

FROM SALINITAS

GOURMET COFFEE

This beautiful and magical place is located in the Apaneca-Illamatepec mountain range, in the municipality of Apaneca, department of Ahuachapán. We will tour coffee plantations through trails, which are among 92 hectares of different farmlands at an altitude between 1,400 up to 1,700 meters above sea level.

You will enjoy and admire the relevant aspects in the production of the famous gourmet coffee, produced in this region. Enjoy a walk through the trails where different stages of growth and variety of coffee plants can be appreciated. Explanations of all the labor and aspects involved from the bean till you obtain of delicious cup of coffee will be offered. We will also visit a nearby coffee mill where we can appreciate the drying and selection of the beans.

Departure on this excursion depends of the following conditions:

Level of Difficulty: I - II

Minimum: 6 persons

Maximum: 25 persons

Harvest: Not available during the months May to October

Included: Land transportation, English speaking tour guide, beverages, entrance fee and visit a coffee mills.

Recommendations: comfortable clothing, running shoes or hiking boots, hat, bug repellent, cash for souvenir shopping.

Departure: 8:00 AM

Return: 2:00 PM

JUAYUA CASCADES

With generosity nature gives us back the appreciated WATER. In El Salvador, in the heart of the Culture and Crafts Tour and thanks to the protection of the forests and the careful handling of the coffee plantations, water flows from the cracks between volcanic rocks, in small mountains full of a colorful tropical flora characteristic of the 1000 mt/3,280ft. above sea level. In the municipality of Juayua; as a "Rain of pearls" between beautiful songs of Magpies, Torogoz, Doves, Hummingbirds, among other birds, fruit trees and tropical forest you will find "The Cascades of La Calera", treasure of mother nature. In a walk of approximately 30 minutes on a path of fertile lands through coffee plantations, you will have a beautiful sight without equal.

In this ecological adventure, natural small wells are found where you can take a refreshing bath between rocks and cracks filled with myths and legends that invited you to jump in the water.

Departure on this excursion depends of the following conditions:

Level of Difficulty: IV – V

Minimum: 8 persons

Maximum: 25 persons

Minimum Age: 12 years old

Maximum Weight: 200 lbs. per person

Weather: Not available during the months May to October

Duration of the walk: 1 hour approx.

Included: land transportation, English speaking tour guide, beverages, local guide.

Recommendations: light clothing, shorts, running or wet shoes, insect repellent, sunblock, sunglasses, hat and bathing suit.

We will not accept pregnant women and participants under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Departure: 8:00 AM

Return: 2:00 PM

CITY TOUR AND SHOPPING (HALF DAY)

A short but interesting panoramic tour of our capital city, visiting the important historical and political sites of our country, jewels of architectural beauty and culture, such as the Savior of the World Monument, Liberty and Gerardo Barrios Square, the National Palace. There will be a short visit to the Metropolitan Cathedral and Monsignor Romero's tomb, which are icons of the living history of El Salvador.

Do not miss the opportunity to go shopping to the many stores and shops in the city of San Salvador. We will visit "Multiplaza", a modern and elegant shopping mall where you can find well-known stores such as Lacoste, Kenneth Cole, Benetton, Puma, Sears, Tommy Hilfiger, Guess, Levi's, Tous, among others, which offer great discounts year around.

Departure on this excursion depends of the following conditions:

Level of Difficulty: I – II

Minimum: 1 person

Maximum: 50 persons

Included: land transport, English speaking tour guide and beverages.

