIMAGE · PRIVATE SERVICE

Pilgrimage through El Salvador



DURATION 12 days / 11 nights	PRAYER LIFE 7 Masses · 5 days of prayer
SERVICE TYPE Private · published calendar	MINIMUM From 20 passengers
YOUR FREE PLACE 1 place per 20 paying, assigned by you	ACCOMPANIMENT INCLUDED Priest or deacon, and a Sophia coordinator

THE PILGRIMAGE

El Salvador is the only country in Latin America with a canonised twentieth-century saint martyred on its own soil, and every place of his life can be visited in a single pilgrimage: the town where he was born, the diocese where he was bishop, the altar where he fell and the crypt where he rests. To that are added the four blesseds proclaimed in 2022, the eight martyrs of the Universidad Centroamericana whose cause is open and the four American churchwomen of Los Nonualcos. No other route in the region holds so much in so little road. Seven scheduled Masses and five days of prayer: the sites are visited by praying in them, not by looking at them from outside.

ROUTE

San Salvador → El Boquerón → UCA → Los Volcanes National Park → Lake Coatepeque → Santa Ana → Concepción de Ataco → Apaneca → Juayúa → Termales de Santa Teresa → Nahuizalco → Costa del Bálsamo → Los Nonualcos → Aguilares → El Paisnal → Suchitoto → Cojutepeque → Apastepeque → San Sebastián → San Vicente → La Unión → Conchagua → Gulf of Fonseca → San Miguel → Ciudad Barrios → Perquín → El Mozote → Santiago de María → Berlín → Jiquilisco Bay → San Salvador

DID YOU KNOW

The chapel of the **hospitalito de la Divina Providencia**, where Monseñor Romero was murdered while celebrating mass on **24 March 1980**, is still a chapel and not a museum: mass is said there. Beside it stands his house: a minimal dwelling of one bedroom, a sitting room and a hallway that served as his library, with his clothes and his books, where he lived by his own choice having been able to live in the archbishop's palace.

PILGRIMAGE MAP



The yellow circle marks where the group sleeps and how many nights. **San Salvador, Concepción de Ataco, Suchitoto, La Unión, San Miguel, Perquín**.

ACCOMMODATION BY NODE

San Salvador 5 · Concepción de Ataco 2 · Suchitoto 1 · La Unión 1 · San Miguel 1 · Perquín 1

WHAT THE OPERATOR GAINS

- One free place per 20 paying passengers. You assign it to your spiritual director, your tour conductor or whoever you choose. It travels complete, with accommodation and services.
- A priest or deacon as spiritual director, provided by Sophia Tours. Additional to the free place and at no cost to your group. He brings the existing relationship with each parish.
- A Sophia Tours group coordinator, besides the priest. Your tour leader does not operate: he accompanies.
- Advance coordination parish by parish for the seven Masses. The group arrives and celebrates; nobody arranges permissions on the ground.
- If the group brings its own chaplain and wishes to celebrate daily, it is arranged at no extra cost.

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DAY BY DAY

DÍA DAY 01 EUCARISTÍA **Arrival in San Salvador · sending Mass at the Basilica of Guadalupe and welcome dinner (D)**

Welcome at El Salvador San Óscar Arnulfo Romero International Airport and transfer to the hotel. In the afternoon, opening Mass at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Marian shrine of the capital, presided over by the pilgrimage's spiritual director. In the evening, a typical Salvadoran welcome dinner with a blessing of the table: this is where the group stops being a list of names and becomes a group. Overnight in San Salvador.

DÍA DAY 02 EUCARISTÍA **City tour of San Salvador · chapel of the martyrdom at the hospitalito, Monsignor Romero's house, El Boquerón, UCA and the Cathedral crypt (B, L)**

Mass in the chapel of the Divina Providencia hospital, the hospitalito, at the altar where Saint Óscar Arnulfo Romero was martyred on 24 March 1980 while celebrating Mass. A few steps away, the small house where he lived, kept as he left it the day he walked out of it. Ascent to El Boquerón National Park, in the crater of the San Salvador volcano at 1,893 metres, with the whole city spread out below, and lunch in the crater. In the afternoon, the Universidad Centroamericana: the rose garden where the six Jesuits were murdered along with Elba and Celina Ramos, the chapel and the Centro Monseñor Romero. The route goes down to the historic centre for the Metropolitan Cathedral and the crypt where his remains rest, the Iglesia El Rosario with its concrete vault and continuous stained glass, the BINAES, the Plaza Gerardo Barrios and the Palacio Nacional. The day closes at nightfall along Paseo General Escalón, Plaza Masferrer, Avenida Jerusalén and the illuminated Monumento al Divino Salvador del Mundo. Overnight in San Salvador.

DÍA DAY 03 **Los Volcanes National Park, Lake Coatepeque and Santa Ana · Lauds on the road and night in Concepción de Ataco (B, L)**

A day of road and contemplation, with Lauds on the road. Ascent to Los Volcanes National Park, with no summit hike: the gentle trails of Cerro Verde and the viewpoints over Izalco and the lake, among cloud forest, tree ferns and orchids. Down to Lake Coatepeque, a volcanic caldera of blue water that changes tone twice a year, with lunch on the shore. In the afternoon, Santa Ana: the neo-Gothic cathedral —the only one of its kind in Central America—, the Teatro Nacional of 1910 built with coffee money and the historic centre, the most complete architectural ensemble the country keeps. Transfer to Concepción de Ataco and overnight.

DÍA DAY 04 EUCARISTÍA **Ruta de las Flores · Mass in Apaneca, the Black Christ of Juayúa, coffee farm, Termales de Santa Teresa and the Nahuizalco night market (B)**

Mass in the parish church of Apaneca, the highest town in El Salvador. On to Juayúa for the Iglesia de Santa Lucía and its Black Christ, a seventeenth-century carving attributed to the sculptor of the Christ of Esquipulas. Visit to El Carmen Estate, high-altitude coffee in the Apaneca-Ilamatepec range, from the coffee tree to the mill and the roast, with a tasting. Time available for lunch in Apaneca (not included in the price). In the afternoon, bathing at the Termales de Santa Teresa, with its stepped pools of volcanic water among gardens, and a route of the Ataco murals. At nightfall, the Mercado Nocturno de Nahuizalco, one of the few left in the country, with more than three hundred stalls that open as the afternoon falls, with the tamales, the rice pupusas and the treats sold only at that hour. Return to Ataco and overnight.

