

EL SALVADOR IMMERSION - SAMPLE ITINERARY

Ignatian Colleagues Program: El Salvador Schedule: June 5 – 13, 2009

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Friday, June 5

8:00pm Arrivals
9:00 Check in at Apart Hotel Novo
9:30 Introductions, orientation and schedule review

Saturday, June 6

7:30am Breakfast at the hotel
8:30 Presentation on Salvadoran History by Knut Walter, history professor at the El Salvador National University
10:30 Presentation on the Salvadoran current situation by Carlos Ayala, executive director for YSUCA Radio Station
12:30pm Lunch with Gene Polumbo
2:00 Visit the Divina Providencia Chapel; place where Archbishop Oscar Romero lived and where he was assassinated, with Gene Polumbo
3:30 Visit an artisan market
6:00 Pupusa dinner, traditional Salvadoran food
7:00 Group session

Sunday, June 7

7:30am Breakfast at the hotel
8:00 Attend mass; possible options - San Francisco Mejicanos Parish
10:30 Meetings with members of the Christian Base Community
12:30pm Lunch
Visit Monsenor Romero's tomb and tour downtown San Salvador
4:30 Possible meeting with Romero scholarship students
6:30 Dinner at the hotel
7:30 Group session

Monday, June 8

7:30am Breakfast at the hotel
9:30 Meet with Andreu Oliva, presentation on the role of the UCA in the present Salvadoran society
11:00 Tour site of the November 16, 1989 assassination of the 6 Jesuits Priests and Elba and Celina, with someone from the Monsenor Romero Center
12:00pm Lunch
2:30 Meet with Benjamin Cuellar, executive director for the Institute for Human Rights at the Central American University (IDHUCA)
3:30 Meet with representatives from the Casa de la Solidaridad Program
6:00 Dinner

7:00 Group session

Tuesday, June 9

7:00am Breakfast at the hotel
8:30 Meet with Carlos Ramos, executive director for the Latin American Faculty for Social Studies (FLACSO El Salvador)
10:30 Meet with Alfonso Goitia, presentation on El Salvador current economic situation
12:30pm Lunch
2:00 Meet with a representative from the ARENA political party
4:00 Meet with a representative from the FMLN political party
6:00 Dinner followed by group session

Wednesday, June 10

7:00am Breakfast at the hotel
Day trip - visit Copapayo Viejo and Sitio Cenicero communities in Cuscatlan- there people could hear testimony of massacre survivors and visit their new community
6:30 Dinner at the hotel with Rick Jones
8:30 group session

Thursday, June 11

7:30am Breakfast at the hotel
8:30 Briefing at the US Embassy with political analyst, economist and a representative from USAID
12:00pm Lunch
1:30 visit an organic coffee-producing cooperative
6:00 Dinner
7:00 Group session

Friday, June 12

7:30am Breakfast
8:30 Meet America Romul from Las Dignas, first feminist women organization in El Salvador
10:30 Meet with Mary Annel from the Equipo Contra Sida
12:30pm Lunch
2:00 Meeting with Father Dean Brackley
6:00 Dinner
7:00 Final group session and written evaluations

Saturday, June 13

Coffee, tea, juice and pastry available
Departures