

SNo	Date	English name	Local name	Observance
1	March/April	Holy Week/Easter	Semana Santa	Celebrated with Carnival-like events in different cities by the large Catholic population.
2	May 1	Labor Day	Día del trabajo	International Labor Day
3	May 3	The Day of the Cross	Día de la Cruz	A celebration with precolonial origins, linked to the advent of the rainy season. People decorate a cross in their yards with fruit and garlands, in the belief that if they do not, the devil will appear and dance at their yard. They then go from house to house to kneel in front of the altar and make the sign of the cross.
4	May 10	Mothers' Day	Día de las Madres	A day to celebrate motherhood, similar to many other countries Mother's Day.
5	June 17	Father's Day	Día del Padre	A day to celebrate fatherhood, similar to other countries Father's Day.
6	August 1–7	August Festivals*	Fiestas de agosto	Week-long festival in celebration of El Salvador del Mundo, patron saint of San Salvador.
7	September 15	Independence Day	Día de la Independencia	Celebrates independence from Spain, achieved in 1821.
8	October 1	Day of the children	"Día del niño"	Celebration dedicated to the Children of the country, celebrated across the country.
9	October 12	Day of the race	Día de la raza	Celebration dedicated to Christopher Columbus' arrival in America.
10	November 2	Day of the Dead	El día de los difuntos	A day when most people visit the tombs of deceased loved ones. (November 1 may be commemorated as well.)
11	November 7–13	National Festival Of Pupusa	Festival Nacional De La Pupusa	This week is the national commemoration of the national food (Pupusa).
12	November 21	Queen of the Peace Day	Día de la Reina de la Paz	Day of the Queen of Peace, the patron saint. Also celebrated, the San Miguel Carnival, (carnaval de San Miguel), celebrated in San Miguel City, similar to Mardi Gras of New Orleans, where one can enjoy about 45 music bands on the street.
13	December 25	Christmas Day (Celebrated Dec. 24th)	Noche Buena	In many communities, December 24 (Christmas Eve) is the major day of celebration, often to the point that it is considered the actual day of Navidad — with December 25 serving as a day of rest.
14	December 31	New Year's Eve	Fin de año	The final day of the Gregorian year, and the day before New Year's Day is celebrated in El Salvador with family reunions.

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