DÍA DAY 05 EUCARISTÍA **Costa del Bálsamo and Los Nonualcos · Mass in San Juan Nonualco, beside Blessed Cosme Spessotto's tabernacle (B)**

Early departure from Concepción de Ataco and descent to Acajutla, with the full run of the coast road along the Costa del Bálsamo, to reach Surf City early, with the Pacific open below. If time allows, a visit to the Puerto de La Libertad, with its Muelle Turístico and the Mercado del Mar. Time available for lunch (not included in the price). The route continues east through San Luis Talpa and the airport roundabout, and takes the old road to Zacatecoluca. In the afternoon, Los Nonualcos: Mass in the parish of San Juan Nonualco, beside the tabernacle where Blessed Cosme Spessotto was shot dead while he prayed on the afternoon of 14 June 1980; a pillar of the church still keeps the hole of one of the bullets, and his relics are in the museum of the parish convent. On to Santiago Nonualco, where the American sisters Maura Clarke, Ita Ford and Dorothy Kazel and the laywoman Jean Donovan were murdered on 2 December 1980. Return to the capital and overnight in San Salvador.

DÍA DAY 06 EUCARISTÍA **Aguilares, El Paisnal and Suchitoto · Mass in the parish of Blessed Rutilio Grande, indigo workshop and boat on Suchitlán (B, L)**

Departure on the northern route to Aguilares, the parish of Father Rutilio Grande, and El Paisnal, where Mass is celebrated in the church he presided over and where his remains rest. Stop at the roadside monument where he was murdered on 12 March 1977 together with the old man Manuel Solórzano and the boy Nelson Rutilio Lemus, the three beatified together in January 2022. The road that connects directly with Suchitoto is taken. In the afternoon, a walking route through the best preserved colonial town in the country: the Iglesia de Santa Lucía of 1853, the Plaza Centenario and the stone streets. Lunch included. Demonstration indigo workshop with a piece dyed by the pilgrim to take away, and a boat ride on Lake Suchitlán at dusk, when the swallows come into the lake in flocks. Overnight in Suchitoto.

DAY BY DAY · CONTINUED

DÍA DAY 07 **Cerro de las Pavas, Apastepeque, San Sebastián, San Esteban Catarina and San Vicente · Rosary at the Fátima grotto (B)**

Cojutepeque and the Cerro de las Pavas, where the Shrine of Our Lady of Fátima has received pilgrims since 1949, when the image destined for Latin America came to the country after winning three consecutive draws at an international Church congress: Rosary in the grotto and a viewpoint over Lake Ilopango and the Jiboa valley. On to Apastepeque, with its church, and to the loom workshops of San Sebastián. San Esteban Catarina, where Father Alirio Napoleón Macías was murdered in his parish on 4 August 1979. San Vicente: the cathedral and the Iglesia El Pilar, under the Chichontepec volcano. Time available for lunch (not included in the price). Transfer to La Unión and overnight.

DÍA DAY 08 **Sunrise on the Conchagua volcano, Gulf of Fonseca and San Miguel · Lauds, isla Zacatillo and Our Lady of Peace (B, L)**

Departure before dawn in a local 4x4 vehicle to the Mirador Espíritu de la Montaña, on the Conchagua volcano, to pray Lauds watching the sun rise over the Gulf of Fonseca, with El Salvador, Honduras and Nicaragua in view from a single point. Descent and breakfast at the hotel. Boarding at La Unión to sail the Gulf, landing on isla Zacatillo, time to rest and a seafood lunch. From the landing the route leaves for San Miguel. In the afternoon, the Cathedral Basilica of San Miguel and Our Lady of Peace, patroness of El Salvador. Overnight in San Miguel.

DÍA DAY 09 **EUCARISTÍA** **Ciudad Barrios, Perquín and El Mozote · Mass in the parish where Monsignor Romero was baptised (B)**

Ascent to Ciudad Barrios, in the sierra of San Miguel, where Óscar Arnulfo Romero was born in 1917: Mass in the parish of his baptism. On to the north of Morazán, the highest and most isolated sierra in the east. Time available for lunch (not included in the price). Perquín, with its museum, the Cerro de Perquín, the camps and the clandestine radio that broadcast from the mountain. Arambala and its church. And El Mozote, where the monument and the children's garden ask for a silence no guide should interrupt: it is walked with a guide from the community itself, with no camera on people and without haste. Overnight in Perquín.

DÍA DAY 10 **Santiago de María, Berlín and Jiquilisco Bay · visit to the cathedral where Romero was bishop and boat through the mangrove (B)**

Descent from the sierra through the coffee range of Usulután. Visit to the Cathedral of Santiago de María, Monsignor Romero's episcopal see between 1974 and 1977: it was here, as bishop of this diocese, that the transformation began which would make him the archbishop the world came to know. On to Berlín, a coffee town above a thousand metres, with its viewpoints over the coastal plain. Down to Jiquilisco Bay, a biosphere reserve and the largest mangrove in the country: a boat ride through the channels among the roots, the sandbanks and the estuaries, with no bathing. Time available for lunch facing the water (not included in the price) and return to the capital along the coast road. Overnight in San Salvador.

DÍA DAY 11 **EUCARISTÍA** **San Salvador · day of the group's choice: work of mercy or retreat and spiritual fellowship, Fátima de los Heraldos, Miramonte, El Despertar and closing Mass (B, L, D)**

A day of the group's choice, settled at the time of quotation. **Work of mercy:** a visit to a Church home —a Saint Vincent de Paul orphanage or a care home for the elderly attached to the parish—, coordinated in advance with the institution, with a delivery of supplies and time of prayer in the chapel. It is the day that sets a pilgrimage apart from a trip: the group does not come to look, it comes to serve. **Retreat and spiritual fellowship:** a day of recollection with the spiritual director, with talks on vocation, mission and the life of faith, space for prayer and time together as a group; the stipends budgeted for this day go to the costs of the gathering. Either of the two may carry a supplement if the group asks for a particular venue, such as a mountain hotel for the gathering. The afternoon is common to both: Shrine of Our Lady of Fátima of the Heralds of the Gospel, on Bulevar Constitución, with Marian prayer. Lunch included. Miramonte parish, where Father Alfonso Navarro was murdered together with a boy who served as sacristan, and the El Despertar centre, in San Antonio Abad, where Father Octavio Ortiz fell with four young people. Closing Mass in the chapel of the hospitalito or in the crypt of the Cathedral, subject to authorisation. Farewell dinner with the group and the spiritual director. Overnight in San Salvador.

