



Steph's Quick Budget Fact Sheet

El Salvador - Suchitoto

Quick Facts

- ✓ **Capital:** San Salvador
- ✓ **Language:** Spanish, Cacaopera, Kekchí, Pipil.
- ✓ **Population:** ± 6,000 (urban)
- ✓ **Sq km:** ± 392,2 (municipality)
- ✓ **Currency:** American Dollars \$
- ✓ **Country code:** +502
- ✓ **Visa:** Fore some countries, [check here!](#)
- ✓ **Alarm codes:** 911
- ✓ **Vaccinations:** Hep-A / Hep-B / Typhoid / Yellow fever / DTP / Malaria prevention



History Recap Over 1 Drink

1524: Spanish → indigenous resistance → '40: Spanish colony. 1821: Independence. '23: Part of United Provinces of Central America. '40: Dissolution = fully independent. '59-63: Pres Barrios: coffee growing. 1932: 30,000 killed during suppression of peasant uprising (Marti). '61: Right National Conciliation Party (PCN) power after military coup. '69: Brief war with Honduras → eviction of thousands of Salvadoran illegal immigrants. '77: Guerrilla activities by left Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front (FMLN) intensify. Pres Romero. '79-81: 30,000 people killed by army-backed right-wing death squads: Backed by US. '79: Coup by reformist officers: Military-civilian junta. '80: Pres Duarte. '82: Extreme right National Republican Alliance (Arena) wins violent elections → '84: Pres Duarte. '89: Pres Cristiani. '91: FMLN recognized as political party → signs UN-sponsored peace accord with government. '94: Pres Sol. 2001: Earthquakes kill 1200. '02: US court holds 2 retired Salvadoran army generals responsible. '03: Troops to Iraq + free-trade agreement US. '04: Pres Saca. '05: OAS human rights court re-opens investigation into 1981 massacre: '11 government apologizes. '05: Volcano Santa Ana erupts + tropical Storm Stan. '06: New border Honduras. '09: FMLN → Pres Funes: Restores diplomatic relations with Cuba. '10: Gang violence San Salvador rises.

Travel Seasons

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Dry												
Wet												
High season												
Budget												

Altitude: 395m. Climate: Tropical.

Bucket List For Free

- ☺ Sightseeing: Iglesia Santa Lucia, Parque Central and the Mercado Central.
- ☺ Do yourself a favor: With the Iglesia Santa Lucia in your back walk 1 block down, then go right and walk until you see a Parque San Martín. From there try to go down via the left side to admire the STUNNING view over the Lago Suchitlan.

Worth The Extra \$€¥

- 👍 Nature: [Bosque de Cinquera](#), Los Tercios waterfall.
- 👍 Maya ruins: Cihuatán.
- 👍 For the enthusiasts: Museo de la Moneda.
- 👍 Indigo-workshop: Irma Guadrón, El Calvario 23.

Festivals

- ☼ Festival de Arte y Cultura: Feb.
- ☼ Semana Santa: Religious, Mar-Apr.
- ☼ Independence Day: 15-Sept.

Budget Bites

- ⌘ Market: There is one indoor market in the centre with a very cheap food court.
- ⌘ Cheap supermarket: Only mini-markets.
- ⌘ El Salvador's streetfood & cheap *comedores*: Pupusas (tortillas filled with cheese and anything else) are the national pride. Other options: Yuca with little dried fish or chicharón, empanadas (flour pastries filled with meat, or plantain filled with beans), tamales (boiled corn dough with veggies and meat), sopa de pata (cow feet soup), pacalla (fried palm flowers in cornmeal), platanos fritos (deep-fried plantain), curtido (sour salad), tortillas with beans & guacamole.

Next?

- ➔ In El Salvador: San Salvador, El Zonte, El Tunco, Santa Ana.
- ➔ International destinations closeby: Honduras, Guatemala, Nicaragua.

Sleep Cheap

- ❖ [El Gringo Hostel](#), +50323351371, Francisco Morazan 27.
- ❖ Hostal Los Sanchez, +50371206841, 4ta Calle Poniente.
- ❖ Instead, go [Couchsurfing](#) or [house-sitting](#)! Also check [WorkAway](#).

Free-Riding?

- Everything is walkable in the tiny centre of Suchitoto.
- Taxi's are not the cheapest option and unnecessary.
- Buses leave in the street in front of the market. There is no clear system: Buses are privately owned and destinations are displayed on the front window. It works in your advantage if you speak Spanish.
- Hitch-hiking is not recommended by locals.

Tip: Download the Triposo El Salvador app for offline maps and landmark descriptions & more, or load Google Maps when you have wifi and leave it open, you will still be able to use it offline.

Mama Said

- ☠ El Salvador is known for its high homicide rates & dangerous gangs. However, their violence is usually not directed to tourists (it's mostly extortion). Also, don't worry in Suchitoto, it's generally safe.
- ☠ Watch your bag, buy a lock. Don't flash your valuables.
- ☠ Avoid walking around alone at night.