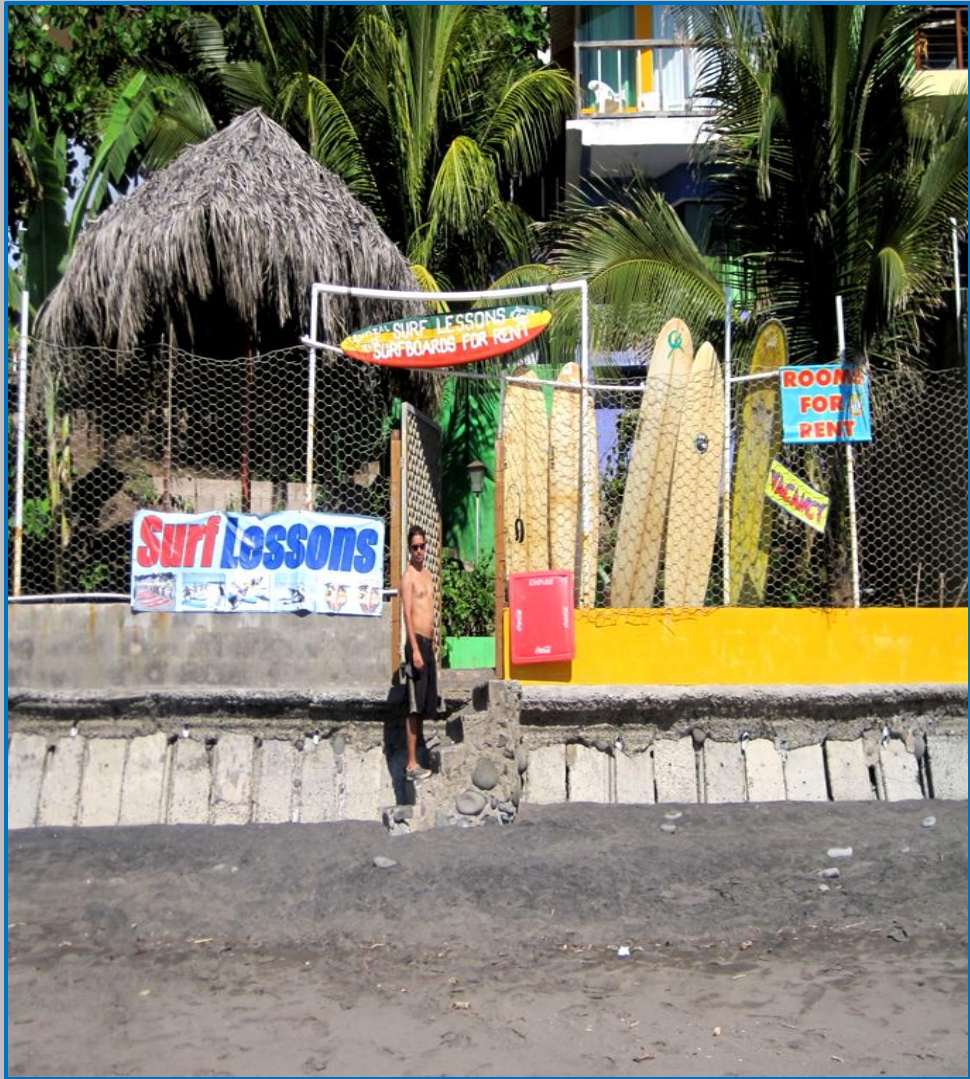


TRAVEL

EL SALVADOR



**DESTINATION IN A DAY -
THE BEST OF EL SALVADOR**

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Take the kids along – by Marina K. Villatoro

Surf and
Relax!



El Salvador, a country famous for its beaches, surfing and great hospitality.

El Salvador offers breathtaking views of volcanoes, beaches and mountains all within 2 hours of each other. There are a number of beautiful and secluded beaches and forests scattered throughout the country waiting to be explored.

The colonial, cowboy town of Suchitoto is definitely a place worth visiting and enjoying a boat tour along Lake Suchitlan.

