



Community-led Initiatives for a Sustainable Future

**EcoViva Community Empowerment Tours:  
The Legacy of Saint Romero:  
Water and Environmental Justice in El Salvador  
October 12-20, 2018**



Archbishop Romero, whose words, life, and martyrdom continue to inspire those who thirst for justice, will be canonized in 2018. Join **EcoViva** for a trip that will take you across El Salvador to learn about the living legacy of *Saint* Romero. You will meet activists who pressured the government to stop metallic mining, are currently defending water from privatization, and are restoring the environment and improving the quality of life in their communities. You'll participate in commemorations ceremonies, visit areas impacted by mining in the north before heading to the Bay of Jiquilisco on the coast, where residents have been organizing for over twenty years to implement their vision for sustainable, locally-led development that allows both people and ecosystems to thrive.

**DATES:** October 12-20, 2018

**PRICE:** **\$1,250\***. This 9-day trip includes bilingual guide, transportation, lodging (double occupancy), meals, and activities. It does not include airfare or insurance.

**SIGN UP:** To sign up, contact us at [info@ecoviva.org](mailto:info@ecoviva.org) or **(510) 835-1334**.

\*Price assumes seven participants

**ITINERARY:**

- October 12** *Arrival.* Arrive in San Salvador. Meet your fellow travelers and guide and driver from the Centro de Intercambio y Solidaridad (CIS)
- October 13 and 14** Archbishop Oscar Romero will be canonized at the Vatican. We will attend the public ceremonies in San Salvador and learn about his lasting legacy and how it informs current struggles.
- October 15** Meet members of the National Water Forum for a briefing on the struggle against water privatization. Stay in San Salvador.
- October 16** Mining: El Dorado. Visit communities impacted by the El Dorado mine, a project of the Canadian company Pacific Rim, and meet with MUFRAS 32, Radio Victoria, and La Maraña.

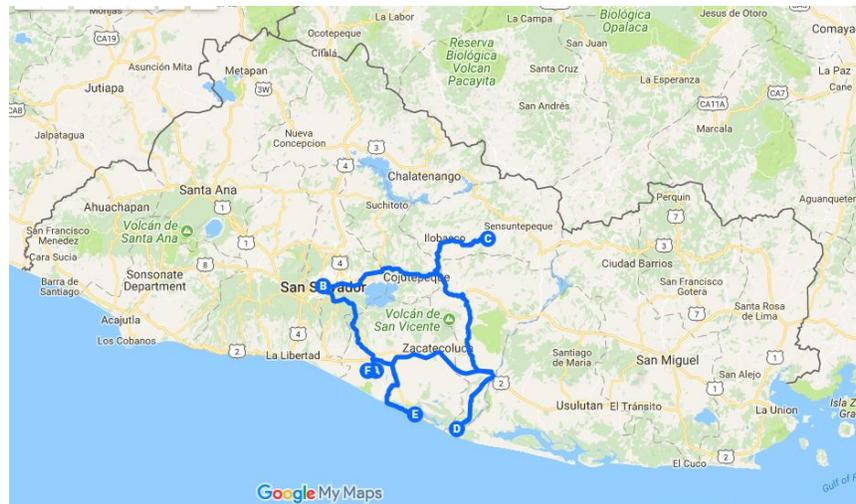
Stay in San Isidro.

**October 17** Welcome to the Bajo Lempa. Travel to Ciudad Romero. Lunch at Conacaste. Receive a local orientation and an overview of the Mangrove Association's programs from leadership. Meet with youth leaders and visit the community radio station, Radio Mangle. Eat dinner at a women-led community eatery. Stay in Ciudad Romero.

**October 18** Environmental Conservation. Learn about innovative local mangrove forest restoration initiatives while boating through the mangroves and visiting a community-run sea turtle hatchery.

**October 19** *RRR*. Rest, relax, and reflect at the beach on the beautiful coast of El Salvador. Stay at Joya del Pacífico.

**October 20** *Departure*. Leave El Salvador with great experiences and inspiration to share with friends!



**ABOUT US:** EcoViva supports community-led social justice movements in Central America implementing innovative solutions to poverty, environmental degradation, and climate change. Our primary focus area is the area surrounding Jiquilisco Bay, El Salvador, where we support a network of over 100 communities implementing their own initiatives for a more sustainable future. [www.ecoviva.org](http://www.ecoviva.org)