DÍA DAY 12 **San Salvador · journey home (B)**

Breakfast at the hotel and transfer to El Salvador San Óscar Arnulfo Romero International Airport according to the flight time. If the flight is in the afternoon or at night, a half-day experience can be added before the transfer. End of our services.

PG_01 · What is included and how it operates

Admissions, shrines, activities and accompaniment, within the rate.

ADMISSIONS, SHRINES AND ACTIVITIES

- Perquín Museum of the Revolution
- Cerro de Perquín
- El Mozote Memorial — community guide
- El Boquerón National Park
- Los Volcanes National Park — Cerro Verde
- Conchagua Volcano Natural Area
- Lake Coatepeque — access by restaurant spend
- Boat trip on Lake Suchitlán
- Boat trip on Jiquilisco Bay
- Gulf of Fonseca with landing on isla Zacatillo — boat
- Suchitoto indigo workshop — cotton scarf
- Loom workshop — San Sebastián
- El Carmen Estate coffee farm — traditional tour
- Termales de Santa Teresa
- Mercado Nocturno de Nahuizalco
- Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe
- Hospitalito chapel and Mons. Romero's house
- Centro Monseñor Romero — UCA
- Crypt of the Metropolitan Cathedral
- El Paisnal parish and the Aguilares monument
- Parish convent museum — San Juan Nonualco
- Shrine of Fátima — Cerro de las Pavas
- Shrine of Fátima of the Heralds of the Gospel
- Stipends for the 7 Masses — the group's offering to each parish
- Supplies for the home visited — work of mercy day
- Palacio Nacional de San Salvador
- Teatro Nacional de Santa Ana

ALSO INCLUDES

- Accommodation with daily breakfast in the category and occupancy booked
- Private air-conditioned land transport, exclusive to the group
- Sophia Tours priest or deacon as spiritual director, from start to finish
- Sophia Tours group coordinator, additional to the spiritual director
- Advance coordination with each parish for the seven Masses
- Local community guides in El Mozote and in the craft workshops
- Local 4x4 vehicle for the climb to the Conchagua viewpoint
- Five lunches and two dinners: the typical welcome one with a blessing of the table and the farewell
- Coordination of the work of mercy visit and of the delivery of supplies to the home
- One free place for every 20 paying passengers
- Arrival and departure transfers and bottled water during the routes
- 24/7 telephone assistance, hotel taxes and VAT

NOT INCLUDED

International air tickets, airport fees and taxes · Lunches and dinners not specified, and drinks at the included meals · Personal offerings to the parishes visited · Donations to the home visited and sponsorship contributions · Extra nights and additional hotel services · Tips for guides, drivers and porters · Travel assistance insurance, available at a supplement.

HOTELS PLANNED OR SIMILAR

NODE	NIGHTS	SUPERIOR TOURIST	SUPERIOR	FIRST
San Salvador	5	Plaza Hotel & Suites	Barceló San Salvador	Hilton · Sheraton Presidente
Concepción de Ataco	2	Hotel Alicante de Montaña	Casa Degraciela	Casa 1800 Ataco
Suchitoto	1	Posada Suchitlán	La Posada de Suchitlán	Casa 1800 Suchitoto
La Unión	1	Comfort Inn Real La Unión	Comfort Inn Real La Unión	Comfort Inn Real La Unión
San Miguel	1	Comfort Inn Real San Miguel	Comfort Inn Real San Miguel	Comfort Inn Real San Miguel
Perquín	1	Perkin Lenca	Perkin Lenca	Perkin Lenca

Reference list: the final property is confirmed on booking, within the category contracted.

OPERATING NOTES

The spiritual director who accompanies the group is a Sophia Tours priest or deacon, according to the minister's availability on the group's dates. In both cases the accompaniment is the same and is included, and the scheduled Masses are always presided over by a priest.

The Mass stipends are included in the price and are given as the group's offering to the parish that receives it and celebrates the Mass. They are not fees for the Sophia Tours spiritual director, who travels with the group at no cost to it.

Day 11 is quoted in two versions and the group chooses its own: a work of mercy in a Church home, or a day of retreat and spiritual fellowship. The second applies the stipends budgeted for that day to the gathering, and takes a supplement if the group asks for a particular venue.

(B) breakfast · (L) lunch · (D) dinner: eleven breakfasts, five lunches and two dinners, the typical welcome one with a blessing of the table and the farewell. Drinks are not included.

Operates all year in private service from 20 passengers, with vehicle, spiritual director and coordinator exclusive to the group. The departure calendar is published in advance and takes dedicated dates for your group.

Days with a scheduled Mass are never placed on a Monday, the priest's day of rest: the order is adjusted with a day of prayer or of road, without the pilgrim losing any service.

The closing Mass in the crypt is subject to authorisation from the Archdiocese, with the Metropolitan Cathedral as the confirmed alternative.

The five nights in San Salvador are in the same property, in three blocks: heavy luggage stays in the capital during the inland stretches.

No cash is handed over on the work of mercy visit: the delivery is of supplies, coordinated with the institution. Sophia Tours neither collects nor administers donations.

In El Mozote, in the crypt and in the home visited, people are not photographed without express consent.

Alternative plans foreseen: day 4, the Malacatiupan thermal waterfall and the daytime workshops of Nahuizalco; day 8, coastal sailing with no landing; day 10, the lower estuaries of Jiquilisco.

The stop at the Ataco pedal loom is always made; whether the workshop is weaving depends on its activity that day.

Holy Week departures and those of the Bajada del Salvador del Mundo are quoted separately, with their own itinerary and rate.

PG_02 · PILGRIMAGE · PRIVATE SERVICE

Route of the Martyrs · El Salvador and Guatemala



DURATION 16 days / 15 nights	PRAYER LIFE 11 Masses · 5 days of prayer
SERVICE TYPE Private · in via SAL, out via La Aurora	MINIMUM From 20 passengers
YOUR FREE PLACE 1 place per 20 paying, assigned by you	ACCOMPANIMENT INCLUDED Priest or deacon, and a Sophia coordinator

THE PILGRIMAGE

An American group prays over the heart of its first martyr in Guatemala and, six days earlier, at the place where four of its compatriots died in El Salvador. The two countries share the same decade, the same Church and the same names: two canonised saints, five blesseds and the eight martyrs of the Universidad Centroamericana whose cause is open. The Salvadoran block keeps the full martyrs' route of the national programme; the crossing is at Las Chinamas and La Antigua is reached without passing through the capital. All in sixteen days of road, without a single internal flight.

