



Organization of American States

NINETEENTH INTER-AMERICAN TRAVEL CONGRESS

“TOURISM, A CHALLENGE FOR ADDRESSING POVERTY”

<http://www.oas.org/en/sedi/dedtt/itc/>

INFORMATION BULLETIN

1. **Venue and Date:** The Nineteenth Inter-American Travel Congress will be held in San Salvador, El Salvador, on September 29 and 30, 2011. The inaugural session of the will take place on the morning of Thursday, September 29, 2011, at 8:30 a.m.; the working sessions will start immediately after the inaugural session. A complete program of events and detailed information will be available at registration. The Congress will be held in the Bristol 1 and 2 rooms of the Hilton Princess Hotel.

2. **Office of the National Coordinator:**

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3. **Hotel Accommodation:** The government of the host country has blocked rooms at the hotel where the event will be held to facilitate reservations for members of delegations. Reservations should be made directly with the hotel using the attached form (Appendix I).

Hotel: Hilton Princess San Salvador

Avenida Las Magnolias y Boulevard del Hipodromo, Colonia San Benito

San Salvador, El Salvador. Centro America

Tel: (503) 2268-4545

Fax: (503) 2283-4500

Website: www.sansalvador.hilton.com

Email: curbina@hiltonprincess.com

Dates	Room	No.	Hilton Princess	Total	Taxes*	Total in US \$
September 25 to 30	Single	1	\$120.00	\$120.00	\$21.60	\$141.60

http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/S/SALHIHF-MITUR-20110928/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG

** Taxes 18%, except where eligibility for exemption is shown*

BENEFITS

- Buffet breakfast at the Garden Court Restaurant included
- Free Internet access
- Fitness Center
- Free transportation to the Hacienda Real Restaurant
- Access to the Maya Country Club, including use of tennis and squash courts, restaurant, and swimming pool (transportation and expenses not included)
- Access to the Game Room on Level 11
- Free Entrance to the Marte Museum

Terms:

- Rooms have been blocked for Congress participants and shall be paid for by each guest.
- Rates honored until **September 23, 2011**.
- Rates do not include taxes. Taxes applied upon payment.

Other Hotels:

Hotel: Sheraton Presidente

Avenida La Revolucion, Colonia San Benito

San Salvador, El Salvador. Centro America

Tel: (503) 2283-4000

Website: www.starwoodhotels.com/sheraton

Dates	Room	No.	Hotel Sheraton	Total	Taxes*	Total in US \$
September 25 to 30	Deluxe	1	\$95.00	\$95.00	\$17.10	\$112.10
September 25 to 30	Preferred	1	\$105.00	\$105.00	\$18.90	\$123.90
September 25 to 30	Sheraton Club	1	\$135.00	\$135.00	\$24.30	\$159.30

NOTE: Rates apply only on a minimum of 10 guaranteed rooms per night

** Taxes 18%, except where eligibility for exemption is shown*

BENEFITS

- Breakfast included
- Free Internet access
- Welcome cocktail
- Express check-in
- Transportation: Airport-Hotel-Airport (US\$19.00 per person each way).

Terms:

- Rooms have been blocked for Congress participants and shall be paid for by each guest.
- Rates honored until **September 19, 2011**.
- Rates do not include taxes. Taxes applied upon payment.

Hotel: **Courtyard by Marriott San Salvador**
 Esquina Calle 2 y Calle 3
 Centro de Estilo de Vida La Gran Vía
 Antiguo Cuscatlán
 San Salvador, El Salvador. Centro América
 Tel: (503) 2249-3012
 Website: www.courtyardsansalvadorhotel.com

Dates	Room	No.	Courtyard	Total	Taxes*	Total in US \$
September 25 to October 1	Single	1	\$95.00	\$95.00	\$17.10	\$112.10
September 25 to October 1	Double	1	\$105.00	\$105.00	\$18.90	\$123.90

NOTE: Rates apply only on a minimum of 10 guaranteed rooms per night

** Taxes 18%, except where eligibility for exemption is shown*

BENEFITS

- Breakfast included
- Free Internet access
- Fitness and Business Centers
- Express check-in
- Transportation: Airport-Hotel-Airport (US\$25.00 per person each way).

