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Cruise Ship Arrivals and Passenger Numbers Double in El Salvador

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As 2017 comes to a close, **El Salvador Tourism** has reported a 100 percent increase in the amount of cruise ship arrivals over 2016. **El Salvador** has two main ports, **Acajutla** on the **Pacific** coast and **La Unión** on the eastern coast in the **Gulf of Fonseca**, a relatively undiscovered area of **Central America**. The ports welcomed travelers from all over the globe including **North America**, **Europe**, **Asia** and **South America**. In 2017, 33 percent of El Salvador's international cruise arrivals came from

North America, the second-largest number of visitors behind Asia at 38 percent.

Acajutla is one of the most modern cruise port facilities in Central America, El Salvador Tourism said. It has three wharves with eight berths with the capacity to accommodate ships up to 885 feet in length. La Union is located at the foot of the volcano **Conchagua**. **Princess Cruises**, **Silversea Expeditions**, **Saga Cruises** and **Azamara Club Cruises** all stop at both Acajutla and La Union on their voyages.

Recently, Silversea Expeditions announced its 2018 Americas itineraries, which include the Pacific coast for the first time in history. A 12-day sailing from **Fuerte Amador, Panama to Puerto Quetzal, Guatemala**, explores the coasts of El Salvador, with two nights at port, and the colonial architecture of **Nicaragua** while focusing on Central America's nature, history, and indigenous peoples. The inaugural sailing of this itinerary will take place April 4-16, 2018.

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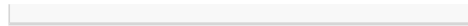
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