

2024 Dominican Trip/Travel Information

(updated 01AUG23)

Situation: Greenway Church Service Trip members will serve with a ministry by the name of “El Niño Rey.” The ministry runs an after school program that teaches children in a poor community near the Haitian border. The program directors attend GWC. Team members will hand out gifts on 3-King’s Day, assist in instructing children, organize children’s activities and etc. The trip will be led by Patti and Javier Gomez.

Cost: \$950 (price includes: airfare, ground transportation, meals, hotel, gifts for children)

Dates: 4-7 January 2024

Here is our travel schedule:

04 JAN 24

Time: TBD	Meet at Greenway Church (HC Campus) (you may park at your own risk at church)
Time: TBD	Depart Greenway Church (HC)
Time: TBD	Depart MCO
Time: TBD	Arrive Santa Domingo
Time: TBD	Drive to El Nino Ministry (two hour drive)
Time: TBD	Arrive El Nino Ministry

05-06 JAN 24

Work with Children/Youth Activities
Handout 3 King’s Day gifts

07 JAN 24

Time: TBD	Depart El Nino Ministry
Time: TBD	Arrive Santa Domingo Airport
Time: TBD	Depart Santa Domingo
Time: TBD	Arrive MCO
Time: TBD	Arrive GWC (HC)

Payment Plan:

25 SEP 23 **\$500 Due** (link to be provided to church website payment location)

04 DEC 23 **\$450 Due**

Total: **\$950**

***Warning:** In case of a pandemic, economic collapse, airline strike or unforeseen event, Greenway Church will try its best to work with airlines, travel agents and etc. to get you refunded as much of it as possible; However, your money is at risk even though we purchase travel insurance. So, Greenway Church **does not** guarantee a refund.

Emergency Phone numbers: Emergency contact information will be provided while we are in country.

Travel Health Insurance: We will purchase travel medical insurance, so if you have a health emergency while there we can care for you and return you to the USA; however, we would like to also have your health insurance card on file if you have health insurance.

Passport: You must have your valid passport to travel (with at least 9 months left before expiration date from date of travel).

Tickets: We will have your tickets for you the morning we travel.

Luggage: 1 carry on permitted; 1 Checked Bag permitted 50 lbs (62 linear inches (length + width + height)). Please try to travel as light as possible as we will give you additional items to carry the Sunday before we leave. Your price includes 1 each suitcase. Additional weight and bags will be at your own expense.

Tools: The church will be bringing some specialty tools that you may be asked to carry in your suitcase; but it is suggested that you bring leather work gloves, eye protection, work boots/shoes, sunscreen, and you welcome to bring any specialty tools you think you may need (hammers, tool belts, tape measures, etc.).

Clothing: When working with children during the week, modest jeans/shorts (to the knees) casual clothing is fine. For construction, you can work in jeans, modest shorts, t-shirts, work boots, and everyone will receive two Greenway church team shirts. Shorts must reach the top of knees (no short shorts). No tight clothing please.

Lodging: We will be staying in a budget style hotel or in the home owned by the directors of the ministry. Towels and bed linen are provided.

Cash: Everything is covered; the only thing you will need to purchase will be keepsakes and other trinkets. It is recommended you use a local ATM in order to get local currency.

Alcohol Free: Since we are representing Greenway Church, and since we are concerned about safety, this is an alcohol free trip from start to finish. No exceptions.

Gifts: You need not bring any specialty gifts as Greenway Church will be covering children's gifts and etc. We will also have hats/t-shirts for others working with us.

General thoughts: Please be praying for our time in DR. Pray that we make a great impact upon the lives we will touch. Remember this, we are guests and things will not go as we plan. We will not be the "loud" American that everyone hates! Instead, we will be gracious, flexible and patient! We may not have much free time, but if possible, we will take a bit of time to enjoy the nation as well.

Snacks: Bringing Granola bars, trail mix or etc. is always a good idea.

Electronics: DR is 110/120 volts and they use the same plug in we use so no adaptor is needed. It is suggested that very expensive items are left in the USA. You will have to consult your phone company as to whether or not your mobile phone will work.

What you can do now:

Pray for our trip and those we will encounter during the trip.

Suggested Packing list:

1. Flashlight and batteries
2. Nalgene or Wide mouth water bottle
3. Shirts, with no political, secular music/movie messages.
4. Pants (jeans, light weight hiking pants or khakis)
5. Shorts (must be knee length)
6. Light jacket or long sleeve in case it gets cool while traveling
7. Undergarments and socks
8. Good walking shoes and inexpensive Flip Flops (for showers)
9. Hat and sunglasses
10. Work Gloves & Safety Glasses (for construction teams)
11. Toiletries & Personal Items: chap stick, vitamins, toothbrush, shampoo, soap etc.
12. Prescription meds- bring enough for the length of your stay and some extra)
13. Sunscreen (at least SPF 30)
14. Spending money (suggested \$50 - 100 US if you are planning on shopping)

15. Band aids, cold medicine, Aspirin/Tylenol/ Advil
16. Motion sickness Pills if you need them