



# SAINT OSCAR ROMERO OF THE AMÉRICAS, PRESENTE!

Justice in El Salvador for the LGBTIQ Community

Delegation: October 13-20, 2018



In October 2018, the long-awaited canonization of Salvadoran Archbishop Oscar Romero will take place. One ceremony at the Vatican, in Rome, is presided by the Pope. The other celebration takes place in San Salvador at the *Fiesta del Pueblo*. Salvadorans from all walks-of-life are gathering to commemorate and honor Archbishop Romero as the first Salvadoran saint in the country’s 500-year history.

This recognition is a vindication of his fearless defense of the voiceless, the poor, and oppressed - a cause for which he literally gave his life. Oscar Romero’s faith and sacrifice continues to fuel working for justice for all Salvadorans, including the LGBTIQ community. Our delegation supports the *Fiesta del Pueblo* and stands in solidarity in the fight for equality and human rights for our persecuted LGBTIQ siblings.

ALDES (*Asistencia Legal para la Diversidad Sexual--El Salvador*) promotes the human rights of the Salvadoran LGBTIQ community through policy reform. ALDES is organizing this this 8-day delegation to celebrate and continue fighting for all that Archbishop Romero represented in his work for a more just world.

**Please join us in this once in a lifetime, historic delegation. Registration deadline: August 31, 2018**

## DETAILS:

<b>DATES:</b>	<b>Saturday, October 13- Saturday, October 20, 2018</b>
<b>PRICE:</b>	\$950. This 8-day trip includes bilingual guides, ground transportation, lodging (double occupancy), all meals, and recreational activities and donations to local LGBTIQ nonprofit organizations. Does not include airfare or insurance. The delegation is limited to 12 participants for maximum benefit.
<b>SIGN UP:</b>	To sign up, contact us <a href="mailto:rhinamercedesramos@gmail.com">rhinamercedesramos@gmail.com</a> or contact the ALDES Facebook page.
<b>ITINERARY:</b>	
<b>OCTOBER 13</b>	<b>Arrive in San Salvador:</b> Meet and greet fellow travelers, guides, interpreters, and drivers. Guesthouse and delegation orientation. Take a guided tour through the city of San Salvador. Enjoy dinner with Salvadoran activist guests.

<b>SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14</b>	<b><i>Fiesta del Pueblo:</i></b> attend this extraordinary public ceremony and honor the life and work of Archbishop Oscar Romero and all those who gave their lives during the Salvadoran civil war in pursuit of freedom, equality, dignity and respect. Learn of Oscar Romero’s legacy and how his canonization inspires current struggles and future triumphs.
<b>MONDAY, OCTOBER 15</b>	<b>Visit and Meet Local LGBTIQ NGOs:</b> Meet the members and leaders of those fighting for justice on the front lines, and learn about their human rights work in El Salvador.
<b>TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16</b>	<b>LGBTIQ Media Training for Salvadoran Journalists:</b> This is the first such training, creating awareness, visibility and acceptance of LGBTIQ civil rights. Attend the opening of the training and meet Carlos Dada, founder of alternative news website <u>El Faro</u> - a benchmark for independent, high quality journalism in Central America. His work has been published worldwide and have won many accolades for his outstanding reporting on complex political issues.  <b>Wine and Cheese:</b> Return in the afternoon and join our Wine & Cheese closing celebration with the media and journalists.
<b>WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17</b>	<b>Welcome to Rio Bajo Lempa:</b> Travel to Ciudad Romero. Meet the Mangrove Association environment conservation program, environmentalists, and youth leaders. Visit the community radio station, <i>Radio Mangle</i> . <b>Lunch at Conacaste, dinner at a women-led community eatery, and overnight stay in Ciudad Romero.</b>
<b>THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18</b>	<b>Sea Turtle Hatchery &amp; Boating Through the Mangroves:</b> Learn about innovative local mangrove forest restoration initiatives while enjoying a unique boat ride in the company of the local community environmentalists.
<b>FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19</b>	<b>Beach Day on the Beautiful Coast of El Salvador:</b> Rest, relax, and reflect! We’ll enjoy a one-night stay at <i>Joya del Pacifico</i> (don’t forget your bathing suit!)
<b>SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20</b>	<b>Departure:</b> Be prepared to leave a part of your heart in El Salvador as you undergo a life changing experience full of awakening, love, and joy!

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