Recommendations: running or comfortable walking shoes, sun block, light clothing, hat, sun glasses, cash for souvenir shopping

Departure: 8:00 AM

Return: 2:00 PM

CITY TOUR AND SHOPPING

Upon arriving in the capital city of San Salvador, we will take you to “El Arbol de Dios” an Arts and Gallery store; fantasy and magic embodied by Don Fernando Llorca, Master and pride of our country. We will continue to visit the Plaza Salvador del Mundo. After this, we will visit the Plaza Morazán where we will begin a walk through the historic center of San Salvador, where we find structures dating from the early XX century as the National Theater, Metropolitan Cathedral and the crypt of Archbishop Romero, an icon of the living history of El Salvador and a jewel of architectural beauty and cultural, La Plaza Libertad, El Rosario Church, Plaza Gerardo Barrios. We will enter the National Palace, a place renowned for its legacy of history and politics of this country.

We cannot leave without visiting the Craft Market where a wide range of folk memories worked in wood, fiber, fabric and other materials made by skillful hands of men and women from all communities of El Salvador which are waiting for you.

Do not miss this opportunity to save money by going shopping to the different stores in San Salvador. We will visit “**Multiplaza**” a modern and elegant Shopping Center where you can find several stores like Lacoste, Kenneth Cole, Benetton, Puma, Sears, Tommy Hilfiger, Guess, Levi’s, Tous, amount many others that offer products at low prices at all times of the year.

Departure on this excursion depends of the following conditions:

Level of Difficulty: I – II

Minimum: 8 persons

Maximum: 50 persons

Included: land transportation, English speaking tour guide, entrance fees and beverages.

Recommendations: hat, running or comfortable walking shoes, sun block, sunglasses, insect repellent, cash for souvenirs.

Departure: 8:00 AM

Return: 6:00 PM

CITY TOUR AND NATIONAL MUSEUM OF ANTROPOLOGY

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This Tour also includes a visit to the National Museum. It is a museum that houses a valuable collection of archaeological pieces from the pre-classical era (1500 a.C.-250 d.C.). Also, relics belonging to the colonial era and the different elements that have constituted the Salvadoran civilization throughout history.

Departure on this excursion depends of the following conditions:

Level of Difficulty: I – II

Minimum: 8 persons

Maximum: 50 persons

Included: land transportation, English speaking tour guide, entrance fees and beverages.

Recommendations: hat, running or comfortable walking shoes, sun block, sunglasses, insect repellent, cash for souvenirs.

Note: Not available on Monday, cultural sites are closed.

Departure: 8:00 AM

Return: 6:00 PM

CERRO VERDE VOLCANIC COMPLEX (PANORAMIC TOUR)

This is a natural protected area which includes Cerro Verde, the Santa Ana Volcano and the Izalco Volcano. It covers an area of 4,500 hectares of state, municipal and private lands. Elevations oscillate between 500 and 2,381 meters above sea level.

With an agreeable climate, it has very pretty interpretative paths, shaded by the most diverse species of plants and trees. The flora of this zone has been identified as a vegetable formation because of its misty forests and very exuberant cold vegetation, always green due to the high humidity of the ground and air, product of the constant fog and frequent rains.

It has a wonderful orquidarium, spectacular lookout points from which you can admire the majesty of the Izalco and Santa Ana (Ilamatepec) Volcanoes as well as Lake Coatepeque, one of the ten most beautiful lakes in the world.

Departure on this excursion depends of the following conditions:

Level of Difficulty: I-II

Minimum: 8 persons

Maximum: 25 persons

Weather: During the months May to October

Included: land transportation, English speaking tour guide and beverages.

Recommendations: light clothing, shorts, running or wet shoes, insect repellent, sunblock, sunglasses, hat and bathing suit.

Departure: 8:00 AM

Return: 2:00 PM

CLIMBING THE IZALCO VOLCANO

This is a crater located approximately 1900 mt/6.233ft above sea level. The Izalco Volcano is one of the natural marvels found in El Salvador. This tour of the colossus not only includes the ascension to the top, but also the sight of the Cerro Verde Park, from where you can enjoy an impressive view of the place. This is a perfect route for those that enjoy sport activities and contact with nature. After a three-hour hike from Cerro Verde you will arrive to the crater of the “Pacific Lighthouse” (el Faro del Pacifico), as it was baptized by the seamen active at that time, due to the incandescent lava that could be observed for many miles from the sea. On this route, you will find a trail with approximately 1500 steps and resting sites. During the entire you will enjoy a natural beauty, and the chirping of the birds such as the Torogoz, declared the national bird of El Salvador.