SUCHITOTO

A small colonial city in the heart of El Salvador. It is a city filled with cobblestone streets, colorful brick houses, big old churches and a large central park. Suchitoto to the Náhuat means "Place of the Birds and Flowers". It's famous for its beautiful lake and artisan crafts.



WHAT TO SEE & DO

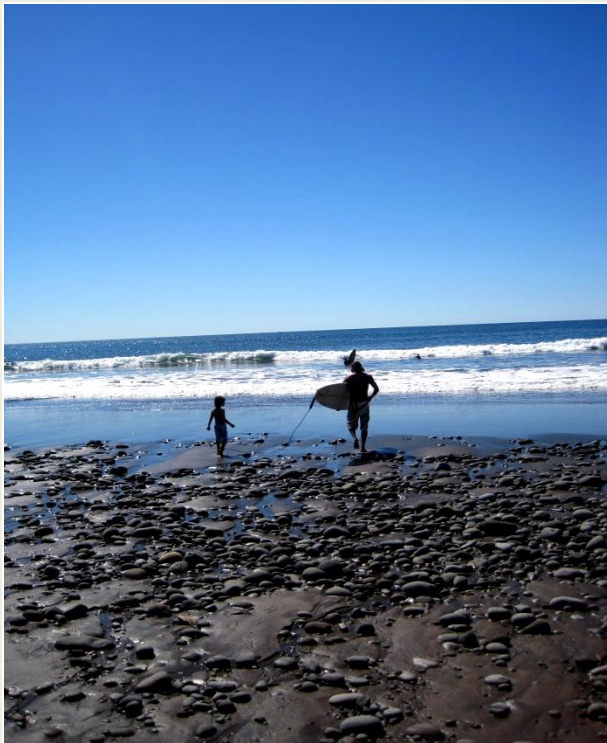
Relax in the Central Park or Parque San Martin and enjoy watching the locals in their cowboy suits spending their day leisurely in the park. The park is like an open-air art gallery because of the collection of sculptures and welded artworks from the civil war garbage like parts of guns, helicopters, etc... The park also has great views of the Lago de Suchitlan.

Food in Suchitoto is cheap and good.

You can enjoy a pupusa, national food of El Salvador, stuffed with beans, cheese and chicken for lunch for only a few dollars.

Visit the Cathedral or the Iglesia De Santa Lucia on the east end of Plaza Central. The church has whitewashed facade that glows brightly in the sun.

Take a tour of Lake Suchitlan and spend the day enjoying the panoramic views and natural wildlife in the lake. Head over to [Bird Island](#) where thousands of migratory birds visit and then cross over to the other side to see the caves.



PLAYA TUNCO

A tiny beach village with lots of restaurants and one of the best surfing destinations of El Salvador. It is where you see people in the streets carrying surfboards to hit the break right off the shore.

WHAT TO SEE & DO

[Playa Tunco](#) has several good waves within walking distance perfect for a surf. Fronting the town, there is a stomping reef break and one super long right point break.

Surf lessons are offered everywhere at super prices that are great for kids and big kids.

Don't want to surf, no worries, you can just relax and leave the worries of the crowded cities behind. The awesome beach is the place where you can enjoy swimming or simply hanging out watching people as they surf.

Take a walk around the town's tiny dirt road and check out the local shops and good eats.

Enjoy a cool drink or licuado in one of beachfront restaurants while watching a perfect sunset. T-shirts are optional in restaurants here.

PLAYA SUNZAL

A small roadside town about half-mile farther west of the Balsamo Coast with famous surf breaks and where you will find pupusarias along the highway. Playa Sunzal has the most thrilling wave among surfers of all levels.

WHAT TO SEE & DO

Playa Sunzal is considered by international surfers as one of the best in the world. The rocky point forms the right wave that can be surfed up to 273 meters.

Take a [surfing lesson](#) for beginners is a must.

You don't have to surf, you can just sit on the coastline watching surf experts give you a great "show".

My favorite part is to have a cool drink at one of the beachfront restaurant while watching the sun go down and being with my family.

