

MacDougall Drive 2025

4 El Salvador to Honduras

El Amatillo.

\$1 = 25.38 Lempira

1 Colon - 2.9 Lempira

<https://iOverlander.com/places/208656-immigration-and-customs-control-puente-la-amistad>

[NOTE from John MacDougall: The first building you go to on the map to check out of El Salvador is the SOUTHERN one. The building looks like a big semi-truck distribution warehouse. Make your way to your LEFT as you enter so you can get around to the EAST side of the building. Drive the wrong way if you have to to get around the trucks. Once on the east side of the building you will see a bunch of trucks pulled up to what looks like a loading dock. Drive to the SOUTH end of those trucks and someone should direct you to park in the very last slot up against the building. Then go inside the "warehouse". You will do your checkout here. *When it is time to check out your dog/pet, there are two windows on the office area that face the big doors/loading dock. The one on the left is where you check your pet OUT of El Salvador. Immediately after that, walk the few steps to the window on the right. Believe it or not, this is where you check your pet INTO HONDURAS. You're welcome. Then you will drive back to the big roundabout and drive up to the NORTHERN Immigration office to complete checking out.*]

new check-out point for TIP before border crossing into Honduras.

drive down the road and pass the truck waiting line to the „older check-point“. they will send you this way. drive into the round about and take the first right. you will see a big building with several lanes, a guy will direct you which way you have to take. (they redirected/parked us three times...). we passed (but NOT went into) a big scanner and parked on a big truck parking lot right next to it. there, an official checked our canceled TIP/insurance and asked us to come into the building for cancellation etc. but the officials there, went on a 20min break at 9am in the morning. so we had to wait. during that time four officials with a search dog came up and checked our car. the dog went inside and sniffed. a little surprised and scary, but the men were very friendly and asked questions such as: where are you from? where you go? etc. After the break: you hand over the original TIP and get a copy and asked for a second one, which was no problem. we then left and drove back to the roundabout to Honduras.

to finish immigration check entry for honduras.

El Salvador to Honduras

- this location is correct for the aduana to cancel the El Salvador TIP and also to stamp out the pet
- Documents needed for vehicle to cancel ES TIP are TIP, copy of vehicle title, copy of drivers license, copy of passport
- Documents needed for pet are entry permit with the blue stamp in to El Salvador, health certificate, rabies certificate, vaccination record
- Lots of uniformed people to point you in the right direction to the numbered slot to park in
- They will want to see the pet and take a photo. We were charged 300 lempira (24 ish USD) for 1 dog paid by credit card and the pooch was stamped out
- No one looked at van
- Next step is to drive to immigration which is by the bridge just before you cross - the person that processed TIP cancellation drew a map and the uniformed person on the exit guided as well - it's about 1km (turn left as you leave aduana, sharp right and the windows will be on the left
- At immigration park by the window (we were first in line - others had to park behind us)
- Documents needed are passports - they will give a ticket which you need to give to the person at the bridge
- All this took about 30 minutes max for us on a Thursday at 1230pm
- Details for entry to Honduras posted on that iOverlander site

INTO HONDURAS

<https://ioverlander.com/places/9647-el-amatillo-el-salvador-to-el-amatillo-honduras>

Normal crossing procedures but can be slow. Very friendly and professional officials

Make sure you have originals and copies of all your documents.

35usd for vehicle. 3usd for passport. ask for receipts (boleto)

In addition, just for dogs... make sure you declare your dogs here at the SEPA and get the paperwork with the stamp. when we came through and got our tip they did a quick visual inspection and saw we had dogs but didn't seem interested in charging us to enter. but you will absolutely need this paper at the border to leave Honduras. they wanted us to drive all of the way back to the border station we crossed at to get it. but with some pleading they allowed us to fill out the proper papers and get them stamped without the long drive back. we were told we needed that exit paper for the dogs from Honduras to get the paperwork done at the IPSA, but Nicaragua didn't ask to see the old papers.