ROUTE

San Salvador → El Paisnal → Suchitoto → Cerro de las Pavas → San Vicente → San Miguel → Ciudad Barrios → Perquín and El Mozote → Santiago de María → Jiquilisco Bay → San Salvador → Los Nonualcos → Costa del Bálsamo → Ruta de las Flores → Los Volcanes → Santa Ana → Las Chinamas → La Antigua Guatemala → Chichicastenango → Panajachel → Santiago Atitlán → Guatemala City

DID YOU KNOW

Santo Hermano Pedro, canonised in **2002**, was the first saint of Central America. He reached La Antigua in the seventeenth century, did not manage to finish his studies and in 1658 opened a refuge for the sick no one would take in. His work is still open today, caring for poor people, a few blocks from the church where his tomb lies.

PILGRIMAGE MAP



The yellow circle marks where the group sleeps and how many nights. **San Salvador, Suchitoto, San Miguel, Perquín, Concepción de Ataco, Santa Ana, La Antigua Guatemala, Panajachel, Ciudad de Guatemala**.

ACCOMMODATION BY NODE

San Salvador 4 · Suchitoto 1 · San Miguel 1 · Perquín 1 · Concepción de Ataco 2 · Santa Ana 1 · La Antigua 2 · Panajachel 2 · Guatemala City 1

WHAT THE OPERATOR GAINS

- One free place per 20 paying passengers. You assign it to your spiritual director, your tour conductor or whoever you choose. It travels complete, with accommodation and services.
- A priest or deacon as spiritual director, provided by Sophia Tours. Additional to the free place and at no cost to your group. He brings the existing relationship with each parish.
- A Sophia Tours group coordinator, besides the priest. Your tour leader does not operate: he accompanies.
- Advance coordination parish by parish for the eleven Masses. The group arrives and celebrates; nobody arranges permissions on the ground.
- If the group brings its own chaplain and wishes to celebrate daily, it is arranged at no extra cost.

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DAY BY DAY

DÍA DAY 01 **EUCARISTÍA** **Arrival in San Salvador · sending Mass at the Basilica of Guadalupe and welcome dinner (D)**

Welcome at El Salvador San Óscar Arnulfo Romero International Airport and transfer to the hotel. In the afternoon, opening Mass at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Marian shrine of the capital, presided over by the spiritual director. In the evening, a typical Salvadoran welcome dinner with a blessing of the table: this is where the group stops being a list of names and becomes a group. Overnight in San Salvador.

DÍA DAY 02 **EUCARISTÍA** **City tour of San Salvador · chapel of the martyrdom at the hospitalito, Monsignor Romero's house, El Boquerón, UCA and the Cathedral crypt (B, L)**

Mass in the chapel of the Divina Providencia hospital, the hospitalito, at the altar where Saint Óscar Arnulfo Romero was martyred on 24 March 1980 while celebrating Mass. A few steps away, the small house where he lived, kept as he left it the day he walked out of it. Ascent to El Boquerón National Park, in the crater of the San Salvador volcano at 1,893 metres, with the whole city spread out below, and lunch in the crater. In the afternoon, the Universidad Centroamericana: the rose garden where the six Jesuits were murdered along with Elba and Celina Ramos, the chapel and the Centro Monseñor Romero. The route goes down to the historic centre for the Metropolitan Cathedral and the crypt where his remains rest, the Iglesia El Rosario, the BINAES, the Plaza Gerardo Barrios and the Palacio Nacional. The day closes at nightfall along Paseo General Escalón, Plaza Masferrer and the illuminated Monumento al Divino Salvador del Mundo. Overnight in San Salvador.

DÍA DAY 03 **EUCARISTÍA** **Aguilares, El Paisnal and Suchitoto · Mass in the parish of Blessed Rutilio Grande, indigo workshop and boat on Suchitlán (B, L)**

Departure on the northern route to Aguilares, the parish of Father Rutilio Grande, and El Paisnal, where Mass is celebrated in the church he presided over and where his remains rest. Stop at the roadside monument where he was murdered on 12 March 1977 together with the old man Manuel Solórzano and the boy Nelson Rutilio Lemus, the three beatified together in January 2022. The road that connects directly with Suchitoto is taken. Lunch included. In the afternoon, a walking route through the best preserved colonial town in the country: the Iglesia de Santa Lucía of 1853, the Plaza Centenario and the stone streets. Demonstration indigo workshop with a piece dyed by the pilgrim to take away, and a boat ride on Lake Suchitlán at dusk, when the swallows come into the lake in flocks. Overnight in Suchitoto.

DÍA DAY 04 **Cerro de las Pavas, Apastepeque, San Sebastián, San Esteban Catarina, San Vicente and San Miguel · Rosary at the Fátima grotto and Our Lady of Peace (B)**

Cojutepeque and the Cerro de las Pavas, where the Shrine of Our Lady of Fátima has received pilgrims since 1949, when the image destined for Latin America came to the country after winning three consecutive draws at an international Church congress: Rosary in the grotto and a viewpoint over Lake Ilopango and the Jiboa valley. On to Apastepeque, with its church, and to the loom workshops of San Sebastián. San Esteban Catarina, where Father Alirio Napoleón Macías was murdered in his parish on 4 August 1979. San Vicente: the cathedral and the Iglesia El Pilar, under the Chichontepec volcano. Time available for lunch (not included in the price). As the afternoon falls, San Miguel: the Cathedral Basilica and Our Lady of Peace, patroness of El Salvador. Overnight in San Miguel.

DÍA DAY 05 **EUCARISTÍA** **Ciudad Barrios, Perquín and El Mozote · Mass in the parish where Monsignor Romero was baptised (B)**

Ascent to Ciudad Barrios, in the sierra of San Miguel, where Óscar Arnulfo Romero was born in 1917: Mass in the parish of his baptism. On to the north of Morazán, the highest and most isolated sierra in the east. Time available for lunch (not included in the price). Perquín, with its museum, the Cerro de Perquín, the camps and the clandestine radio that broadcast from the mountain. Arambala and its church. And El Mozote, where the monument and the children's garden ask for a silence no guide should interrupt: it is walked with a guide from the community itself, with no camera on people and without haste. Overnight in Perquín.

