National Geographic Highlights El Salvador's Gastronomy, Volcanoes, Archaeological Sites, and Lakes

Lucía Díaz Madurga, a travel and gastronomy specialist journalist from the international magazine National Geographic, recently explored El Salvador on an adventure encompassing beaches, archaeological sites, mountains, and savoring Salvadoran gastronomy with an anthropological essence.

To her, El Salvador is a raw diamond that needs polishing because the country is currently experiencing its prime and is emerging as one of the leading countries in Central America in the tourism sector.

In this regard, Lucía Díaz Madurga sees many virtues in El Salvador because one can wake up in the mountains and in a couple of hours find themselves on a beach surfing or enjoying a seafood dish.

One of the must-visit places for every tourist is the National Museum of Anthropology Dr. David J. Guzmán (MUNA) as it allows visitors to begin discovering the country's identity and the diversity of Salvadoran culture from pre-Hispanic times to the present day. This museum emphasizes the early settlements in El Salvador, religion, agro-food and artisanal industry, and the various cultural expressions found in the country.

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She also recommends visiting the Museum of Modern Art (MARTE) which pays tribute to Salvadoran art from the mid-19th century to the present day and hosts various temporary exhibitions by both national and international artists.

Regarding Salvadoran gastronomy, Madurga highlights dishes based on native corn, particularly the pupusas, considered the quintessential national dish.

Lucía Díaz Madurga recommends visiting the Historic Center, the Metropolitan Cathedral of San Salvador, the Rosario Church, Liberty Square, the National Palace, El Boquerón, Joya de Cerén (referred to as the Pompeii of America), the Tazumal pyramid, and Lake Coatepeque, among other places.

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1. TRUE AND FALSE

Read the statements carefully and identify whether they are True or False. Select the correct answer.

1. National Geographic's Lucía Díaz Madurga recently explored El Salvador for an adventure of beaches, archaeological sites, and gastronomy.

a) True b) False

2. According to the article, El Salvador is not currently experiencing a peak in tourism.

a) True b) False

3. Lucía Díaz Madurga believes that El Salvador offers the opportunity to enjoy both mountain landscapes and beach activities within a short distance.

a) True b) False

4. The Museum of Modern Art (MARTE) in El Salvador only features artworks by international artists.

a) True b) False

5. Joya de Cerén is known as the "Pompeii of America" due to its archaeological significance.

a) True b) False

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2. VOCABULARY MATCHING

Match the following words from the article with their definitions

Vocabulary term:

a) Gastronomy

b) Anthropological

c) Prime

d) Emerging

e) Artisanal

Definitions:

____ The study of the relationship between food and culture.

____ Relating to the study of humans and their societies.

____ The best or most important.

____ Beginning to become noticeable or important.

____ Made in a traditional or non-mechanized way by an individual or a small company.

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