At the skirts of the Volcano, after at least 45 minutes of walking, we start the ascent of approximately 2 hours. As we ascend, the freshness of the air is more intense and the panoramic view gets even more spectacular. Once you get to the top, you will encounter a crater of 275sqmts/2960sqft in DAY meter and 27 mt/88.5ft in depth that will suddenly convert itself in a natural observatory. You can observe to the north the Santa Ana Volcano; to the south, a wooded stretch of cultivated land and the Pacific Ocean, to the west the mountains of the neighboring country of Guatemala and to the East the San Andres Valley.

Departure on this excursion depends of the following conditions:

Level of Difficulty: V

Minimum: 6 persons **Maximum:** 80 persons

Minimum Age: 18 years old **Maximum Weight:** 200 lbs. per person

Weather: Not available during the months May to October

Duration of the hike: 5 hours approximately

Included: land transport, English speaking tour guide, fruits, beverages, entrance fee, park guides, and the companion of a forest ranger.

Recommendations: long sleeve shirt, jeans or long pant, running shoes or hiking boots, long socks, insect repellent, sun block, sunglasses, hat and binoculars.

We will not accept pregnant women and participants under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Departure: 8:00 AM

Return: 5:00 PM

CLIMBING THE SANTA ANA VOLCANO

It comprises one of the most beautiful landscapes of El Salvador. Ilamatepec also known as Santa Ana Volcano is located in the department of the same name and it is the tallest of the Pacific range at 7,727 ft. (2,356 meters) above sea level and it is also the largest one.

You will begin your tour with a 20-minute walk in Cerro Verde National Park. you will reach San Blas Plateau, a volcanic plain from previous eruptions. From here you will begin an hour and a half climb through paths. You will go from abundant vegetation to arid environment. Upon reaching the crater, whose DAY meter is 8,200 ft. (2,500 meters) and a depth of 948 ft. (289 meters). At its summit, you can appreciate an impressive view of most of El Salvador's landscape, such as Lake Coatepeque, Izalco Volcano, and Acajutla Port among others; you will also enjoy a nice weather and can observe the magnificent sulfur Lagoon which is found in its crater.

With this memorable adventure, not only you will witness 100 % of mother's nature but also many other things.

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Recommendations: long sleeve shirt, jeans or long pant, running or hiking boots, long socks, insect repellent, sun block, sunglasses, hat and binoculars.

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Departure: 8:00 AM

Return: 5:00 PM

LA ANTIGUA GUATEMALA

We invite you to visit La Antigua Guatemala also called the city of Santiago de Los Caballeros in colonial times. A fascinating place rich in history and to enjoy it in all its glory. This city was partially destroyed by the earthquakes of Santa Marta in 1773. In 1965 Antigua was declared a "Colonial Monument of America" by UNESCO. You will go back 300 years in time, walking down cobblestone streets.

You begin our tour in the church La Merced impressive towers and steeples; The Mercenaries were the first to found a monastery of men in the city. Then we will walk to the Arco de Santa Catalina, undoubtedly this arc gives a unique touch to this city that highlights the colonial style and in this very place gives a feeling of stepping back centuries. You may not miss a visit to the home of the Lions, built before the earthquake of 1,717, a beautiful mansion with several decorative elements of stone, a living example of the architecture of the colonial era. You will continue with a visit to the Convent of the Society of Jesus; Built in 1690, where came the flower of society in the city of Santiago de los Caballeros. In addition you will visit the Plaza Mayor where is located the only source Sirens representing fertility built in 1739, then City Hall Palace built in the seventeenth century.

