

Mission Trip to El Salvador

Questions & Answers

- **Where are we staying and what does it provide?** Your mission's team will stay at one of two hotels in Santa Ana, El Salvador. The hotel will supply towels, soap and shampoo (feel free to bring your own if you wish).
- **Are there showers and toilets in the rooms?** YES! Each room has a bathroom, a shower with hot water.
- **Meals... Are all our meals included in the budget and are they safe to eat?** Yes, all your meals, water, etc are included while in country. We encourage the team to bring a sports water bottle to be refill. We encourage them NOT to eat anything off the street or given by a child/family without talking with us. We'll make sure there is plenty of good food at the regular times, snacks are a little different here so, you're welcome to bring your own snacks and gum. As time permits we'll have ice Cream!
- **What do we wear for church services or conferences? How many services do we need to bring clothes for?** We live and work in a more conservative country. For regular or Sunday services, skirts/dresses are necessary for the women (sorry!). Guys can get by in jeans, Dockers are recommended. For the day, pants, jeans, capris for girls are fine. No shorts or tank tops please, except on your free day.
- **What do we wear to work in?** We wear jeans. Bring old clothes and old shoes. Even consider bringing clothes you might want to just leave here for a needy family. Don't forget to bring a hat.
- **What do we wear for just hanging out and on our day off?** Comfortable clothing, just like one would wear on their day off in the States.
- **Day off... What day is that? Do we need extra money for meals and events that day?** Your day off is usually the day before you all go back home. It is planned into your schedule and budget. Shorts, t-shirts, etc. are fine. We encourage people to bring extra money if they want souvenirs & coffee.

- **What about security in the hotel? Should we not bring valuables at all...like diamond/gold jewelry, mp3 player, lap tops?** The security at the hotel has been very reliable but we encourage you not to bring expensive jewelry.
- **Do we need a plug converter to use electricity in the rooms?** No, we use the 110 here, so you're good!
- **Money... Do we need to exchange our money in El Salvador?** Actually El Salvador has used the US dollar since 2001, so you're in good shape. \$50 bills and up and usually not accepted at any place in El Salvador, so bring \$20's or lower bills for souvenirs, etc.
- **What about the team money?** Your leader will take care of it.
- **Can I bring candy and small toys for the children?** Yes you can bring hard candy and small toys for children; you can also bring stickers and any type of give aways like balls, jump ropes, balloons, socks, deodorants, toothpaste, toothbrushes, etc.
- **Do I need to bring sun protection and mosquito repellent, do I bring a hat?** Yes please, bring lots of both, mosquitoes are everywhere and the sun is strong in this neck of the woods. Please bring a hat.
- **Will it be ok to drink water from the faucet in Santa Ana, El Salvador?** NO, it won't be OK, so please don't, there will be drinking water for you, please, bring a "SPORTS BOTTLE WATER" for refills.
- **Are major Credit Cards accepted in El Salvador?** Yes, in most places they are accepted but there is a small transaction fee. Bring cash for souvenir shopping.
- **Baggage?** You will be allowed one 50lb bag and one carry-on. Please check with your team leader if you have questions about luggage.