

# THE REPUBLIC OF EL SALVADOR

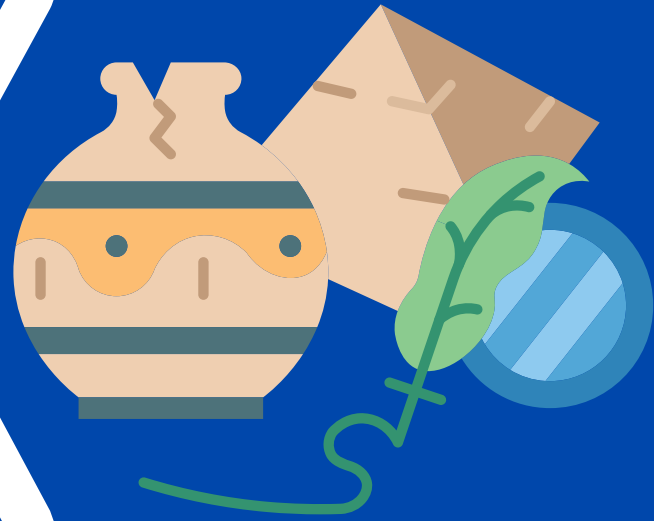
COME FOR THE  
FOOD!



STAY FOR THE  
SCENERY!

## HISTORY

EL SALVADOR WAS THE HOME OF MANY INDIGENOUS GROUPS BUT WAS COLONIZED BY SPAIN IN 1524. THE COUNTRY GAINED INDEPENDENCE IN 1821 AND BECAME A REPUBLIC IN 1841.



## DEMOGRAPHICS

EL SALVADOR'S POPULATION IS 6.1 MILLION. 83% OF PEOPLE ARE OF MIXED NATIVE AND EUROPEAN DESCENT. AROUND 77% OF THE POP. IS CHRISTIAN. THE OFFICIAL LANGUAGE IS SPANISH.

## GOVERNMENT

EL SALVADOR IS A DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC WITH A PRESIDENT AND A LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY. THE PRESIDENT AND VP ARE DIRECTLY ELECTED BY POPULAR VOTE FOR A SINGLE FIVE-YEAR TERM.



## ENVIRONMENT

THERE ARE MANY VOLCANOES, BLACK SAND BEACHES, AND TROPICAL RAINFORESTS THAT ARE HOME TO BEAUTIFUL WILDLIFE. THE NATIONAL ANIMAL IS THE MOTMOT, A SMALL BRIGHTLY COLORED BIRD.

## CULTURE

THE CULTURE IS VERY INFLUENCED BY THE NATIVE PEOPLE. FOOD IS VERY IMPORTANT. PAPUSAS ARE A TRADITIONAL FOOD. THE CULTURE IS FAMILY ORIENTED, WITH A STRONG EMPHASIS ON TRADITION.