The tour will appreciate the Colonial Architecture from Central Park, the Old Royal Square where bullfights and traders gathered near the Cathedral. City of La Antigua, Guatemala has a large number of ruins and restored colonial buildings, which is a fraction of the magnificent colonial architecture of the city without missing the Cathedral, which has undergone changes in its structure over time. Baroque facade with Mannerist and Renaissance details, in addition to its imposing height and number of images that can be seen on itself, You will also have the opportunity to visit the Jade factory and crafts market where it is typical to find Guatemalan variety of folk art in different ways; stone, gold, wood, wax, glass, silver, textiles, etc. These items, handmade mostly found in many shops, markets and street vendors.

Departure of the tour depends on these conditions:

Difficulty level: I - II

Minimum: 8 persons

Maximum: 50 persons

Included: Land transportation, tour escort and local guide, entrance fees, lunch, refreshments and snack.

Recommendations: Sneakers or comfortable shoes, sunscreen, hat, passport, tourism, light clothing.

Note: Guatemala visa is required for some nationalities.

Departure: 6:00 AM

Return: 7:00 PM

BIRD WATCHING NATIONAL PARK CERRO VERDE

For those nature lovers, we offer you the most exciting experience available in this region, from the Santa Ana volcano to the Cerro Verde National Park. This area has been recognized for its diverse flora, fauna and biological richness. The Park includes more than 164 bird species such as: Torogoz (national bird of El Salvador, whose colorful feathers represent a symbol of family unity), Crested Eagles, Hawks, Hummingbirds, Blue jays, Green billed Toucan, among others.

Cerro Verde is an inactive volcano located at an altitude of 2.035Mts/6.676 ft. above sea level, with a longitude of aprox.500 hectares/ 1,235.5 acres of tropical forest and temperatures that run between 12º C to 18º C. We can also enjoy a walk through beautiful trails, from where we can observe the majestic Izalco volcano, the neighborhoods of Sonsonate, Salcoatitán, the Port of Acajutla in the Pacific Ocean and the highlands of the Sierra of Apaneca.

Departure on this excursion depends of the following conditions:

Level of Difficulty: II

Minimum: 8 persons

Maximum: 8 persons

Weather: Not available during the months May to October

Included: land transportation, English speaking tour guide, entry fees, binoculars and beverages.

Recommendations: light clothing (green or blue colors), running or comfortable walking shoes, light sweater or long sleeve shirt, long pants, insect repellent, hat, and sun block.

Departure: 6:00 AM

Return: 11:00 AM

COPAN RUINS, HONDURAS

The city Santa Rosa of Copan is a beautiful small town with cobblestone streets and adobe houses whitened with lime stone and red tiled roofs.... giving it a harmonic and historic flair. It is located close to the border with Guatemala, which is the best proof of the existence of one of the greatest American Pre-Columbian culture. The Ruins of Copan were declared by UNESCO as patrimony of humanity in 1980.

It is a quiet antique cultural oasis, with sublime nature, located in the eastern part of Honduras. For many years the Copan Ruins have been popular for its Mayan architecture and millenary heritage. We will escalate and descend staircases to be able to see the principal parts of the center of the ruins, from where we will be able to see the Great Plaza where we find the “steles”, the ball court and the staircases with the hieroglyphics. It is a place that offers picturesque panoramas surrounded by lush green mountains. The climate is pleasant due to the variety of pines and abundant vegetation. The Archeological Park shows a variety of “steles” that enclose the mystery of our indigenous forefathers. The Copan Ruins are considered today as the Paris of the Mayan World.

Departure on this excursion depends of the following conditions:

Level of Difficulty: I – II (includes climbing the steps)

Minimum: 8 persons

Maximum: 50 persons

Included: Land transportation, English speaking tour guide, entrance fees, lunch, beverages and entrance fees to Honduras.

Recommendations: Comfortable walking or running shoes, sun block, hat, sunglasses, light clothing, passport, El Salvador tourist card.

