



Country Profile: El Salvador

El Salvagdor is A democratic Country with A developing economy. Tourism facilities are not fully developed. The capital is San Salvador, accessible by El Salvador's International Airport at Comalapa. Both the U.S. Dollar and the Salvadoran Colon are legal tender in El Salvador. While Colones are still accepted, the primary currency of El Salvador is the U.S. Dollar. Americans traveling with U.S. Dollars should not exchange them for Colones. Read the Department of State Background Notes on El Salvador for additional information.

COUNTRY OVERVIEW



Country Name:	El Salvador
Continent:	Central America
Capital City:	San Salvador
Boundary Countries:	Guatemala, Honduras
Recommended Hospitals in Capital:	San Salvador: Hospital de Diagnostico, Hospital de la Mujer, Clinicas Medicas San Salvador: Hospital Centro de Cirugia Farela, Hospital Centro de Emergencias, Hospital Pro-Familia
Main Cities:	San Salvador, San Miguel, Puerto Cutuco, Usulután, Santa Ana, Acajutla, Apopa, Nueva San Salvador
Country Size:	21,040 sq km
Population:	6,948,073

COUNTRY GENERAL INFORMATION

Language:	Spanish, Nahua (among some Amerindians)
Currency:	US dollar (USD)
Predominant Religions:	Roman Catholic 83%, other 17% note: there is extensive activity by Protestant groups throughout the country; by the end of 1992, there were an estimated 1 million Protestant evangelicals in El Salvador
National Holidays:	IndependanceDay,15 September (1821)
Economic Status:	El Salvador is a democratic country with a developing economy. Although the dollar and Colon are legal tender in El Salvador, in practice the Colon has fallen out of use, and Americans traveling with U.S. dollars should not exchange them for Colones.
Security:	Salvadoran Army (ES), Salvadoran Navy (FNES), Salvadoran Air Force (Fuerza Aerea Salvadorena, FAS)
US Presence:	U.S. Embassy in San Salvador Final Boulevard Santa Elena Antiguo Cuscatlán, La Libertad Telephone: 2501-2999

Major Airports:	Airports: 75, Airports w/paved runways: 4 El Salvador Int'l Airport (SAL/MSLP) El Salvador Airport, El Salvador, San Luis Talpa, Depto de la Paz, EL SALVADOR Tel: +503 339-9455 Fax: +503 339-9245 E-mail: gerencia.aies@cepasal.com Website: www.cepasal.com Customs, hours: 08:00 – 16:00 Tel: +503 339-9281 Fax: +503 339-9281
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