Terms:

- Rooms have been blocked for Congress participants and shall be paid for by each guest.
- Rates honored until **September 20, 2011**.
- Rates do not include taxes. Taxes applied upon payment.

All reservations should be made directly with the hotel. Rooms will be assigned strictly in the order of receipt of bookings and based on the information provided. When making your reservation, kindly indicate that you will be attending the Nineteenth Inter-American Travel Congress. Each participant is responsible for settling their hotel bill at the end of the meeting.

Kindly note that rates may differ for additional nights on dates other than those established for the Congress. The cost of telephone calls and other services must be defrayed by each guest directly.

All hotel reservations, without exception, must be confirmed by September 2, 2011. After that date, unconfirmed reservations will be canceled and the National Coordination Office will not be responsible for the reservation made at the assigned hotel. The cancellation of reservations after those dates will be subject to the provisions and practices in effect in the international hotel industry.

4. Air Transportation: It is recommended that delegates and observers make their round-trip flight reservations, either directly with airlines or through travel agencies, as soon as possible. International flights to and from El Salvador arrive and depart from the El Salvador International Airport (code SAL). Delegations shall pay their own air fares to El Salvador.

The airlines Avianca and Taca are offering a special rate for participants at the Nineteenth Inter-American Travel Congress consisting of a 25% discount on all published rates for all routes in the Americas.

Discount details:

Destination and routes	Applies only to flights to San Salvador originating from any city in the Americas where Avianca or Taca operate directly
Eligible rates	Applies to publicly advertized rates. Does not apply to taxes and other charges applicable at booking
Valid sale dates	Applicable to any ticket issued between June 15 and September 20, 2011
Valid travel dates	Applicable to all travel between September 25 and October 5, 2011 as the last date of return
How and where to redeem	Tickets eligible for discount may be purchased only via Avianca or Taca direct sales channels: Avianca or Taca points of sale or call centers in each country, or at Taca.com (for Taca routes). Discounts not redeemable at travel agencies. / To qualify for the discount when making a reservation, provide one of the following codes: <i>CB414 for Taca routes; GN570 for Avianca routes</i> ; or enter the code in the “Discount Coupon” field at Taca.com

5. Entry and Departure Requirements: Delegates shall be responsible for complying with the visa requirements established by the Government of El Salvador. Those participants who require a visa to enter El Salvador should contact the nearest Salvadorian embassy or consulate in their respective countries.

The Immigration Bureau (*Dirección General de Migración*) requires all tourists to have one of the following documents (In both cases a passport is also required.):

1. A tourist visa issued by a Salvadorian Embassy, which will be valid until one year before the passport expiration date. Visas are free of charge for United States citizens; other nationalities may have to pay a fee.
2. A tourism card for visitors who need a consular visa, which is available for US\$10 and may be purchased at the point of entry to the country. It is usually issued for 90 days.

Eligible countries: Canada, Mexico, Belize, Taiwan, Singapore, Croatia, Solomon Islands, Latvia, Madagascar, Rumania, Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Brazil, Brunei, Bulgaria, South Korea, Marshall Islands, Kuwait, Macedonia, St. Lucia, and Vanuatu.

Requirements vary depending on the visitor’s nationality.

For more information, visit: <http://www.elsalvadorla.org/infoconsular/visas.htm>

6. Vaccination against Yellow Fever: Given that El Salvador has currently eradicated yellow fever, the Ministry of Health ruled that, as of April 7, 2008, anyone entering Salvadorian territory must have been vaccinated against yellow fever and is required to show the corresponding “international certificate of vaccination (ICV) against yellow fever.”

This applies to:

All persons traveling to El Salvador from:

- Bolivia
- Brazil
- Colombia
- Ecuador
- Paraguay
- Peru
- Venezuela

The ICV must be an original (not a copy).

Vaccination must be performed at least 10 days prior to the date of travel. Persons who fail to comply with this requirement will not be allowed to enter the country and risk being returned to their country of origin.

Exceptions:

Children under 12 months of age, pregnant women, and persons for whom, because of their state of health, vaccination against yellow fever is contraindicated, as certified by an authorized medical or health sector official.