Note: Visa to Guatemala and Honduras is required for some nationalities.

Departure: 6:00 AM

Return: 8:00 PM

MAYAN ARCHAEOLOGICAL MAYAN (HALF DAY)

Joya de Cerén, the main archeological discovery of the last 50 years in Latin America. This is a Maya town that shows us how our Mayan ancestors lived. Joya de Cerén was providentially preserved by nature when it was buried by the ashes of the Loma Caldera volcano eruption 1,400 years ago. Joya de Cerén is considered the first point in what some people call the Maya Route and others the Mesoamerican Route. This site was named by UNESCO World Heritage.

We will continue our visit to the city of Chalchuapa, where the archaeological site of El Tazumal is located, we will hear about the history of its inhabitants and we will have the opportunity to tour the pyramid, also to see the archaeological remains in the museum of the site. Outside of the archaeological site we will find replicas of high quality Mayan ceramics and jewelery made by local artisans.

Departure on this excursion depends of the following conditions:

Level of Difficulty: I

Minimum: 8 persons

Maximum: 50 persons

Included: land transportation, English speaking tour guide, entrance fees and beverages.

Recommendations: running or comfortable shoes, sun block, insect repellent, hat, sunglasses and cash for shopping.

Note: Not available on Monday archeological sites are closed.

Departure: 8:00 AM

Return: 2:00 PM

CULTURE AND CRAFTS

This route is specially designed for those interested in crafts. On the way between the City of Sonsonate to Ahuachapán there is a series of towns with a lot of cultural traditions. The first town will be **Nahuizalco**, characterized for having strong pre-Columbian traditions. This is one of the country most important indigenous and hand crafts makers. Baskets and Furniture made from natural fibers such as “Tule” and Wicker that colored the streets. Its colonial church and the market are an attraction. In the heart of the route we find Salcoatitan with white colonial church in front of the Central Plaza is one of its main attractions. It was here where the first coffee tree was planted, a profitable product that supports the local economy.

We continue our tour towards **Juayúa**, famous for its Black Christ church with coffee tradition and an extraordinary climate and nature and from the verandas we can observe the natives picking up the coffee beans. We will also visit the town of Apaneca where we will find flowers grow in abundance and the constant breeze expels pine and coffee scents all over the village. We will finalize our trip at **Concepcion de Ataco**, a pre-Columbian town established by the Pipiles tribe and located in the heart of the mountain where its cobblestone streets and lanterns take us back in history. Enjoy the serenity of a town in the mountains where locals elaborate colorful textiles in traditional pedal looms amongst their variety of hand crafts and musical string instruments.

Departure on this excursion depends of the following conditions:

Level of Difficulty: I – II

Minimum: 1 person

Maximum: 100 persons

Included: land transport, English speaking tour guide and beverages

Recommendations: running or comfortable walking shoes, sun block, light clothing, hat, sun glasses, cash for souvenir shopping

Departure: 8:00 AM

Return: 2:00 PM

MAYAN ROUTE

We will first visit the archaeological site of San Andres, a ceremonial center where semi-discovered structures (pyramids), some mounds, and its historical museum can be appreciated.

Afterwards, we will be transported to the city of Chalchuapa where we will visit the archeological sites of El Tazumal and Casa Blanca to admire their pyramids, as well as listening about the history of their inhabitants, including the opportunity to see archeological remains in the museums. At El Tazumal we can tour the pyramids and right outside of the site, we will find replicas of Mayan ceramic of great quality as jewels elaborated by local artisans. Casa Blanca is also known for its processing of indigo dyeing. Visitors can participate in the dyeing process.

Departure on this excursion depends of the following conditions:

Level of Difficulty: I (includes climbing the steps)

Minimum: 8 persons

Maximum: 100 persons

Included: land transportation, English speaking tour guide, beverages, entrance fees and lunch.

Recommendations: running or comfortable shoes, sun block, insect repellent, hat and sunglasses.

