

AUGSBURG COLLEGE

SAFETY NOTICE – EL SALVADOR

Country Information

- [Travel Warning](#)
 - **Yes:** The Department of State warns U.S. citizens to carefully consider the risks of travel to El Salvador due to the high rates of crime and violence.
 - Program participants must sign an agreement of having reviewed this warning and of voluntarily choosing to participate in the program at their own risk, despite the potential dangers it describes.
- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#)
 - **Zika:** Pregnant women should not travel to El Salvador (Alert Level 2, Practice Enhanced Precautions)
 - **Chikungunya in Central America** (Watch Level 1, Practice Usual Precautions)

The safety and security of program participants is the top priority of The Center for Global Education & Experience at Augsburg College (Augsburg CGEE). Our long standing presence in El Salvador, along with our strong community partnerships in El Salvador, have been key to our ability to safely run programs and to follow best practices in safety and security.

Additional measures taken by Augsburg CGEE include:

- Monitoring worldwide safety and security reports issued through:
 - U.S. Department of State: [The Overseas Security Advisory Council](#) (OSAC)
 - Europ Assistance Travel Risk Intelligence
- Augsburg CGEE follows the recommendations of the U.S. Department of State for travelers to El Salvador. These recommendations include, but are not limited to:
 - Augsburg CGEE exclusively provides private transportation or radio-taxis for its participants. No night-time travel is allowed.
 - Participants travel only in groups, avoid wearing expensive jewelry, and do not carry large sums of money or display cash.
- Augsburg CGEE regional staff attend select OSAC country and regional security meetings.
- Augsburg CGEE staff based in El Salvador regularly consults with local government and law enforcement authorities, community partners, non-governmental organizations, and the U.S. Embassy to ensure the safety of our participants.
- All Augsburg CGEE program participants are covered under our [International Health and Travel Insurance through EIIA/Europ Assistance](#).
- Augsburg CGEE conducts regular independent safety and security assessments in conjunction with Europ Assistance, and Travel and Risk Management services through Drum Cussac.
- As a member of the Forum on Education Abroad and NAFSA: Association of International Educators, Augsburg CGEE follows their safety standards and guidelines.

Augsburg CGEE requires that all U.S. citizens participating in all of the Center's programs, including El Salvador, enroll in the State Department's [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program \(STEP\)](#) which provides the latest updates and travel information from the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate. Augsburg CGEE staff continually monitor safety and security in all areas of our programming and will not hesitate to cancel or reroute programs, if needed, to secure the safety of students and custom program participants.

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