7. Transportation from the Airport to the Hotel: The government of host country will provide a transportation service from the airport to the hotel for all delegates, starting Wednesday, September 28, and from the hotel to the airport, on Saturday, October 1. This transportation service will be provided for delegates arriving or departing on those specific dates.

To facilitate your reception at the airport, kindly fill in the form in Appendix II, providing complete information regarding your arrival, and send it to the Office of the National Coordinator, for the attention of:

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8. Online registration: Participants are requested to confirm their attendance online at the official Congress web page: www.oas.org/es/sedi/dedtt/itc. The registration form should be completed and submitted no later than September 10, 2011.

9. On-site registration: Participants may register in the lobby of the hotel where the Congress will be held from Wednesday, September 28, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Kindly provide an official photographic identity document upon registration.

In order to access the rooms where the Congress proceedings will take place, all participants must have an ID badge which they can collect when they register on-site. At that time they will also be given the official event documents.

NOTE FOR NATIONAL TOURISM AUTHORITIES: Delegates' official credentials should be sent via the permanent missions of their respective countries to the OAS.

Any queries regarding the Congress should be addressed to:

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10. Languages: Interpretation in English, Spanish, Portuguese and French will be provided during all plenary sessions of the Nineteenth Inter-American Travel Congress.

11. Communications: There will be a Delegates' Lounge at the hotel where the Congress will be held, with computers and Internet connection, as well as access to telephones for local calls. Calls made to cellular phones and international calls should be made from the hotel rooms. Each participant is responsible for paying for these calls prior to departure.

12. Currency: The Salvadorian currency is the US Dollar. Major credit cards (Visa, MasterCard and American Express) are accepted in most commercial establishments. ATM machines are available 24 hours a day at the hotel where the Congress will be held.

13. Climate: Temperatures in San Salvador in September typically range between 25° and 31° C (65° to 85° F).

14. Local Time: In September the local time in El Salvador is two hours behind that of Washington D.C.

15. Electric Current: The power supply in El Salvador is 110 volts.

16. Medical Assistance: Immediate medical care services will be available at the Congress venue and an ambulance will be standing by for emergencies.

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HOTEL RESERVATION FORM

INFORMACIÓN DE HUÉSPED / GUEST INFORMATION

Apellidos _____ Nombre (s) _____
Last Name _____ First Name _____

Ciudad _____ País _____
City _____ Country _____

Teléfono/Phone _____ Fax _____

Fecha de llegada/Arrival date _____ Fecha de salida/ Departure date _____

Línea Aérea/ Airline _____ Vuelo Número/Flight No. _____ Hora de llegada/Time of arrival _____

GARANTÍA / GUARANTEE

Tarjeta de Crédito/ Card Number _____ AMEX VISA MC

Expiración/Expiration _____ Nombre del tarjeta habiente _____
Cardholder's name _____

- Every reservation that does not have a credit card number with its expiration date, would not be receive by the Hotel, and will be subject to availability.

PROCEDIMIENTO/PROCEDURE

Click on the link below for the Hotel Hilton Princess' special rates:

http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/S/SALHIHF-MITUR-20110928/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG

Kindly send this form to the hotel, for the attention of *Departamento de Reservas* [by fax (503)

2264-4760, or by mail], no later than September 20, 2011, otherwise your reservation will be subject to availability and the room rate in effect for that date.

Cardholder's signature _____



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ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE INFORMATION

Nombre / Name: _____

País u Organismo que Representa:
Country or Organization Represented: _____

Dirección Postal:
Mailing Address: _____

Ciudad: _____ País: _____
City: _____ Country: _____

Teléfono / Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Fecha de Llegada: _____ Aerolínea y No. de Vuelo:
Arrival Date: _____ Airline and Flight No.: _____

Hora de Llegada: _____
Arrival Time: _____

Fecha de Salida: _____ Aerolínea y No. de Vuelo:
Departure Date: _____ Airline and Flight No.: _____

Hora de Salida: _____
Departure Time: _____

Por favor enviar este formulario por correo electrónico o fax a las siguientes personas y direcciones / Please send this form by e-mail or fax to:

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