DAY BY DAY · CONTINUED

DÍA DAY 06 **Santiago de María, Berlín and Jiquilisco Bay · visit to the cathedral where Romero was bishop and boat through the mangrove (B)**

Descent from the sierra through the coffee range of Usulután. Visit to the Cathedral of Santiago de María, Monsignor Romero's episcopal see between 1974 and 1977: it was here, as bishop of this diocese, that the transformation began which would make him the archbishop the world came to know. On to Berlín, a coffee town above a thousand metres, with its viewpoints over the coastal plain. Down to Jiquilisco Bay, a biosphere reserve and the largest mangrove in the country: a boat ride through the channels among the roots, the sandbanks and the estuaries, with no bathing. Time available for lunch facing the water (not included in the price) and return to the capital along the coast road. Overnight in San Salvador.

DÍA DAY 07 **EUCARISTÍA** **San Salvador · work of mercy in a Church home, Fátima de los Heraldos, Miramonte, El Despertar and Mass in Monsignor Romero's crypt (B, L)**

A work of mercy day. Visit to a Church home —a Saint Vincent de Paul orphanage or a care home for the elderly attached to the parish—, coordinated in advance with the institution, with a delivery of supplies and time of prayer in the chapel. It is the day that sets a pilgrimage apart from a trip: the group does not come to look, it comes to serve. Lunch included. On to the Shrine of Our Lady of Fátima of the Heralds of the Gospel, on Bulevar Constitución, with Marian prayer. Miramonte parish, where Father Alfonso Navarro was murdered together with a boy who served as sacristan, and the El Despertar centre, in San Antonio Abad, where Father Octavio Ortiz fell with four young people. The day closes with the Mass for the martyrs of El Salvador in the crypt of the Cathedral, before Monsignor Romero's tomb, subject to authorisation. Overnight in San Salvador.

DÍA DAY 08 **EUCARISTÍA** **Los Nonualcos and Costa del Bálsamo · Mass in San Juan Nonualco, beside Blessed Cosme Spessotto's tabernacle, and night in Concepción de Ataco (B)**

Early departure on the old road to Zacatecoluca. Mass in the parish of San Juan Nonualco, beside the tabernacle where Blessed Cosme Spessotto was shot dead while he prayed on the afternoon of 14 June 1980; a pillar of the church still keeps the hole of one of the bullets, and his relics are in the museum of the parish convent. On to Santiago Nonualco, where the American sisters Maura Clarke, Ita Ford and Dorothy Kazel and the laywoman Jean Donovan were murdered on 2 December 1980. The coast road is taken westward. If time allows, a visit to the Puerto de La Libertad, with its Muelle Turístico and the Mercado del Mar. Stop at Surf City, with the Pacific open below, and time available for lunch (not included in the price). Climb through the sierra of Apaneca and arrival in Concepción de Ataco as the afternoon falls. Overnight in Concepción de Ataco.

DÍA DAY 09 **EUCARISTÍA** **Ruta de las Flores · Mass in Apaneca, the Black Christ of Juayúa, coffee farm, Termales de Santa Teresa and the Nahuizalco night market (B)**

Mass in the parish church of Apaneca, the highest town in El Salvador. On to Juayúa for the Iglesia de Santa Lucía and its Black Christ, a seventeenth-century carving attributed to the sculptor of the Christ of Esquipulas. Visit to El Carmen Estate, high-altitude coffee in the Apaneca-Ilamatepec range, from the coffee tree to the mill and the roast, with a tasting. Time available for lunch in Apaneca (not included in the price). In the afternoon, bathing at the Termales de Santa Teresa, with its stepped pools of volcanic water among gardens, and a route of the Ataco murals. At nightfall, the Mercado Nocturno de Nahuizalco, one of the few left in the country, with more than three hundred stalls that open as the afternoon falls. Return to Ataco and overnight.

DÍA DAY 10 **Los Volcanes National Park, Lake Coatepeque and Santa Ana · Lauds on the road (B, L)**

A day of road and contemplation, with Lauds on the road. Ascent to Los Volcanes National Park, with no summit hike: the gentle trails of Cerro Verde and the viewpoints over Izalco and the lake, among cloud forest, tree ferns and orchids. Down to Lake Coatepeque, a volcanic caldera of blue water that changes tone twice a year, with lunch included on the shore. In the afternoon, arrival in Santa Ana and a walking route through the historic centre: the Teatro Nacional of 1910 built with coffee money and the most complete architectural ensemble the country keeps. Overnight in Santa Ana.

DÍA DAY 11 **EUCARISTÍA** **Santa Ana, the Las Chinamas border and La Antigua Guatemala · sending Mass in Santa Ana Cathedral (B, L)**

Sending Mass in Santa Ana Cathedral, neo-Gothic and the only one of its kind in Central America, before leaving El Salvador. Departure west and border crossing at Las Chinamas, with our staff assisting the group through the immigration formalities. Lunch included on the road. On to La Antigua Guatemala without passing through the capital, arriving as the afternoon falls and with time for the first walk along its cobbled streets under the Volcán de Agua. Overnight in La Antigua Guatemala.

DAY BY DAY · CONTINUED

DÍA DAY 12 EUCARISTÍA **La Antigua Guatemala · Mass at the tomb of the Santo Hermano Pedro, Obras Sociales, Cathedral, Capuchinas, La Merced and Cerro de la Cruz (B, L)**

A full day in the old capital of the Kingdom of Guatemala, a World Heritage Site. Mass in the Iglesia de San Francisco el Grande, at the tomb of Saint Pedro de San José de Betancur, the Santo Hermano Pedro: born in Tenerife, arrived in Antigua in the seventeenth century, founder of the first hospital for the poor convalescent in the Americas and canonised by John Paul II in Guatemala, the first saint of Central America. Visit to the Obras Sociales that carry his name and continue his charism today with the sick and people with disabilities. Lunch included. In the afternoon, the Cathedral of Santiago and its ruins, the Convento de las Capuchinas, La Merced, the Plaza Mayor and the Arco de Santa Catalina. At dusk, the climb to the Cerro de la Cruz. Overnight in La Antigua Guatemala.

DÍA DAY 13 **Chichicastenango and Lake Atitlán · Iglesia de Santo Tomás, forecourt and market, and night in Panajachel (B, L)**

Climb to the highlands on the Inter-American Highway. Chichicastenango: the Iglesia de Santo Tomás, with its eighteen steps and the copal smoke where the K'iche' confraternities pray at the door before going in, one of the places where it is clearest how the Gospel and the Maya world have lived together for five centuries. A route of the forecourt and the market with a local community guide. Lunch included. In the afternoon, down to Panajachel and the first view of Lake Atitlán with its three volcanoes. Overnight in Panajachel.