Note: Not available on Monday archeological sites are closed.

Departure: 8:00 AM

Return: 4:30 PM

THE CHOCOLATE TOUR

Come with us to discover the wonderful history of one of the most appreciated delicacies in the world: chocolate. We will begin our visit in the city of San Julián, Sonsonate Department, visiting the agro-industrial farm La Sierra, where the cocoa tree is grown, in Nahuatl language it means "**cacahoat**"; Its fruit is a cob that looks like a melon with about 40 seeds inside.

We will take a refreshing walk in the cocoa plantation where we will observe the cocoa breeding area, its different varieties and its harvest, we will also appreciate its cloning and grafting types and the importance of its clonal garden for the preservation of the creole variety of cocoa. During the walk we can see other cultures such as balm and coffee.

Once the fruits are harvested, the seeds are extracted, fermented and dried to obtain the cocoa beans. The natives of America believed cocoa was "**the food of the gods**". As a result, cocoa and its derivatives are one of our favorite delicacies ... CHOCOLATE!

Departure of this excursion depends of the following conditions:

Level of difficulty: I - II

Minimum: 8 pax

Maximum: 25 pax

Weather: not available during the months of September and October.

Included: land transportation, guide, entrance fees, beverages and visit to the La Sierra farm.

Recommendations: comfortable clothes, comfortable shoes, hat, insect repellent, cash for souvenirs.

Departure: 8:00 AM

Return: 2:00 PM

SAN SALVADOR VOLCANO AND COATEPEQUE LAKE

Exit towards the Capital of El Salvador, on a panoramic highway from where it will be possible to appreciate the Pacific coast of El Salvador. Arrival to the Volcano of San Salvador that is located to the west of the city and is a complex bulk that includes the peaks: El Picacho (1.967m/ 6.453ft and El Jabali (1.397 mt/4.583ft). The crater (the big hole) has a DAY meter of 1,500 meters/1.6145sqft and it with an altitude of 1.800 mt/5.905ft above sea level. We will make a long walk around the edge of the crater, where we will be able to appreciate the beauty of the wild life, in addition to a variety of many species of violets in the trunks of the trees. This volcano destroyed the capital several times from 1671 to the last eruption in 1917 that destroyed San Salvador almost completely.

Afterwards, a panoramic ride takes us to the Coatepeque Lake, formed by the sinking of the ashes of two volcanic cones that gave origin to the lake, whose name comes from the Nahuat tongue that means "Snake Hill". It is without a doubt one of the most beautiful places in El Salvador, and considered one of the ten most beautiful lakes of the world.

Departure on this excursion depends of the following conditions:

Level of Difficulty: II – III (Walking around the crater)

Minimum: 8 persons

Maximum: 100 persons

Included: land transportation, English speaking tour guide, lunch and beverages.

Recommendations: light clothing, sun block, insect repellent, running or comfortable walking shoes, sunglasses, hat, cash for souvenir shopping.

Departure: 8:00 AM

Return: 5:00 PM

SUN AND BEACH EXCURSION

A fun and relaxing tour designed to enjoy a day of sun and sand in one of the most recognized and popular places in El Salvador: El Zonte...

We will start our journey along the Salvadoran coast where we will appreciate the majestic Pacific Ocean, we will make our first stop in EL Zonte, one of the best beaches in the country, which is very visited to practice Surfing and to spend a wonderful and unforgettable day.

After this refreshing stop, we continue our journey to CADEJO, a craft brewery that produces a series of exclusive beers highly desired by all its visitors, both foreign and local.

Departure on this excursion depends of the following conditions:

Level of Difficulty: II

Minimum: 8 persons

Included: Ground transportation, guide and drinks.

Not included: Lunch or unspecified consumption.

Recommendations: Beach clothes and shoes, sunglasses, hat, beach towels, sunscreen and money for purchases.

Departure: 8:00 am / **Return:** 4:30 pm