

INFORMATION SHEET SEW DELEGATIONS TO EL SALVADOR

Q. What are the goals of a Salvadoran Enterprises delegation?

1. To meet the SEW business women in their places of work and hear their stories
2. To learn about the socio-political-economic realities of El Salvador that are the context of SEW women's businesses
3. To visit sites that bear witness to the struggle for justice in El Salvador
4. To reflect on our experiences together

To find out more about Salvadoran Enterprises for Women (SEW) visit our website at www.sewinc.org. SEW is a 501 (c) (3) non profit corporation.

Q. What will we do during the delegation?

As a learning experience, daily schedules are built around the following:

- Visiting the sites of the SEW businesses run by women in rural areas of El Salvador and hearing their stories of survival, courage and hope
- Meeting the women who run the businesses and hearing of their work and its impact on their lives; their sense of empowerment; their ability to meet the needs of their families
- Presentations about El Salvador: social, economic and political reality
- Learning how U.S. trade policy affects the women and their families
- Visiting craft workshops (wood and textile products) where goods are available for purchase
- Visiting the sites that bear witness to the struggle for justice in El Salvador
- Evening reflections as a delegation to process what we are learning

Q. How much does the delegation cost?

Travel and program fees are \$800-\$950 depending on the length of trip. This does not include round trip airfare to Comalapa International Airport, San Salvador. The currency in El Salvador is the US dollar.

Q. What is included in the program fee?

Program fees cover all in-country expenses including ground transportation, itinerary planning, translation services, food, water and lodging. The program fee does not include airfare, gifts, liquor, special snacks or other personal purchases.

Q. What about side trips? Someone I know has family in ES and I'd like to meet them.

S.E.W. does not recommend individual travel for safety reasons. Depending on where the interested party is located, direct transportation may or may not be available. Our delegations are centered in the capital city of San Salvador. If the interested party could come to San Salvador and see you there, it could work. Hiring a safe driver and cab to get to another location would be quite costly and time consuming depending on road conditions.

Q. How can I be reached in El Salvador in case of emergency?

Once program fees are received, the guest house telephone number and the emergency contact number will be sent to all participants.