DÍA DAY 14 EUCARISTÍA **Santiago Atitlán · Mass in the parish of Blessed Stanley Rother and crossing of Lake Atitlán by boat (B, L)**

Crossing of the lake by boat from Panajachel to Santiago Atitlán, the largest Tz'utujil town on Atitlán. Mass in the parish of Santiago Apóstol, where Father Stanley Rother served for thirteen years, a priest from Oklahoma who learned Tz'utujil, translated the New Testament into that language and refused to abandon his people when his name appeared on the lists. He was murdered in the parish house on 28 July 1981, at forty-six. He is the first martyr born in the United States and the first American priest to be beatified: his body rests in Oklahoma, but at the request of his parishioners his heart and his blood were buried under the floor of this church. Visit to the parish house and the memorial room. Lunch included in the town. Return by boat with a stop at a community on the lake and a free afternoon facing the water. Overnight in Panajachel.

DÍA DAY 15 EUCARISTÍA **Guatemala City · Monsignor Gerardi's Iglesia de San Sebastián, Metropolitan Cathedral and closing Mass (B, L, D)**

Down from the highlands to the capital. Iglesia de San Sebastián, where Monsignor Juan José Gerardi was murdered in the parish house on 26 April 1998, two days after presenting the report of the historical memory recovery project. Metropolitan Cathedral and Plaza de la Constitución. Lunch included. In the afternoon, the closing Mass of the pilgrimage and, in the evening, a farewell dinner with the group and the spiritual director. Overnight in Guatemala City.

DÍA DAY 16 **Departure transfer to La Aurora International Airport (B)**

Breakfast and transfer to La Aurora International Airport according to the flight time. End of our services.

PG_02 · What is included and how it operates

Admissions, shrines, activities and accompaniment, within the rate.

ADMISSIONS, SHRINES AND ACTIVITIES

- Perquín Museum of the Revolution
- Cerro de Perquín
- El Mozote Memorial — community guide
- El Boquerón National Park
- Los Volcanes National Park — Cerro Verde
- Lake Coatepeque — access by restaurant spend
- Boat trip on Lake Suchitlán
- Boat trip on Jiquilisco Bay
- Crossing of Lake Atitlán by boat, there and back
- Suchitoto indigo workshop — cotton scarf
- Loom workshop — San Sebastián
- El Carmen Estate coffee farm — traditional tour
- Termales de Santa Teresa
- Mercado Nocturno de Nahuizalco
- Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe
- Hospitalito chapel and Mons. Romero's house
- Centro Monseñor Romero — UCA
- Crypt of the Metropolitan Cathedral
- El Paisnal parish and the Aguilares monument
- Parish convent museum — San Juan Nonualco
- Shrine of Fátima — Cerro de las Pavas
- Shrine of Fátima of the Heralds of the Gospel
- Supplies for the home visited — work of mercy day
- San Francisco el Grande — tomb of the Hermano Pedro
- Obras Sociales del Santo Hermano Pedro
- Monumental ensemble of La Antigua Guatemala
- Santo Tomás de Chichicastenango — community guide
- Santiago Apóstol and memorial room — Santiago Atitlán
- San Sebastián and Cathedral — Guatemala City
- Palacio Nacional de San Salvador
- Teatro Nacional de Santa Ana
- Assistance at the Las Chinamas border crossing
- Accredited local guide in Guatemala — per operating day
- Stipends for the 11 Masses — the group's offering to each parish

ALSO INCLUDES

- Accommodation with daily breakfast in the category and occupancy booked
- Private air-conditioned land transport, exclusive to the group, in both countries
- Sophia Tours priest or deacon as spiritual director and group coordinator, in both countries
- Advance coordination with each parish for the eleven Masses
- Our staff assisting at the Las Chinamas crossing and with the immigration formalities
- Accredited local guides in Guatemala and community guides in El Mozote, Chichicastenango and Santiago Atitlán
- Crossing of Lake Atitlán by boat, there and back, with a stop at a lake community
- Nine lunches and two dinners: the typical welcome one with a blessing of the table and the farewell
- Coordination of the work of mercy visit and of the delivery of supplies to the home
- One free place for every 20 paying passengers
- Arrival transfer in San Salvador, departure transfer to La Aurora and water on the routes
- 24/7 telephone assistance in both countries, hotel taxes and VAT

NOT INCLUDED

International air tickets, airport fees and taxes · Lunches and dinners not specified, and drinks at the included meals · Land exit fees or taxes applicable at the border · Personal offerings to the parishes visited · Donations to the home visited and sponsorship contributions · Extra nights and additional hotel services · Tips for guides, drivers and porters · Travel assistance insurance, available at a supplement.

HOTELS PLANNED OR SIMILAR

NODE	NIGHTS	SUPERIOR TOURIST	SUPERIOR	FIRST
San Salvador	4	Plaza Hotel & Suites	Barceló San Salvador	Hilton · Sheraton Presidente
Suchitoto	1	Posada Suchitlán	La Posada de Suchitlán	Casa 1800 Suchitoto
San Miguel	1	Comfort Inn Real San Miguel	Comfort Inn Real San Miguel	Comfort Inn Real San Miguel
Perquín	1	Perkin Lenca	Perkin Lenca	Perkin Lenca
Concepción de Ataco	2	Hotel Alicante de Montaña	Casa Degraciela	Casa 1800 Ataco
Santa Ana	1	Hotel Tolteka Plaza	Hotel Tolteka Plaza	Hotel Tolteka Plaza
La Antigua Guatemala	2	Hotel Aurora · Hotel Boutique Los Pasos		
Panajachel	2	Casa Texel · Dos Mundos		
Ciudad de Guatemala	1	Holiday Inn · Wyndham Garden		

Reference list: the final property is confirmed on booking, within the category contracted.

OPERATING NOTES

The spiritual director who accompanies the group is a Sophia Tours priest or deacon, according to the minister's availability on the group's dates. In both cases the accompaniment is the same and is included, and the scheduled Masses are always presided over by a priest.

The Mass stipends are included in the price and are given as the group's offering to the parish that receives it and celebrates the Mass. They are not fees for the Sophia Tours spiritual director, who travels with the group at no cost to it.

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Planned hotels by node

Quoted against the base hotel of each node; in San Salvador, Cardedeu Express, with continental breakfast. Any change is reported with a name and an amount.

