



Dream Haiti Mission Trip FAQs

Trip Requirements

Passport/ Visa Information

All North Americans and permanent residents are allowed to travel to Haiti without a visa for a short-term mission trip and can stay for a period of 90 days. A passport is required at the port of entry to Haiti and for leaving the country. If you don't have one please get one at least 6 months prior to your departure at, <http://travel.state.gov/passport>. If you are from Canada go to, <http://www.passportcanada.gc.ca>.

Age Requirements

For the time being, we require individuals to be 16 or older to take a trip to Haiti with our organization, without a parent present. Youth 14-15 must be accompanied by a parent. Children younger than 14 are not encouraged to come at this time.

Safety

As an organization in Haiti receiving teams from other countries, the safety of our visitors is one of our top concerns. If you are someone coming to Haiti for the first time, please be aware that Haiti functions very differently than a country such as the U.S. Therefore, the rules we set in place during your stay is for your benefit. Please maintain our safety guidelines during your stay and review our Code of Conduct before applying (separate document). Please note that as we do everything in our power to maintain the safety of our visitors, we cannot be held liable for situations outside of our control.

For information from the U.S. embassy in Haiti, refer to the latest travel updates here: <http://www.travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/alertswarnings/haiti-travel-warning.html>

Size of Group

We do not set a requirement for size, however on average, we recommend 7 to 12 individuals per trip.

Applying to Take a Trip

All team members and leaders must first apply by filling out our online application before taking a trip with Dream Haiti. Our application can be found at our website at: www.dreamhaiti.org

USA Travel Information

Mission Trip Cost

The cost for taking a trip through Dream Haiti is dependent on the number of days of stay. Below is our current breakdown of costs per days of stay for short-term mission trips.

Price for 7 days of stay: \$800

Food, housing, transportation, utilities = \$595
Administrative costs = \$105
Dream Haiti Projects = \$100
Total: \$800

Price for 6 days of stay: \$715

Food, transportation, housing, utilities = \$510
Administrative costs = \$105
Dream Haiti projects = \$100
Total: \$715

Price for 5 days of stay: \$630

Food, transportation, housing, utilities = \$425
Administrative costs = 105
Dream Haiti projects = \$100
Total: \$630

Price for 4 days of stay: \$545

Food, transportation, housing, utilities = \$340
Administrative costs = 105
Dream Haiti projects = \$100
Total: \$545

Included in your stay are three meals a day where you experience traditional Haitian cuisine, room and board, transportation to and from the airport, and transportation needs for the duration of your stay.

At the time you book your trip dates, we require a \$100 deposit per team member to secure your requested time of stay. Dates must be finalized with your deposit at least 3 months prior to your visit. At 60 days before your departure date, we require \$300 per team member to be paid. The remaining balance must be paid 30 days from your scheduled departure date.

Financial Timeline Per Individual:

Deposit: \$100 due ----- At time of booking, which must be at least 3 months before desired trip date
\$300 Due ----- 60 days before trip date (or sooner)
Remaining Balance Due ----- 30 days before trip date (or sooner)

Flight

All flights must arrive at Port-au-Prince airport, which is named after one of Haiti's independence heroes, Toussaint Louverture. From Airport International Toussaint Louverture, it's approximately a three-and-a-half-hour drive to our facility in the north of Haiti. A Dream Haiti leader with a driver will wait for you outside the airport. We ask that at least one trip leader has a working cell phone in Haiti so we can assure quality communication during pick up. You and your team are responsible for making travel arrangements and securing airfare for your trip. However, our Trip Coordinator will be happy to help you find the best flight for your dates and team. Please email info@dreamhaiti.org to ask for assistance with booking flights. Generally speaking, flights can often be found for \$500-\$700, round trip.

Housing

All team members will stay at our location in La Chapelle, Haiti. Dream Haiti staff will make sure everything is ready before the team arrives to our facility. Typically our trips are 7 days, but we are flexible with the day-to-day schedule if your group has any specific interests. Please for more info contact us @ info@dreamhaiti.org

Travel Insurance

At this time Dream Haiti does not provide travel insurance for visitors. All groups are responsible for purchasing their own international travel insurance.

Immunizations

All travelers are required to check with their local doctor to be advised on which vaccination(s) or medications they may need before traveling to Haiti. However, many individuals coming to Haiti decide to take preventive malaria medication as malaria is common in Haiti. Tetanus/Diphtheria (DT) and typhoid immunization are usually required.

Trip Preparations

Items to Bring

Dream Haiti asks all team members to bring certain food items that we are unable to get here in Haiti. We also have a list of medical supplies, which includes common over the counter medicines that we ask members to bring with them to donate to our community center.

For what to bring, refer to our "List of Items to Bring" below (last page of document).

Dress Code

Haitian people are very aware of the clothing that people wear. As we strive in every way to honor the Haitian people, please note that there is a certain dress code we require for all team members and enforce strictly.

- Shorts and skirts must be past your knees
- Shirts should have a sleeve and should not be revealing in any way
- If leggings are worn they should be covered by a shirt or dress that comes to the knee.
- Bathing suits should be worn with a cover-up or shorts and a t-shirt.

Preparing Your Heart and Mind

If this is your first time taking a trip to Haiti, expect to experience some form of culture shock. You will be experiencing a new way of life, culture and social norms. Please prepare your heart and mind to serve, to love and to be equipped with wisdom and discernment. Please remember to be flexible at all times and to put the vision of the organization before your personal needs. However, do not hesitate to ask any and all questions and to inform a staff member if you have any issues, especially health related concerns.

List of Items to Bring

Personal Items:

- Travel Documents (passport, flight tickets, travel insurance)
- Snacks (that won't melt in the heat)
- Water bottle
- Sunscreen
- Sunglasses
- Hygiene products (soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrush, feminine sanitary items...)
- Light clothing appropriate for hot and humid weather
- Hat
- Sandals and/or water shoes
- Shower shoes
- Sneakers / comfortable walking shoes
- Small solar powered fan or fan with spray bottle
- Flashlight or headlamp
- Hand sanitizer/ sanitizing wipes
- Mosquito/ bug repellent
- Towel & washcloths
- Bedding and a pillow
- A light blanket
- Swimming suit (if you want to swim)
- Windbreaker or rain jacket in case of rain
- Backpack
- A nice outfit for church event
- A few plastic bags
- Earplugs (optional for sleeping)
- Notebook and pen
- Bible
- Camera (optional)
- Cash for spending money (\$50-\$100, depending on your need)

Food to Bring

We ask that *each member on the team* bring one of each item below.

- Peanut-butter
- Jelly
- Tuna
- Crackers / PB crackers/ cheese crackers
- Granola bars/ protein bars/ cliff bars
- Beef jerky
- Oatmeal
- Trail mix/ nuts
- Sandwich bags
- Gallon size bags

First-Aid Medical Supplies Donations

We ask that *each team* brings one of each item. All items will be donated to Dream Haiti Community Center to use for the community of La Chapelle and visitors.

- Ibuprofen
- Tylenol
- Aspirin
- Bandages of various sizes
- Ace Bandages
- Antibiotic ointment such as Neosporin
- Gauze pads
- Skin rash cream, such as hydrocortisone
- Burn cream
- Cough medicine
- Dramamine/ motion sickness medicine
- Benadryl, non-drowsy
- Stool Softener
- Tums
- Cough Drops
- Antiseptic wipes
- Cold compress
- Anti-diarrhea medicine
- Gloves, latex-free
- Pads/ Tampons