



Hilton Princess San Salvador

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Everyone has an opinion on where the best pupusas are in El Salvador. For many, it's their mother's kitchen. Some will say it's the authentic little pupuseria on the corner. Imagine then the uproar when this first time visitor to the country claims the Hilton Princess' pupusas set the bar by which all other pupusas should aim.

Freshly made, the thick corn tortilla filled with beans and a soft cheese is paired with a light, traditional coleslaw called curtido. Larger than those sold on the street, one Hilton Princess pupusa is enough to get you started for the day.

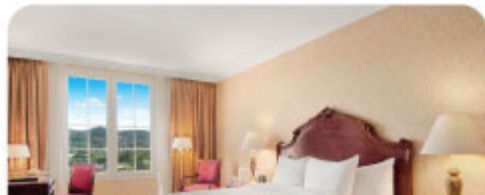
Just 45 minutes from the San Salvador International Airport, the Hilton Princess is home to 204 lavish guestrooms and suites and 5,934 square feet of flexible function space. And yet I am treated like its only guest.

I arrive close to midnight for a conference that begins the next day. Tired after a day of travel, I am instantly welcomed into a lobby that is at once cozy and elegant. Reception staff greets me in a Spanish I should understand, but don't, and seeing my confusion, quickly revert to English, gently ushering me to my room.

In the generous 409 square foot room, I yawn into the marble bathroom and its steaming hot shower, crawl into one of those renowned Hilton beds.

And waken to the San Salvador Volcano (Quezaltepeque), framed.

The ever-present concierge, Rafael, greets me as I make my way to breakfast and after I give him a quick account of what's on my day's



agenda, he arms me with directions, background information and an extra sewing kit to fix the loose button I hadn't noticed.

Then, after a day delighting in the wonders of El Salvador, I return and it feels like coming home.

Because it's here:

It's in the warm smile of concierge Rafael; in the lesson I get from the breakfast chef on what goes with the staple pupusa: the Hilton Princess San Salvador is the epitome of Salvadoran hospitality, five-starred and luxurious.

For more information on the Hilton Princess San Salvador, visit www.sansalvador.hilton.com.



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