NODE	NIGHTS	PROPERTIES WE USUALLY OPERATE
San Salvador	2–5	Cardedeu Suites · Cardedeu Express · Hilton · Holiday Inn · Plaza Hotel & Suites · Villa Serena Escalón
Cerro Verde	1	Casa 1800 Cerro Verde
Lake Coatepeque	1	Cardedeu Lake View · Cardedeu Lake Front · Cardedeu Residence · Casa 1800 Lago · El Equinoccio
Suchitoto	1 to 2	Casa 1800 Suchitoto · Posada Suchitlán · La Posada de Suchitlán · Los Almendros de San Lorenzo
Concepción de Ataco	2	Casa 1800 Ataco · Casa Degraciela · Hotel Alicante de Montaña
La Palma · Chalatenango	1 to 2	Hotel La Palma · Hotel Entre Pinos · Hostal Miramundo · Highland
Costa del Bálsamo · Surf City	1	Roca Sunzal · Boca Olas · Casa de Mar · Los Farallones
Santa Ana	1	Hotel Tolteka Plaza
San Miguel	1	Comfort Inn Real San Miguel
Jiquilisco Bay · Usulután	1	Hotel Sevilla Usulután
Perquín	1	Perkin Lenca
La Unión	1 to 2	Comfort Inn Real La Unión · Casa del Golfo
Los Cóbanos	1	Las Veraneras Villas & Resort · Decamerón Salinitas
Metapán	1	Hotel San José Metapán
La Antigua Guatemala	2	Hotel Aurora · Hotel Boutique Los Pasos
Panajachel	2	Casa Texel · Dos Mundos · Posada de Don Rodrigo
Guatemala City	1	Holiday Inn · Wyndham Garden

Reference list, open to extension. The final property is confirmed at booking, within the contracted category.

Weather, closure and substitution policy

All operation is subject to weather conditions and to the rulings of the competent authorities. If a component of the programme cannot take place, Sophia Tours provides an equivalent alternative component the same day, at no additional cost to the passenger and without this giving rise to a refund of the substituted service. Each circuit carries its alternative plans set out day by day.

If the full service cannot be operated and the suspension is known before it starts, the passenger chooses between rescheduling with no cancellation charge, taking an equivalent alternative programme or a full refund of what was paid.

Closed on Mondays: the archaeological sites, the National Museum of Anthropology and some parish museums. The national parks and the towns operate daily; the loom workshops of San Sebastián and the clay workshops of Ilobasco rest on Sundays. The order of the days is adjusted so that none falls on the closing day of the sites it visits.

Booking process

Four steps, a single point of contact and written confirmation.

1

1 · Request

The operator sends product by code, dates, number of passengers, occupancy and group language.

2

2 · Confirmation and voucher

We confirm availability and issue the voucher detailing the services.

3

3 · Operation

Advance coordination with each supplier, hotel pick-up and assistance throughout the programme.

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4 · Invoicing

Net invoicing to the operator on the agreed terms.

Common questions

Are the circuits private?	Yes. Vehicle and guide exclusive to the group on every product in the catalogue.
What is the passenger minimum?	Private from 1 passenger; scheduled from 2. Pilgrimages operate from 20.
Can departures be any day?	Yes, in private. Nine tours also have a fixed weekly day with a guaranteed scheduled departure.
Is the price per person or per vehicle?	Per person on tours and circuits. Stand-alone transfers are priced per vehicle.
What language is used?	Spanish or English, depending on the group. The tour leader carries the language.
What if it rains or a site closes?	It is replaced with an equivalent component the same day, at no additional cost.
Can products be combined?	Yes. The extensions attach to any fixed-base circuit and the tours are chained to order. We also operate land crossings to Guatemala and Honduras.

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Commercial conditions

Rates	Net to the operator, in United States dollars, per person unless otherwise stated. They are issued by channel tier according to the agreed volume and sales model. Request them at experiencias@sophia.tours.
Validity	2026–2027 season. Rates valid for services provided up to 20 March 2027. Bookings confirmed before the launch of the 2027 rate sheet keep these rates for services throughout 2027. Subject to availability and to confirmation at the time of booking.
Special dates	Holy Week 2027, 21 to 28 March; 20 December to 5 January; 1 to 6 August; 15 and 16 September; and the trade fairs and congresses each supplier declares. Those dates operate on request, with a supplement and their own itinerary.
Lead time	Confirmation on free sale with 72 hours or more. Below that deadline, on request with a reply the same working day.
Rotation clause	The order of the days may be adjusted for operational convenience and for the closing days of each site, always respecting the full set of services offered.
Payment methods	Bank transfer or prepaid balance, with the booking number in the reference. Card payment link available with a surcharge. No credit is granted: every service is paid before it is provided.
Payment and cancellation schedule	Payment is staged by product and its deadlines run in step with cancellation, so that the balance always arrives before cancellation charges begin to run. The full schedule and the cancellation table are in the annex on page 87.

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The last night in San Salvador

How the close of every modular extension is quoted — a complement to sheets MC_01 to MC_07, pages 57 to 63.

What the published price includes

The seven extensions in this catalogue attach to the end of a circuit based in San Salvador and are not sold separately. They all close with a connection night in the capital, the night before the departure transfer to the airport. That night forms part of the published price and is quoted in Tourist category, which is the entry point of the catalogue.

The supplement by base circuit category

That night always runs in the same category as the base circuit the extension attaches to: it is not an independent choice by the passenger. If the circuit was contracted in another category, the corresponding supplement is added, once only, per person.

		LAST NIGHT SUPPLEMENT · ONCE			ADDITIONAL NIGHT · PER NIGHT		
CATEGORY	BASE HOTEL IN SAN SALVADOR	DOUBLE	TRIPLE	SINGLE	DOUBLE	TRIPLE	SINGLE
Tourist	Cardedeu Express · continental breakfast	included	included	included	$75	$66	$149
Tourist Superior	Cardedeu Suites	+$15	+$10	+$30	$89	$76	$178
Superior	Holiday Inn	+$35	+$17	+$70	$109	$83	$218
First	Hilton	+$55	+$30	+$109	$129	$96	$258

Per person, public retail price; each channel's net is in its own rate sheet. The additional night, with breakfast, is added before or after any circuit —not only the extensions—, in the same category as the programme.

Why it is not optional. The passenger contracted the circuit in one category and ends the trip in a hotel of that same category. Quoting the connection night below the circuit would mean dropping the level on the very last night, and quoting it above would mean charging for a hotel not asked for.

The other nights of the extension

They are single-category. Outside the capital and a few destinations there are no four- and five-star hotels: in Perquín, Metapán, La Unión, San Miguel, Santa Ana, La Palma and the other nodes the best available property is used, a three-star one, even if the programme was contracted in First. Each sheet states the base hotel of its node.

