

## EL SALVADOR

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**Capital:** San Salvador **Time:** GMT - 6

**Background:** El Salvador achieved independence from Spain in 1821 and from the Central American Federation in 1839. A 12-year civil war, which cost the lives of some 75,000 people, was brought to a close in 1992 when the government and leftist rebels signed a treaty that provided for military and political reforms.

**Location:** Middle America, bordering the North Pacific Ocean, between Guatemala and Honduras

**Map References:** Central America and the Caribbean

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

**Terrain:** mostly mountains with narrow coastal belt and central plateau

**Natural Resources:** hydropower, geothermal power, petroleum, arable land

**Population:** 6,122,515 (July 2000 est.)

**Nationality:** noun: Salvadoran(s) adjective: Salvadoran

**Ethnic Groups:** mestizo 90%, Amerindian 1%, white 9%

**Religions:** Roman Catholic 86%

**Languages:** Spanish, Nahuatl (among some Amerindians)

**Economy:** El Salvador is a poor Central American economy which has been suffering from a weak tax collection system, factory closings, the aftermath of Hurricane Mitch, and weak world coffee prices. On the bright side, in recent years inflation has fallen to single digit levels, and total exports have grown substantially. The substantial trade deficit has been offset by remittances from the large number of Salvadorans living abroad and from external aid.

**Industries:** food processing, beverages, petroleum, chemicals, fertilizer, textiles, furniture, light metals

**Currency:** 1 Salvadoran colon (C) = 100 centavos

**Railways:** total: 602 km (single track; note - some sections abandoned, unusable, or operating at reduced capacity) narrow gauge: 602 km 0.914-m gauge

**Highways:** total: 10,029 km paved: 1,986 km (including 327 km of expressways) unpaved: 8,043 km (1997 est.)

**Ports and Harbors:** Acajutla, Puerto Cutuco, La Libertad, La Union, Puerto El Triunfo

**Airports:** 85 (1999 est.) Airports - with paved runways: total: 4 over 3,047 m: 1 1,524 to 2,437 m: 1914 to 1,523 m: 2 (1999 est.) Airports - with unpaved runways: total: 81 914 to 1,523 m: 17 under 914 m: 64 (1999 est.)

**Heliports:** 1 (1999 est.)

**Visa:** required by all.

**Duty Free:** goods permitted: 200 cigarettes or 50 cigars, 2 litres of alcoholic beverage, up to 6 units of perfume, gifts to the value of US\$500.

**Health:** a yellow fever vaccination certificate is required from all travellers over 6 months of age coming from infected areas. All water should be regarded as potentially contaminated.

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