

El Salvador



The following are events which will provide participants a superb overview of life in El Salvador:

- ◆ History El Salvador with Equipo Maiz staff
- ◆ Visit to a hospital that serves only the poor; provides health services to 95% of the people in El Salvador
- ◆ Walk in the footsteps of the revered Archbishop Romero: visit the site of his martyrdom, his simple bungalow and the new Cathedral where his tomb has become a shrine
- ◆ Visit sites of the martyrdom of the four American church women near San Salvador and of the Jesuits and their two women co-workers at the University of Central America (UCA)
- ◆ Hear the experience of Mothers of the Disappeared, a group which formed during the years of the civil war
- ◆ Listen to a presentation at a rural cooperative in the state of San Vicente which teaches organic farming methods and where fruit and cashews are grown
- ◆ Dialogue with a group that defends the rights of sweat shop workers
- ◆ Visit a small village near San Salvador and learn of their challenges
- ◆ Dialogue with officials at the U. S. Embassy
- ◆ Opportunity to shop for Salvadoran handicraft
- ◆ An afternoon at the beach

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We will also do some of the following, depending on the season and other factors:

- ◆ Visit the office of Pro-Busqueda de Ninos (DNA matching of children lost during the war or taken from their natural parents) and learn about the successful reuniting of families
- ◆ Hear a presentation at the internationally recognized Archdiocesan Human Rights Office (Tutela Legal)
- ◆ Receive information about post-war violence and the family
- ◆ Experience the beauty of Cerro Verde, an ecological reserve near Izcalco, an old volcano
- ◆ Listen to the story of *maquiladora* workers
- ◆ Visit with former gang members who have a program to help young people find a new life outside of gangs

Accommodations are normally two to a room. Private room is an additional cost; arrangements should be made with GATE office at the time of registration. Participants are accompanied by GATE staff who serve as translators and facilitators of the experience. Local guides may also assist GATE staff. Contact GATE office for program details. Above activities are subject to change.



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