Luggage

During the extension the large luggage stays in storage at the San Salvador hotel and is recovered on the connection night. The passenger travels with hand luggage. That is why the extension vehicle keeps its full capacity, the same as a day tour: sedan 1 to 2 passengers, minivan 3 to 5, van 6 to 12, minibus 13 to 21 and coach from 22.

Products it applies to

To all seven modular extensions in the catalogue, no exception.

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Payment & cancellation

Staged schedule by product — a complement to the commercial conditions on page 85.

No credit is granted

Every service is paid before it is provided. The payment deadlines are built on the cancellation table: the full balance always arrives before cancellation charges begin to run, so that neither party is left exposed.

Payment schedule by product

PRODUCT	ON CONFIRMATION	INTERIM PAYMENT	BALANCE
Transfers and separate services	100% on confirmation	—	—
Scheduled and half-day tours	100% on confirmation	—	—
Private tours and extensions	25% on confirmation	—	Balance 15 days before
Circuits based in San Salvador	10% on confirmation	40% · 60 days before	Balance 21 days before
Itinerant circuits	10% on confirmation	30% · 60 days before	Balance 30 days before
Pilgrimages and groups of 20 or more	25% on confirmation	25% · 90 days · 25% · 60 days	Balance 45 days before

Late booking: if the booking is confirmed within a milestone's deadline, that milestone and the earlier ones are paid together on confirmation. No service runs with an outstanding balance.

Cancellation · no charge until

PRODUCT	FREE UNTIL	AFTER
Transfers and separate services	48 h	50% up to 24 h · 100% within 24 h
Scheduled and half-day tours	72 h	50% up to 48 h · 100% within 48 h
Private tours and extensions	15 days	25% from 14 to 8 days · 50% from 7 to 4 days · 100% within 72 h
Circuits based in San Salvador	21 days	25% from 20 to 15 days · 50% from 14 to 8 days · 100% within 7 days
Itinerant circuits	30 days	25% from 29 to 21 days · 50% from 20 to 11 days · 100% within 10 days
Pilgrimages and groups of 20 or more	45 days	50% from 44 to 31 days · 100% within 30 days · the 25% first payment is non-refundable

Where a supplier imposes a stricter deadline, it is notified in writing when quoting and that particular condition prevails.

Payment method

International bank transfer in dollars, stating the file number in the reference. Bank charges are for the buyer's account. Prepaid balance available as an optional method. Card payment link coming soon.

Why staged and not at 30 days. Sophia Tours pays its suppliers before the service is provided: hotels, boats, permits and community guides do not work on credit. The schedule passes that same discipline to the buyer, without charging 100% from the first day.

Vehicle capacity

A clarification to the fleet table on page 10, for itinerant circuits and pilgrimages.

Why the range changes

On an itinerant circuit and on a pilgrimage the passenger changes hotel almost every night, so the large luggage travels on board throughout the programme. The last row of the vehicle is kept for the suitcases and, in the van, two of the four rear seats fold down. The commercial capacity drops, even though the unit is the same.

On day tours, on circuits based in San Salvador and on the modular extensions this does not happen: the luggage stays at the hotel in the capital —on the extensions, in storage until the connection night— and the vehicle keeps its full capacity.

Ranges by programme type

PROGRAMME TYPE	SEDAN OR SUV	MINIVAN	VAN	MINIBUS	COACH
Full-day, half-day and layover tours	1 to 2	3 to 5	6 to 12	13 to 21	from 22
Circuits based in San Salvador and extensions	1 to 2	3 to 5	6 to 12	13 to 21	from 22
Itinerant circuits and pilgrimages	1 to 2	—	3–10	11–19	from 20

The category is assigned counting tourist passengers only: the driver and the tour leader are already discounted from each range. On an itinerant circuit the minibus —Toyota Coaster or Hyundai County— is quoted only on its individual seats, and the last row is left for the luggage; that is why the coach starts from 20 passengers and not from 22.

Tour leader

Every programme carries a tour leader for the group. From 25 passengers two guides are assigned, in any family of the catalogue.

What every quotation includes, unless otherwise stated

Accommodation with breakfast in the contracted category and occupancy · private land transport with air conditioning and a driver with a current licence · a tour leader for the group in Spanish or English, and local guides where the sheet indicates · arrival and departure transfers with pick-up at the hotel door · the admissions and activities each sheet lists · water during the routes · 24/7 telephone assistance · hotel taxes and VAT.

Not included

Air tickets and airport taxes · lunches and dinners except where the sheet marks them with (L) or (D) · drinks · tips · personal expenses · travel insurance · optional activities and rentals flagged as optional in the operating notes · any service not expressly listed in the product sheet.

How to read it in a quotation. The same group of 20 passengers travels in a minibus if it buys a day tour or a circuit based in San Salvador, and in a coach if it buys an itinerant circuit or a pilgrimage. It is not an arbitrary rate change: it is the luggage.

What is coming in 2027

Five new lines for the 2027 catalogue. Two extend what we already operate; three open territory not in this catalogue today.

WHAT WE OPERATE GROWS

New modular extensions

More extensions to attach to the circuits based in San Salvador, with the same logic as the current seven: two or three days, private service and a close with the connection night in the capital.

New private itinerant circuits

More coast-to-coast routes, with vehicle and guide exclusive to the group, for the buyer who already sells El Salvador and needs a second and a third itinerary option.

NEW LINES

Circuits with Charm

Hotels, cabins, glamping and country houses that lift the experience of the country's magical corners. Accommodation with character instead of standard accommodation, for small groups who want where they sleep to be part of the trip.

Self-drive

Circuits designed for the passenger to drive El Salvador on their own, with everything prepared: vehicle, day-by-day route, accommodation booked, admissions and 24/7 telephone assistance. The freedom of going alone, without the uncertainty of improvising.

Regional multidestination

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Where: Mundo Maya · Yucatán Peninsula · Chiapas · Guatemala · Honduras · Nicaragua · Costa Rica
End of trip, to choose from: Cancún, Guatemala, Managua or San José
If any of these lines fits your market, say so now. We are building them in this order: prospecting for properties and suppliers, negotiation and, last, design of the circuits. The demand our channels confirm to us weighs on which comes out first and on what dates.
Write to experiencias@sophia.tours stating the line, your source market and the estimated volume. Channels that move early take part in the pilot departures and in the pre-sale before launch.

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