

EL SALVADOR TOURS: EL SALVADOR TREASURES

6 Day / 5 Night Package featuring El Salvador's charming capital city, San Salvador, Joya de Ceren Archeological Village, Maya Ruins of Tazumal and Casa Blanca, Cerro Verde National Park, Ilobasco, small village renowned for its handicraft and the colonial village of Suchitoto

Prices from \$1495.00 Per Person in Double. Includes Land Arrangements only. Please ask for our Airline Specials, too!

Departures: Daily

Day 1 Home City - San Salvador

Meet and Greet upon arrival to San Salvador's International Airport, and Transfer to the **Radisson Plaza Hotel**. Afternoon and evening free to stroll, shop and explore the nation's charming capital city on your own.

Day 2 San Salvador - City Tour

Comprehensive City Tour of San Salvador, El Salvador's capital city and its largest, founded by the Spaniards in 1525. City Tour begins with a drive through the beautiful residential area of Santa Elena, followed by a guided tour of the National Anthropological Museum, then continuing through La Zona Rosa, upscale residential and business district. Then to the Paseo General Escalon before arriving to the monument of the Divino Salvador del Mundo in the Plaza Las Americas. Continuing to the monument of the Fallen Victims during the war and Los Heroes Boulevard, Alameda Juan Pablo II and Centro de Gobierno before arriving to the National Palace and the monument of Central American Independence. Visit finishes at Planes de Renderos at an altitude of 3,280 feet above sea level for beautiful, panoramic view of the city below before returning to your hotel. **B**

Day 3 Joya de Ceren - Casa Blanca - Tazumal

Sightseeing Tour of Joya de Ceren Archaelogical Village, and Maya Ruins of Casa Blanca and Tazumal. Joya de Ceren, declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1993, was a pre-Hispanic farming community that like Pompeii and Herculaneum in Italy was buried under a volcanic eruption ca. AD 600, and today provides a glimpse at the daily lives of the people at that time. Casa Blanca consists of six Maya pyramids on a stone base and is where Xiquilite, the blue Indigo plant, is found. The Maya ceremonial site of Tazumal is the most important and best preserved in El Salvador. Its name means "Pyramid where the victims were burned" in the Quiche language. The excavated ruins on display are only a small part of a 4 square mile zone. Most of its ancient wonders still lie buried underground. Includes delicious Lunch in Santa Ana City. **B** L

Day 4 Cerro Verde National Park - Coatepeque Lake

Sightseeing Tour to Cerro Verde National Park for panoramic views of impressive Izalco and Santa Ana Volcanoes. Izalco erupted almost continuously from 1770, when it was formed, to 1958 earning it the name "The Lighthouse of the Pacific". Santa Ana or Ilamatepec is the highest volcano in the country, its summit consists of four calderas and volcanic craters with the innermost containing a small crater lake. Continue to enjoy a delicious Lunch in a local restaurant on the shores of Coatepeque Lake, a beautiful lake of volcanic origin. **B** L



Day 5 Ilobasco - Suchitoto

Sightseeing Tour to Ilobasco, small village renowned for its colorful clay handicraft. Bargain and take home a few of these beautiful souveniers. Continue to Suchitoto, charming, historic and cultural city where it appears time stood still. Stroll its clean cobblestone streets enjoying its classic adobe houses, colonial architecture, cultural traditions and panoramic views of Lake Suchitlan. Includes Lunch in a typical Salvadorean restaurant. **B** L

Day 6 San Salvador - Home City

At the appropriate hour, Transfer to the Airport for flight homeward or next destination. B

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Package Includes:

- Meet and Greet upon arrival to San Salvador's International Airport by English Speaking local guide

- Round Trip Transfers from the Airport to your Hotel

- Five Nights Hotel Accommodations including Tax

- Buffet Breakfast Daily (5)

- City Tour of San Salvador

- Sightseeing Tour to Joya de Ceren Archaelogical Village, Casa Blanca and Tazumal including Lunch (pre-set menu)

- Sightseeing Tour to Cerro Verde National Park and Coatepeque Lake including Lunch (pre-set menu)

- Sightseeing Tour to Ilobasco and Suchitoto including Lunch (pre-set menu)

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